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Jyoti Gondek calls on Alberta Government to live up to its commitment to fund the Green Line

Province standing in the path of transit project critical for Calgary's economic recovery

Calgary—Mayoral candidate Jyoti Gondek is calling on the Alberta Government to live up to its commitment to fund the Green Line as a crucial step in supporting Calgary's economic recovery and better serve transit riders in communities that have long been overlooked.

The Green Line would connect the north and south ends of the city with a major transit corridor. North central Calgary has long been a leader in transit usage and is the corridor that delivers the greatest value on investment for Calgary Transit with increased population growth. Similarly, growth in southeast Calgary has been steady and residents are desperately seeking reliable transit solutions. Connecting them with public transportation just makes sense.

That's why Jyoti Gondek has fought for the Green Line to start in the south in Shepard, moving northward to include a progressive component that evolves bus rapid transit into LRT for Calgary's north central communities.

"We have done our due diligence on this project and are more than ready to move forward," says Mayoral candidate Jyoti Gondek. "The Provincial government has been committed to the Green Line and then not committed. And then committed. And then not. The bottom line is they are standing in the path of this project that is critical for future-proofing our city."

Calgary City Council has been listening to the concerns of the Premier and his Ministers responsible for city-building, and in response, have put forward 17 integrated risk management recommendations to address each of their issues.

"We have answered all of their concerns," says Gondek. "With the due diligence and risk mitigation measures outlined in detail, it begs the question: what more does the provincial government need to see?"

In addition to serving transit riders throughout the city, the Green Line offers opportunities to create more investment to complete communities, aid in housing affordability and drive redevelopment to strengthen our tax base.

"Today's plans are more important than any previous section built," says Gondek. "With an increase in ridership and new commercial centres throughout the city, investment in transit that serves Calgarians and builds economic resilience simply makes sense. It's time for the province to drop the rhetoric and get on board."

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