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Re Moving on Marion project

It is our understanding that the City of Winnipeg is proposing to install median blockades directly in front of the entrances to Tim Hortons restaurant number 102132 at 646 Archibald Street, Winnipeg Manitoba R2J 0X4, located at the corner of Marion and Archibald streets.

We would like to once again draw the City's attention to the significant financial damage this installation will cause to the TDL Group. Due to the extremely prejudicial position of the medians, their extension will result in the restaurant losing its full access points from both Marion and Archibald, permanently limiting access to it from both streets and thus restricting entry to right in – right out traffic only. With traffic to the restaurant cut off in such a drastic way, projections from preliminary studies show predictions of hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses over the course of the next few years.

It is understandable that the City might want to make changes for the purposes of safety. However, we would urge the City to also consider the impact on the affected businesses as well as the customers of the restaurant. The TDL Group will be affected, as will the franchisee running the restaurant and other owners in the area. The proposal has not made any allowances for the various businesses that will be affected by the change, nor the possibility of a fresh crop of safety issues which may arise from vehicle traffic making U-turns to get into the restaurant.

It is our view that the construction can be amended to be much less damaging to the businesses in the area, and we therefore request that the City not proceed with the proposed construction as currently visioned. The TDL Group prides itself on being a good citizen, contributing positively in every municipality that its restaurants may be located. Accordingly, we would be happy to work with the City to come up with a more practical and equitable version of its planned construction, which minimizes as much as possible any negative effects to members of the community.