

The Greenline is an essential project for the citizens of Calgary and Alberta. We are calling on our political leaders to find a solution to build the Greenline that serves the people of Calgary and does not waste the investments citizens have already made in this project.

We are calling on our decision-makers to:

1. Find a solution that builds as much of the Greenline as possible using the funds that have been committed and work already done by all levels of government. This includes going as far south as possible and meaningfully serving downtown and the Beltline. The Greenline must be built so that it can go North to meet the needs of citizens in North Central Calgary.
2. Hold a public conversation that involves both provincial and municipal levels of government and presents the options that are available and how they address the interests of citizens (including passengers, businesses, taxpayers, and workers) and address issues impacting the Green Line (including cost, engineering challenges, property values, current contracts/percurrent, timelines and creating quality transit for Calgarians.) This public forum should include times for public questions to be addressed. A decision about a solution on how to proceed should be made based on the issues outlined, on the best evidence available, and in the interests of citizens.
3. Commit to developing a plan for the Greenline to serve North Central Calgary, the South Health Campus, the Beltline and Downtown. That means all levels of government will need to work together to find the funds needed to enact this plan.
4. Ensure that municipal and provincial oversight of this project is ongoing so that issues are addressed as they arise. The governance of this project needs to be as public as possible so that citizens can ensure that it is being done in their best interests.

Actions:

1. We hold a public press conference on Monday, September 16th at 12:00 pm – at City Hall.
2. Everyone uses their relationships with the provincial and municipal governments to ask them to find a solution. This includes asking the provincial government to make a clear commitment in terms of money and engagement that can create the space needed to find a solution and that the municipal government be open to receiving that commitment and finding a solution.
3. Op-Eds and communication that emphasize the above points

Texts in red are portions that have been changed since the first draft.