



Alexandra Bridge Coalition / Coalition pour le pont Alexandra

Mr. Tobi Nussbaum
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The Board of the National Capital Commission

Sent by email to: tobi.nussbaum@ncc-ccn.ca

Re: The Alexandra Bridge and Informed Decision-Making

The Alexandra Bridge Coalition asks the project to demolish the Alexandra Bridge be halted, pending the completion and publication of the required studies of all options, including the rehabilitation of the bridge for active transportation.

An independent peer review of these options is also requested.

Dear Mr. Nussbaum,

The decision to demolish the Alexandra Bridge had been taken without a full analysis of options for retention and rehabilitation. The Alexandra Bridge Coalition (*la Coalition pour le pont Alexandra ABC/CPA*) represents a broad membership in both Ottawa and Gatineau with supporters from across the country, who represent environmental, heritage, and active transportation interests.

Informed Decision-Making

Studies of the bridge undertaken to date are posited on this crossing's continued – and even increased – use for vehicular traffic, with no consideration of options for non-vehicular, active transportation, and the potential for the historic Alexandra Bridge to serve this purpose. Informed decision-making calls for thorough studies that analyse options for rehabilitation for active transportation, studies which take into account the socioeconomic, transportation planning, cultural and heritage significance, life cycle assessment and environmental impacts. A peer review of the condition of the bridge and options to restore/repurpose the bridge for active transportation should also be undertaken.

Sustainability

Canada must meet its sustainability targets. It is unthinkable that the federal government plans to release massive amounts of carbon by commissioning a new vehicular bridge that will increase traffic into the residential neighbourhoods of two cities, and that will waste the embodied carbon present in an

existing bridge that can be rehabilitated to serve for active transportation and green public transit. All without studies of sustainability options.

The Alexandra Bridge has been recognized for its historic, structural, and environmental values. The AB Coalition looks forward to providing constructive input to PSPC in order to help the federal government meet its environmental, economic and cultural objectives.

Yours sincerely,

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