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Ms. Nancy Schepers  
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Dear Ms. Schepers:

I want to thank City of Ottawa and DelCan Corporation staff for updating National Capital Commission (NCC) Executive Management Committee and the Advisory Committee on Planning, Design and Realty (ACPDR) on the West Light Rail Transit Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment study.

As discussed during our recent meeting with Mr. Kent Kirkpatrick and Mr. Jean-François Trépanier, it is important that we officially share our reaction regarding the consideration of the Ottawa River Parkway Corridor for the western extension of light rail.

The western extension of light rail needs to equally support high quality city building, rather than focusing on the most rapid transit option. The study findings to date have not demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the NCC, that passenger benefits, integration with communities and commercial areas, increased ridership, ease of public access, and successful assimilation with transit-oriented development opportunities would be achieved by the introduction of the light rail in the parkway corridor.

In conclusion, based on the information received, the Ottawa River Parkway corridor does not constitute the optimal solution for light rail in satisfying its Capital building objectives and therefore we cannot recommend consideration of the Ottawa River Parkway corridor for light rail to the NCC Board of Directors.

We look forward to our continued work together in meeting the broader range of sustainable transportation needs of our Capital.

Yours sincerely,



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