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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the June 25, 2025 City Council meeting on item 2025.MM31.8, East Mall Bus 111 Route Public Consultation - by Councillor Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

My family & I oppose this planned change to the 111 bus route. We have lived here for over 30 years and have never had an issue with having to walk to The East Mall instead of to Beaver Bend. It's only a few more steps.

The potential benefits are far outweighed by the costs:

Benefits:

1. a shorter walk = more convenience (countered by longer commute for everyone on the bus, not just those from our neighbourhood)
2. increased accessibility (which hopefully can be added to some degree to the existing 3 stops in question)

Costs:

1. construction costs: \$ for new stops, signage, etc.,
2. negative safety impacts: lots of children, adults, seniors, cyclists, inline skaters, skateboarders, dog walkers, etc.,
3. traffic issues: parked cars on narrow streets, school zone (buses and parents' cars),
 - a. all exacerbated in winter: The East Mall gets plowed ahead of our neighbourhood streets,
4. increased air and noise pollution in quiet neighbourhood,
5. decreased quality of life and property values,
6. longer bus route and more travel time for commuters = more fuel, more air pollution, more noise pollution, more wear and tear on the buses, more fuel and maintenance costs, and
7. accelerated degradation of neighbourhood streets: increased maintenance costs and decreased performance lifespan = increased life cycle costs.

It is recommended to keep the bus route on The East Mall and upgrade the 3 bus stops to meet the new accessibility standards as much as possible. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best Regards,



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