Submitted: Mon, 09/16/2024 - 07:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Standing Policy Committee on Public Works

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 1 North Garage Replacement Project Budget Status

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I urge you to reconsider reducing the scope and funding for the new transit garage. This facility is essential to the Winnipeg Transit Master Plan, which is set to roll out in June 2025. Downsizing the garage will prevent the purchase of the necessary 60-foot buses, which are key to alleviating overcrowding and increasing ridership.

Without these buses, the entire Master Plan is at risk. We can't expect to improve transit and meet the city's goals if we're cutting the infrastructure needed to support it. Reducing the garage now may save money in the short term, but it will lead to overcrowded buses, more pass-ups, and higher costs later when expansion becomes unavoidable.

This is not the time for short-term savings at the cost of long-term progress. I urge you to fully fund this project and support the future of transit in Winnipeg.

Thank you,
Jason Ward

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jason

Last name

Ward

Email

Phone

City (optional)
Winnipeg

Province or territory (optional)
Manitoba

Postal code (optional)