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Toronto and East York Community Council
City of Toronto
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: Item – 2026.TE28.29: John Street Corridor Improvements – Status Update

The John Street Cultural Corridor has been a City-led revitalization initiative in planning since 2009. The corridor is home to many of Toronto's leading cultural institutions, including the Art Gallery of Ontario, National Film Board of Canada, CBC, TIFF Lightbox, the Princess of Wales, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, and among others. Throughout this period, the BIA has worked closely with the City as a committed partner since the project's inception.

Following Deputy Mayor Malik's direction in December for Transportation Services staff to return with a communication and construction plan for the John Street Corridor project, the BIA is in support of this report and will continue to work with the City as a key partner.

This report represents an important step forward and outlines a clear framework for advancing the project toward construction. The report confirms City staff's commitment to ongoing, proactive communication and engagement with the Toronto Downtown West BIA, key stakeholders, and the public to ensure transparency and coordinated planning during construction.

Sincerely,

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