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**Re: 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road Closure**

The Ramsay Community Association pro-actively issues this letter to express concern with Calgary Municipal Land Corporation's (CMLC's) actions as they relate to relocation of CPR's siding tracks.

**Background:** as part of the East Village redevelopment and construction of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE underpass, the existing CPR siding tracks are to be relocated. The proposed plan moves those tracks to CPR's right-of-way between Dartmouth and Highfield Roads SE resulting in permanent closure of 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Subsequent improvements are proposed and include a traffic circle at 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE at Dartmouth and Highfield Roads SE.

**Concerns:** our concerns relate to *safety* and *quality of life* as follows:

- 1) Safety – we are concerned that the response time of emergency vehicles including fire, police and EMS will significantly increase due to increased rail traffic at 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Street SE crossings. This issue may extend to other District 1 communities in addition to the Community of Ramsay.
- 2) Quality of Life – we are concerned that the number of vehicles that short-cut through our community will increase as a result of the traffic circle and road closure. We are also concerned about noise from rail cars banging together as part of siding yard operations.

We are further concerned that CMLC's process to date embodies 'feigned community consultation' and has not provided an opportunity for meaningful dialog and sharing of ideas.

Yours truly,

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Chair, Ramsay Traffic Committee

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President, Ramsay Community Association

Cc: Joe Ceci, Alderman