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To whom it may concern:

Re: Reference File # 5709.00, Parker Wetlands and Dog Park

I am writing to voice my concerns about the proposed development of the Parker Wetlands which are situated in between Pembina and Waverley, parallel to Parker Avenue, Winnipeg. It is my understanding that a rapid transit bus route will be built at much expense and with much disruption of this beautiful green space near my home. I live in the neighbourhood because of its central location, friendly neighbours, and relative quiet within the city. I am close to Pembina Hwy with all the bus route amenities I could need. I ride the bus regularly to work.

I would like to see a feasibility or environmental assessment of putting the rapid transit route up Pembina Hwy rather than make it curve into the Parker wetlands and dog park area. The route would make more logical sense to be on Pembina Hwy, an already busy bus route with infrastructure to support this major undertaking. It would be a straight route rather than dog-legged, and Pembina Hwy already has buses on it, unlike the proposed strange and illogical segway onto Parker. The city would not be taking away yet more green space to create the transit line onto Pembina. Moreover, people who decided to live in a quiet neighbourhood close to, but not on, a major bus route such as Pembina would continue to enjoy their neighbourhood. Once we remove green space, there is no getting it back. My cynical side believes that there must be a business deal in the works that the public does not know about, as this proposed route simply does not make sense. Build a rapid bus route where bus routes already exist! Don't approve a bus route that would destroy yet more green space in the city. The last thing we need is more pavement and pollution!

Thank you for your attention and hearing my concerns. I hope that this letter along with others' concerns, and simple concern for the environment, will help persuade you to think carefully and choose a different alternative than tearing up wetlands and green space.

Yours sincerely,

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