

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Paul Ainslie,  
Government Management Committee Chair  
100 Queen Street West, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Councillor Ainslie,

**RE: SUPPORT FOR NW PATH ALIGNMENT #4 – UNIVERSITY AVE/PARKING LOT AND INCLUSION OF NW PATH FUNDING IN 2018 BUDGET**

Thank you and your colleagues for completing the NW PATH EA Addendum and all the hard work that was put into this process, as well as involving the Toronto Entertainment District BIA as a member of the stakeholder advisory group.

**Our board supports the Alignment #4 – University Ave/Parking Lot.**

**We strongly encourage the City of Toronto to pursue the recommended Alignment (#4) detailed in the Northwest PATH Environmental Assessment Addendum, which would extend the below-grade pedestrian route between Union Station and Wellington Street using the University Avenue right-of-way**

We agree with the NW PATH EA Addendum's Union Station Pedestrian Analysis that "the NW PATH is a key part of future congestion mitigation." Union Station is the busiest transportation hub in Canada, serving upwards of 200,000 passengers each business day. Expansions of the PATH are vital in mitigating congestion as the City continues to grow.

The Entertainment District has experienced significant growth over the last 15 years, with a current residential population of 25,000+ and a projected residential population of 40,000+ by 2020. The main proponent of this growth is due to the development activity that has been occurring. There are currently 36 development applications, ranging from pre-application to approved. The Entertainment District is also a tourist destination, home to major league sports, hospitality venues, cultural landmarks, and attractions. This imposes the need for strategic planning in order to accommodate the growth. The NW PATH Alignment #4 is a step forward as it provides north and west connections for employees, tourists, and residents.

Thank you,



Janice Solomon  
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Toronto Entertainment District BIA