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To Whom It May Concern,

As Executive Director of the Toronto Downtown West BIA, I am pleased to offer our support of The Bentway's Under-Gardiner Public Realm Plan.

Our BIA encompasses a significant part of the downtown area, generally bounded by the Financial District to the east, Queen Street West to the north, Spadina Avenue to the west, and the Gardiner Expressway to the south.

We recently began working with The Bentway on a project to transform key intersections under the Gardiner, and are excited that this work will continue through a major policy/planning endeavour. The Bentway's ongoing work to transform the Gardiner, from obstacle to gateway, will continue to enhance connectivity and access to and from Toronto Downtown West.

The BIA is pleased to be part of the continued re-envisioning of the Gardiner and is happy to endorse the Under-Gardiner Public Realm Plan.

*About the Toronto Downtown West BIA:*

*With distinct architecture both old and new, Toronto Downtown West BIA is a thriving commercial hub of creative houses, hospitality and retail. It includes many of Toronto's most iconic cultural landmarks including the CN Tower, Steam Whistle Brewing, Ripley's Aquarium, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Rogers Centre, Roy Thomson Hall, Princess of Wales Theatre, TIFF Bell Lightbox, and Bell Media. Our catchment has a growing population of 30,000 residents, 19 million visitors annually and a workforce of 90,000 – figure and people who have been deeply impacted by the recent public health pandemic.*



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