

WEST JASPER/SHERWOOD COMMUNITY LEAGUE

February 8, 2018

Re: Request for Your Support to Lobby Council to Oppose 149th Street Underpass

At the January 24th city presentation of the West LRT, Transportation supported an underpass for 149th Street at Stony Plain Road to improve traffic flow. This would entail the expropriation and demolition of TD Bank, London Drugs, Starbucks, Ultra Cuts, Vitality Health Foods, Summit Dental, Mary Brown's, Fabutan, Pet Planet and Il Forno Restaurant. Also included north of Stony Plain Road, on the west side of 149th Street, an 8 Store Strip Mall, Apache Seeds, and a 3 storey Apartment.

It will cost taxpayers millions of dollars and would devastate the area. Up to 150 employees could lose their job; property owners and businesses their investment; and area residents could no longer walk for their amenities. The most troubling is the impact on the 350 to 400 seniors that reside at Tegler Terrace in West Jasper Place, Summit Village in Crestwood and Canora Gardens in Canora, which are ½ block from Jasper Gates. Most of these residents don't drive, many have mobility issues and chose through necessity to live close to a bank, stores, doctor's office, etc. These residents may have to move.

We propose that instead of an underpass, council approves the businesses suggestion to change traffic to one way west on Stony Plain Road from 149 Street and traffic to one way east on 100th Avenue. Also, on 156 Street, we propose that the LRT follows the original recommended route of taking an angle turn at 100A Avenue to Stony Plain Road. The 90 degree turn now supported by administration at Stony Plain Road is to permit bus riders to board the LRT on the same side as the transit station. However, this 90 degree turn restricts drivers at the Stony Plain Road intersection from taking a left hand turn from all roadways. Also, LRT run time slows and creates a loud screeching noise turning.

We have scheduled a meeting for all affected parties. We have included property owners, businesses, residents from seniors apartments, other community representatives, city councillors and media. **Two city councillors have confirmed they will attend.** Transportation was invited but they have not responded.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Place: West Jasper/Sherwood Community League
9620 - 152 Street
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**** Most importantly, please inform administration and city council that you do not support an underpass on 149th Street. Support our above proposal or provide another solution. Send an email or phone:**

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P.S. Please confirm your attendance for our meeting