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To: Gameiro, Carlos
Subject: EPC Motion - East St. Paul Through-Pass

Carlos, please share my comments with EPC.

Good day members of EPC. I have been a resident of North Kildonan my entire life. My parents reside on Emerson Ave. near Raleigh Street and I built my home just off Headmaster Row at Gateway Road. Before I purchased my lot in 2006, I did due diligence and inquired about roads and the build up of the area. I was told up front that Headmaster would be a bus route through to Lagimodiere. Never, ever did the construction of a vehicular corridor connecting East St. Paul to Winnipeg come up in my research. Had it, I would have looked for a home elsewhere.

I love my neighbourhood and the community of North Kildonan. It's definitely a hidden gem with many active transportation trails and beautiful park not to mention Gateway Rec Centre just down the street. I am all for active transportation and it's great to see so many people of all ages and abilities being able to use the Northeast Pioneer's Greenway which runs parallel to Gateway Road. (If you are not familiar with the area you really should come out and see it first hand.)

When Councillor Browaty campaigned in 2006 to get the Chief Peguis Trail put back on the books to be constructed between Henderson to Lagimodiere, this was to get traffic off our residential streets. It has been a great success and now the province and East St. Paul want to create a new traffic problem for us that will create a significant safety concern for all residents by putting a substantial amount of traffic onto our residential streets.

It has been almost two years that the residents of North Kildonan (particularly within River East) have been fighting against the great possibility of more traffic on our residential streets. First it was the big box development championed by SmartCentres and the former East St. Paul council to only find out last fall at the municipal board hearings that the RM of East St. Paul was now looking at a vehicular corridor to connect into Winnipeg.

What a shock this was to all of us in September. Instead of fighting to keep commercial traffic off our residential roads we are now facing the reality of about 30,000 vehicular trips per day on this "corridor" in the not so distance future. One reason which continues to be talked about over and over again is that the corridor is needed for emergency vehicles; which is plain fear mongering. First, the City of Winnipeg services East St. Paul within the perimeter for

ambulances. Second, the City of Winnipeg could offer fire services to those residents inside the perimeter as well. The current emergency vehicle gate at the perimeter is locked, the dirt is built up and the weeds and grass have been growing for years. I'd like to know when the last time it was used? Emergency vehicles coming from East St. Paul are located right near Lagimodiere and would use that route as it is the quickest.

Furthermore, when you look at West St. Paul, the main roads used to enter the City of Winnipeg would be McPhillips Street and Main Street which are about the same distance apart as Henderson Hwy. is from Lagimodiere Blvd. Those streets are main thoroughfares and all can be enhanced to allow for more traffic. Put money into these roads and complete the 101 and 59 cloverleaf properly without an at grade vehicular corridor which is not a benefit to North Kildonan and the City of Winnipeg.

I choose to stay in this wonderful community and many of my family and friends choose to live here to raise their families. The bottom line for all of us residents is that we want our community to stay residential and not see a significant influx of vehicular traffic on our residential roads that will create grave safety issues (especially in front of Gateway Rec Centre which is located right on Gateway and all the overflow parking lines Gateway Road daily during soccer and hockey season and tournaments).

Please do not entertain a vehicular corridor connection with the RM of East St Paul and please allow for a change in the motion, East St. Paul Through-Pass, and remove the words "at this time" from point 2. The infrastructure is not there to accommodate such a corridor and the cons certainly out weigh any benefits. If this corridor ever goes through, it will divide our community in half forever!

Sincerely,

Sheila Michalski