On Apr 21, 2015, at 12:26 PM, Jason McKechnie < > wrote:

Good morning Carlos

Although I am unable to attend tomorrow's Executive Policy Committee meeting I would like to ensure the following information goes on public record with regards to the discussion of the East St. Paul through-pass.

I agree with the City of Winnipeg's position of working with the Municipality of East St. Paul and the Province of Manitoba to accommodate the Active Transportation link between the two Municipalities. This is a wonderful idea that is a healthy benefit to all citizens. I also agree with the report's recommendation that East St. Paul should show that the emergency vehicle connection is necessary and that other emergency routes will not work in an emergency situation.

I also agree with the City of Winnipeg's position that a two-lane vehicular tunnel should **not** be a part of this project. I would also state, however, that I believe the wording "At this time" should be removed from the report. The current infrastructure in North Kildonan simply cannot accommodate 15 000 - 30 000 cars entering the City of Winnipeg in this location. Residential streets in North Kildonan are unable to handle this volume of traffic. As well, I would not support the infrastructure dollars the City of Winnipeg would need to put in place to accommodate this East St. Paul traffic which is why I believe "At this time" should be removed. Along with Gateway Rd. north of the Chief Peguis Trail, many residential streets would need to be improved and many sidewalks would need to be installed to ensure resident safety - I know I would have great concerns with my children riding their bikes in the area knowing that 30 000 cars from East St. Paul and other communities would now be diverted onto North Kildonan residential streets. This will cost City of Winnipeg taxpayers millions of dollars to upgrade infrastructure that is needed for the benefit of East St. Paul - not the citizens of Winnipeg. I feel there are far more important projects for the City.

This through-pass would effectively create a third major route into the City that could go as far as East Selkirk. Upgrades to Lagimodiere and Henderson Hwy are far more important projects as they benefit all citizens of Winnipeg and the surrounding capital region. The through-pass and required upgrades to Gateway on the other hand would essentially cut North Kildonan in half.

I also believe this through-pass will eventually lead to a large Big Box retail development in East St. Paul that borders North Kildonan. The major access points to this development will be North Kildonan residential streets, not Henderson Hwy., Lagimodiere or the Perimeter Hwy. A very easy Google search of "SmartCentres NE Winnipeg" shows a Walmart anchored development "off of the new Gateway extension". Please forgive me if I'm wrong, but it doesn't appear as if the City of Winnipeg plans on extending Gateway Rd. - and I sincerely hope this is not a long-term plan to accommodate this type of development. Again, I say this would essentially cut North Kildonan in half - all for the benefit of East St. Paul.

It is easy to see that East St. Paul requires more tax dollars. They have extended themselves on major capital projects and they have not experienced the growth they were anticipating. A large Big-box development would help them with their tax base. The "new Gateway Rd. Extension" would require no real infrastructure dollars on their part as all access will come from North Kildonan residential streets and possibly the Chief Peguis Trail. They are trying to create a development that will help East St. Paul residents keep their taxes low - while ours will need to increase to accommodate more infrastructure projects. If East St. Paul wants to have a Walmart, they should be building this solely in their own community. It should not neighbour my community.

I would like to thank Councillor Browaty for ensuring the safety of Winnipeg residents. The Province and East St. Paul are trying to create a reckless situation on our City streets that is simply not necessary. Henderson Hwy and Lagimodiere are only 3.6 kilometers apart. East St. Paul is trying to force a third grade separated entrance into the City of Winnipeg. Municipalities south of the City are faced with one

grade separated entrance into the City of Winnipeg all the way from Lagimodiere to Wilkes. It is simply unfair of East St. Paul to expect to have three within 3.6 kilometers.

I hope you ensure the citizens of North Kildonan are considered in your decision. We have been loud and vocal in our opposition to these potential developments but it seems the Province and East St. Paul will not listen to us. Remove this threat to our neighbourhood so that I can return to focusing on the peaceful neighbourhood that I intend on raising my family in.

Thank you for your time. I hope EPC and all of Council agree with the Public Service report initiated by Councillor Browaty and seconded by Councillor Wyatt.

Jason McKechnie