

MOTION PUT FORWARD BY ALDERMAN STEVENSON - ADOPTED BY COUNCIL 2009 MAY 25

NM2009-26 – AIRPORT TRAIL TUNNEL

WHEREAS Airport Trail / 96th Avenue has been designated as an expressway in Calgary's Transportation Plan since adoption of the GoPlan in 1995;

AND WHEREAS the 1995 Calgary Transportation Plan showed Airport Trail / 96th Avenue as a continuous roadway under the proposed runway;

AND WHEREAS the tunnel under the new north / south runway connecting Airport Trail on the west side to the future Airport Trail on the east side has been part of not only Calgary's Transportation Plan but also the Calgary Airport Authority's Master Plan for many years;

AND WHEREAS the Calgary Airport Authority plans to proceed with detailed design of a proposed runway west of 36 Street NE, tentatively scheduled to be completed in 2014 and has ordered detailed design of the proposed runway to proceed without a tunnel on Airport Trail / 96th Avenue under the runway;

AND WHEREAS construction of the proposed runway will require that Barlow Trail be closed north of McKnight Boulevard;

AND WHEREAS closure of Barlow Trail will increase traffic volumes on Deerfoot Trail and Métis Trail;

AND WHEREAS the proposed Plan It Calgary document, Calgary Transportation Plan, 8 May 2009, Road and Street Network Map 7, does not show the continuation of Airport Trail / 96th Avenue under the proposed runway;

AND WHEREAS talks are on-going with other levels of government regarding funding for construction of the Airport Trail Tunnel and any perceived change in the Calgary Transportation Plan would hinder negotiations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration be directed to prepare amendments to the proposed 2009 Calgary Transportation Plan to show no change in the expressway status of Airport Trail/96 Avenue between Deerfoot Trail and the Calgary Ring Road (Stoney Trail), including the future tunnel. Such amendments are to be brought to the Special Meeting of Council scheduled for 2009 June 23 to conduct the scheduled Public Hearing, Plan It Calgary.