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First I would like to thank the Executive Policy Committee for letting me make this presentation on behalf of the residents of Cornerstone Estate at 1865 Gateway Rd.

Now. Let us go back to the original request of E. St. Paul wanting to have Gateway Rd. extended north from Wpg into the small enclave of E. St. Paul on the south side of the N. Perimeter. They had been sold a bill of goods by Smart Center (Walmart) to have a box store mall there, collect taxes on this mall and have the responsibility of access be paid for by the City of Winnipeg tax payers. Since that pipe dream has been shot down, E. St. Paul has suddenly found out they needed full access onto

Gateway/Raleigh. Stating a need to access increased traffic in to Wpg.

Mayor Hart of E. St. Paul states in her presentation to the E.P.C. that, Building the Raleigh Street through pass will in fact reduce traffic volumes on Lagimodiere Blvd & Henderson Hwy, offering another north/south route for the capital region.

Gateway/Raleigh IS NOT an access to the capital region. It is an access to a Winnipeg neighbourhood of residences, churches, schools and recreation centers. To use Gateway/Raleigh as an access is only an access to Chief Peguis Trail which in turn gives access to Hwy 59 , Henderson Hwy or Main St. I would like to point out that they all ready have access to these Hwy's directly from E. St. Paul and to Main St. via the N. Perimeter. The argument of using Raleigh or Gateway to access the city is ridiculous. Raleigh (which is interrupted at Chief Peguis) ends at Johnson, Gateway ends at Talbot, giving you a choice of going back to Henderson or over the Louis Bridge. I don't

really see that being of great benefit to E. St. Paul and especially the residents of E. Kildonan or Elmwood. I would like to point out to Mayor Hart there are numerous schools and recreational centers in those areas and very narrow streets NOT designed for heavy duty access traffic. Also Raleigh St. has 2 way stops at Knowles, Headmaster, Bonner and McIvor. Gateway Rd. has 4 way stops at the Knowles, Headmaster, Bonner, McIvor and a 3 way stop at Sun Valley. Is the city of Winnipeg expected to change its traffic flow to accommodate those who chose to live outside Winnipeg but work, have recreation and shop in Winnipeg? Obviously these traffic stops will impede large amounts of traffic.

East St. Paul says they need access for residents who work in Wpg. Why have they not approached the city on getting bus service?

Have they looked at other alternatives? They live cheek to jowl with Wpg. This would save E. St. Paul residents parking on side streets or mall parking lots off of Henderson Hwy and then catching the bus to work. Has E. St. Paul considered the cost of up grading their infrastructure on Raleigh or is the province paying for that to? Have they considered the on street parking, when there is an over flow that is necessary in front of the sports field on their part Raleigh? Just as we have in front of our recreational center on Gateway.

As soon as a vehicle is in Winnipeg proper they face the same delays caused by traffic lights, stop signs, rail way crossings, light controlled pedestrian crossings, street construction and the possibilities of other unexpected delays. I would assume as Mayor Hart was formerly on the Wpg. Police Force she would be aware of the traffic flow in Wpg. Making the funnel bigger doesn't necessarily make it any easier to access your destination. Just fills the streets up faster. I as a fan of the CBC traffic report, have noticed that most delays in traffic seem to

be in the city not on the access roads coming into the city. So one would assume that East St. Paul residents at rush hours want better and faster access to create traffic delays when going to work. Our city has done outstanding working in making many of these delays such as at rail crossings are over come and are working at solving these and other delays still in various locations in the city.

Now I would like to know, has the city had any contact from the Hon. Ron Kostyshyn Minister of Infrastructure & Transportation on this matter? It is my understanding that my MLA Bonnie Mitchelson and our wonderful N. Kildonan community activist Cathy Cox have written to him in regards to this problem and have received no answers to their queries. This makes me assume that the present provincial govt. has something to hide, in using Manitoba taxpayer's money to move this totally unnecessary project forward.

I would request:

That council not support accommodation of general traffic entering the City of Wpg. from the Rural Municipality of E. St. Paul via a through-pass constructed beneath PTH 101 (N. Perimeter Hwy) in the vicinity of the Raleigh Street alignment.

In conclusion I know that E. St. Paul residents want a quiet neighbourhood. Well Mayor Hart so do the residents of N. Kildonan want the same.

As a retired career professional Canadian Soldier I worked to defend the right to have a quiet, safe Canada. So I will work to defend the right to have a quiet, safe neighbourhood in N. Kildonan.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to address you on a very vexing problem to the residents of North Kildonan.

This concludes my presentation