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Hello,

I am writing with feedback about the project planned for a mechanical ventilation project to be constructed at Sainte-Marguerite and de Richelieu in the Sud-Ouest.

I am a resident of Saint-Philippe Street between de Richelieu and Sainte-Antoine, and therefore in close proximity to the site. I have the following concerns:

1. During the construction phase, I have a big concern about dust level during the protracted period planned for the construction. With the Turcotte project that went on much longer than predicted, dust in the air reached levels that were a danger to the health of residents, especially those like myself with asthma. Very little was done by the MTQ or the city to help address the issue during the years the Turcotte project dragged on. The Richelieu mechanical ventilation project is projected for three years, and so with the track record of city projects always being delayed, we can expect it to last longer than three years. The city must ensure dust is controlled so that those of us with existing health issues will be safe. At this point, after the Turcotte project and replacement of Saint-Henri street drains in parallel, and before that the super hospital construction, my 10 and 12 year-old daughter have had constant construction dust in our street and close environs since they were born, and the negative effects on their young, developing lungs in the long term. I am furious that we are now being asked to endure another three years and more.

2. The length of the project projected at three years is far too long for a project of this type. As an engineering project manager myself, it is clear to me that the comfort of residents has not been prioritized, or else the schedule would have been collapsed. Rather than extending what is essentially the digging of a hole and pouring a concrete shaft over several years, the city's priority should be shortening the project to the reasonable length of a few months, in order to minimize the impact on Turcotte-adjacent residents already construction-weary from the last 10 years and more of construction when you include the super hospital project.

3. Long term, I believe if the noise dampeners are installed and in operation, then the expected noise level at 50dB will be acceptable. However, I am concerned that the noise dampeners must remain in the scope of the project, and not be dropped from the project scope as budget pressures might require the project cost to be reduced. As long as the noise dampeners remain part of the project, the long term impact on residents like myself should be low.