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Attn Exhibition Place Board of Governors,

We write to express our support for Item EP8.2 - Multi-Modal Transportation and Event Operations and Logistics Study, specifically regarding the recommendations outlined in the report from the Chief Executive Officer, Exhibition Place, dated January 19, 2024.

Commendably, Phase 1 of the study, executed by WSP and Exhibition Place staff, merits recognition for its ability to build on the goals and objectives of the Exhibition Place Master Plan and identify enhancements to Exhibition Place's connectivity, both within the campus and between its neighbouring communities. The attached report (Appendix A) emphasizes the commitment to improving pedestrian connectivity within Exhibition Place and optimizing event logistics for tenants and show clients.

We extend enthusiastic support for the proposed Phase 2 Feasibility Study. This phase promises valuable insights that will enhance the transportation system and public realm experience within and beyond Exhibition Place, fostering a renewed, integrated relationship between Exhibition Place, the Bentway, and the Fort York National Historic site.

We are particularly excited by opportunities to improve east-west multi-modal connectivity along Manitoba Drive and under the Gardiner. The integration of Exhibition Place, the new Ontario Line Transit hub, and the Bentway will result in a seamless and connected public realm stretching more than 2km across the city's west end. Strategies for improved connectivity below the Gardiner are outlined and echoed in the Bentway and City of Toronto's [Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan](#), which sets out a framework to remove barriers to the waterfront and unlock the under Gardiner corridor as an essential part of Toronto's downtown core. The Phase 2 Feasibility Study can build on these recommendations and advance shared objectives, positioning Exhibition Place as an accessible hub for events and a vital connection between major destinations.

In conclusion, we urge the Exhibition Place Board to endorse the recommendations and authorize the Chief Executive Officer, Exhibition Place, to proceed with the Phase 2 Feasibility Study.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. We are confident that continued collaboration between Exhibition Place, the Bentway and other neighborhood partners will lead to innovative solutions benefiting both the local community and event stakeholders.

Sincerely,



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