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Government Management Committee

Tuesday, July 3rd, 2018 – 10:00 AM

City Hall, Committee Room 1

Item: GM29.24 – Northwest PATH Extension (Union Station to Wellington Street)

Good morning. I am Janice Solomon, Executive Director of the Toronto Entertainment District Business Improvement Area.

The BIA Board of Directors voted in favour of the NW PATH Extension Alignment #4. They do recognize that there will be some road restrictions, but the long-term benefits for this extension, far outweighs the short term inconvenience.

I am here today in support of the NW PATH Extension Alignment #4, extending the below-grade pedestrian route between Union Station and Wellington Street, using the University Avenue right-of-way. We believe that this Alignment option provides the best route connections to our employment base, providing excellent access for our ever-growing peak AM population, while satisfying the current lack of a much-needed south-to-north connection. This design puts forth a space that is animated with retail, is AODA compliant, and is accessible from the parking lot, PATH and 55 University. It's important to note that this option also has flexibility for future connections to the west and will play a vital role in mitigating congestion.

We encourage the City of Toronto to move forward with the recommended Alignment (#4). Thank you for your time today.

Thank you,



Janice Solomon
Executive Director
Toronto Entertainment District BIA