
the bentway

April 13, 2026

Re: Letter of Support for the Exhibition Place Vision Plan and Concept Scenario

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of The Bentway, I am pleased to offer our support for the Exhibition Place Vision Plan and Concept Scenario.

The Bentway considers Exhibition Place to be a close neighbour and valued, long-standing partner. Over the past five years, our collaboration has resulted in more than five public art exhibitions, helping to animate shared public spaces, attract diverse audiences, and contribute to Toronto's cultural and civic life. This partnership has demonstrated the power of coordinated planning and programming to deliver meaningful public realm outcomes.

The proposed Vision Plan builds on the recommendations in the Under-Gardiner Public Realm Plan, and we are encouraged by our ongoing partnership to enhance the quality of the public realm on the north end of the Exhibition Place campus and further connect the two sites. This collective work reinforces a shared commitment to transforming infrastructure corridors into vibrant, accessible, and people-centered spaces. Exhibition Place's ongoing support for The Bentway and City's Under Gardiner multi-use trail design has been instrumental in advancing this vision, and we deeply appreciate the collaboration and coordination that has supported this work.

The proposed connections outlined in the Vision Plan—specifically linking the Under Gardiner multi-use trail to Exhibition Station and extending connectivity to Dufferin Street—represent a significant step forward in improving mobility, access, and legibility across the area. These connections will strengthen links between major destinations, enhance active transportation networks, and reinforce

Exhibition Place's role as an inclusive, well-connected civic campus within the broader waterfront and downtown public realm.

Overall, the Exhibition Place Vision Plan reflects a thoughtful, future-oriented approach that prioritizes integration, accessibility, and partnership. The Bentway is proud to be a collaborator in this evolving landscape and looks forward to continuing our work with Exhibition Place to realize shared goals for high-quality public space, cultural expression, and connected communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ilana Altman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ilana" and the last name "Altman" clearly distinguishable.

Ilana Altman
Chief Executive Officer
The Bentway