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Dear Sirs and Madam:

Subject: Plessis Road Truck Route – Proposed Changes

The Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA) would like to indicate its position with respect to the above noted matter.

The MHCA supports the Manitoba Trucking Association and the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce view that the City of Winnipeg should abide by its existing policy when dealing with truck routes in the City. The City's policy identifies criteria which should be met and not be arbitrarily deviated from.

Commerce requires adequate truck routes and regional streets in order to provide services and deliver goods to businesses and residents of the City of Winnipeg. Business also depends upon the consistent application of civic policies in order to be able to make sound decisions and properly plan for the future.

The MHCA supports open, transparent, and consultative processes for any proposed changes that affect industry, business or residents. As stakeholders, industry and business participation should be a requirement.

We urge you to direct re-consideration of this matter in an open, transparent and consultative fashion providing all interested parties an equal and public opportunity to express their concerns and positions.

Yours truly,

Chris Lorenc, B.A., LL.B.
President