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Dear Jenn,

Re: Reopening of 104 Street, Valley Line West LRT Construction

The Edmonton Downtown Business Association thanks Marigold Infrastructure Partners and the City of Edmonton for the work leading up to the anticipated early reopening of the 104 Street and 102 Avenue intersection on July 15th.

As one of Edmonton's main streets, 104 Street is an anchor for Downtown Edmonton's street-facing economy and vibrancy, serving as a constant hub of activity with a mix of restaurants, cafés, retail shops, offices, and residential towers. It is also home to the EDBA's Downtown Farmers' Market and Winterval event, and a designated Entertainment District.

We appreciate Marigold and the City for responding to the business community's concerns, recognizing that prolonged construction significantly affects customer access and the viability of downtown businesses.

Following thoughtful traffic accommodation planning by Marigold and the City, and with input from the EDBA, the Downtown Farmers Market has operated uninterrupted this spring. The reopening of 104 Street will improve pedestrian access to the Downtown Farmers' Market, 104 Street businesses and restore more efficient vendor loading and unloading on Saturdays. Reopening this key intersection is a meaningful step toward improving customer access and supporting businesses significantly impacted by construction.

While this milestone should be celebrated, businesses will continue to face significant challenges from ongoing construction along 102 Avenue and surrounding north-south corridors. These impacts are compounded by other downtown infrastructure projects that continue to restrict access, and the upcoming closure of 105 Street will create new challenges for businesses, residents, and visitors to downtown.

The business community recognizes the importance of these long-term infrastructure investments and appreciates coordination efforts, such as those that are making the early reopening of 104 Street possible. We encourage Marigold, the City, and utility partners to continue to work collaboratively with businesses, maintain open dialogue and take business-friendly approaches to planning and construction throughout the project.

As work continues to progress, we encourage continued focus on reopening north-south intersections at 103 Street, 105 Street, 106 Street, and 107 Street as soon as feasible to restore connectivity for customers, employees, and residents.

We would also like to pass on a sincere thanks to Marigold employees and subcontractors whose active presence downtown is making huge progress along 102 Avenue. With this momentum, we remain optimistic about the reopening of the road, sidewalks, and intersecting streets by the end of 2026.

Sincerely,
Edmonton Downtown Business Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James L. Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James L Robinson
Executive Director