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Via Email Only

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The City of Calgary

Re: 4th Street Underpass – Connectivity to Memorial Drive

The Ramsay Community Association would like to express concern about the proposed connectivity of Olympic Way to Memorial Drive. Our concern stems from a long-standing problem with Saddledome traffic short-cutting through our community.

It is understood that the 4th Street underpass would create a new roadway for Stampede Park and proposes to route egress traffic via the 4th Street underpass, west on 9th or 6th Avenues, north on 3rd Street, then east onto 5th Avenue to connect with Memorial Drive.

Our current situation has egress traffic from the VIP parkade adjacent the Saddledome and a portion of the traffic on 12th Avenue travelling on MacDonald Avenue and through the community of Ramsay. These vehicles move fast and with little regard for public safety. A similar condition exists on event ingress, although not as noticeable.

We are concerned that the proposed 4th Street Underpass may not efficiently flow Stampede Park traffic onto Memorial Drive. Should this occur, it is possible that the ensuing bottleneck would result in increased volume on MacDonald Avenue and into the community of Ramsay. It is on this basis, we request that a study be conducted to determine if it is feasible to construct a ramp between 4th Street and the 5th Avenue flyover. Obviously, construction of such a ramp would need to consider pedestrian movements and the disbenefit of physical massing. In any event, we will continue to pursue opportunities to reduce the volume of Stampede Park traffic that short-cuts through our community.

Yours truly,

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