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Honourable Ron Kostyshyn
Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation
Room 165 - 450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Dear Minister Kostyshyn,

I am writing to request information on the Province of Manitoba's plan for the Proposed PTH 101, Raleigh/Gateway Crossing.

On September 24, 2014, many North Kildonan residents attended a Public Information Session regarding the PTH 59N and PTH 101 Interchange. At that session, MMM Group presented two options for a Transportation Crossing of PTH 101 at Raleigh Street and Gateway Road. The first option was the construction of a bridge over PTH 101, an "Active Transportation" link, which allowed for only people powered transportation (walking, cycling or other non-motorized Modes). A second option was a "through-pass" where PTH 101 would be elevated above grade to allow for a vehicular roadway linking the Rural Municipality of East St Paul to the City of Winnipeg.

To date the Province of Manitoba has provided no information regarding their plan for the transportation crossing of PTH 101 at Raleigh/Gateway. **I am requesting confirmation on the Province's plan for this crossing.** Will it remain only an Active Transportation Overpass (people powered transportation) as originally presented at your June 27, 2013 public information meeting? Or has the Government decided on a "through-pass", which includes a vehicular roadway linking the RM of East St Paul to the City of Winnipeg?

While many North Kildonan residents welcome the addition of an Active Transportation Corridor (people powered) they have legitimate concerns about the inclusion of a Vehicular Transportation Roadway using Gateway Rd and Raleigh St to link the RM of East St Paul to the City of Winnipeg. At the Municipal Board meeting held last Fall in East St Paul, we were told by Stantec engineers that a vehicular corridor linking the two communities could potentially redirect up to 30,000 vehicles a day into North Kildonan. This amount of traffic poses huge safety concerns for our Community. The construction of the proposed roadway would also essentially physically divide our neighbourhood forever. As residents, we deserve to be included in any plans directly affecting our Community. Therefore before this project moves forward, **I am requesting the Province schedule a consultation meeting, so we can provide feedback on any changes being proposed to this crossing.**

Please provide the cost for the "through-pass" option, which includes a vehicular roadway. The costs associated with the originally planned Active Transportation Corridor ranged from $10 million to $16.5 million therefore I am certain the inclusion of a vehicular roadway has raised those estimates significantly. What are the proposed plans

for the roadway (number of lanes, etc.) and what are the projected traffic volumes for the vehicular roadway? Has the Province of Manitoba entered into any cost sharing agreements or funding arrangements for the construction of the PTH 101, Gateway/Raleigh connection?

I look forward to receiving your response to these important questions and would be pleased to participate in any consultation discussions regarding the PTH 101 and Raleigh/Gateway connection project. Please don't hesitate to contact me by email at [redacted] should you require more information.

Sincerely,

Cathy Cox

Dear Minister Kostyshyn,

On February 11, 2015, I sent you a letter requesting information on the proposed Vehicular Corridor/roadway planned for construction at PTH 101 and Gateway Rd/Raleigh St. I have received no response, therefore I am writing again to request your plan for this project.

The proposed Gateway/Raleigh Vehicular Corridor is an important issue to North Kildonan residents as this corridor would redirect unwanted vehicle traffic into our neighbourhood. Our fears are real. At last year's Municipal Board Hearing we were told by Stantec Engineers representing the RM of East St Paul the proposed Gateway/Raleigh vehicular corridor linking East St Paul to the City of Winnipeg would potentially direct 30,000 vehicles a day into our North Kildonan community. A review of the RM of East St Paul's 2008 Master Plan will support this fact.

Our quiet residential community does not want additional traffic directed down it residential streets! We enjoy the walking trail (Northeast Pioneers Greenway) currently located between Gateway Rd and Raleigh St. Each day hundreds of families, seniors and children use this path, it's become an important and welcome part of our neighbourhood. This busy vehicular roadway will destroy the peaceful nature of the trail. Instead of enjoying a quiet walk, pedestrians will be subjected to excessive vehicle noise, exhaust pollution and possible injury from vehicles. The expected high traffic volumes would make crossing the corridor nearly impossible for vehicles and the safety of children required to cross the roadway on their way to and from school would be significantly compromised. Have your traffic impact studies projected the anticipated traffic volumes associated with this vehicular roadway?

In your March 14th letter to the Editor, you indicated there was municipal participation including discussions with the trucking industry, the active-transportation community and East St Paul residents. You did not reference the City of Winnipeg in your letter, what discussions have taken place with the City of Winnipeg regarding this corridor? It's North Kildonan residents that will feel the

negative impact of this corridor and investing in this project without their consultation is irresponsible. We deserve to be involved in changes that affect our neighbourhood.

Your letter also stated the ground level corridor was chosen as it allowed for "economic growth". Please explain this comment. Our community adamantly opposed the use of our neighbourhood streets to access the proposed SmartCentre Big Box Development and your statement implies this corridor may have other uses in addition to serving as an emergency and active-transportation link. What are the projected plans for this roadway?

As indicated in my February 11th letter, I am available to discuss this issue with you and other concerned members of our community.

I look forward to your prompt response to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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