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Subject: submission to Transportation Committee June 11th Meeting re: Ninth St

Members of the Transportation Committee:

I am aware of a report to be presented to the Committee by the Transportation Department with respect to 9th Street. Apparently the department is under the mistaken belief that 9th Street, being a "local road" shouldn't have access to the freeway and there's some mention of "shortcutting".

The department is wrong on the basic premise of their claims:

- 9th Street does NOT directly access the freeway, but a one-way feeder (Lorne Avenue). Feeders are common practice for the blend from local road to freeway in larger centres.
- Further, the "freeway" technically comes to an end as it passes over 8th Street and freeway speeds are reduced to 70 then 50 km/hr. The feeder then technically just becomes an access to another bridge, not a freeway per se.
- "Shortcutting" doesn't apply here, as both 8th and 9th streets were designed originally to access the feeder and disperse traffic from the neighborhood in a safe and efficient manner.

It is unreasonable and illogical to try to redesign existing roadways that have been in place for decades without significantly upsetting traffic flows and putting additional loads on streets less equipped to handle them. "Shortcutting" will EXACTLY be the result of these deliberate disruptions.

Furthermore, this report is premature. There have been no significant traffic counts on the 100 block of 9th Street to my knowledge. The Traffic Bridge and Victoria Avenue are still closed which doubtless adds to traffic on ALL surrounding roads. Only traffic counts taken before and after the reopening of Victoria Avenue and The Bridge can be applied.

I also must say, the wording of the recent survey is such that it directs the potential outcome. Clearly it directs only those with "concerns" about the current situation to respond. Those happy with the status quo are unlikely to reply, thus weighting the survey to those who wish changes to 9th street.

Finally, it would be important for the Committee to question the Transportation Department regarding the area of the distribution of this "survey". Did it include the entire neighborhood between 9th Street, Louis Riel Trail, Sask Crescent and Victoria Avenue? The entire community must be considered.

Yours truly,

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