



Plateau Mont-Royal Borough
Proposition made in the context of the **Budget participatif 2007**
Public hearings of Wednesday, June 7, 2006

Major Renovation of Avenue Mont-Royal

Given that Avenue Mont-Royal was in decline 20 years ago, but has become one of the most beautiful, attractive, popular, and prosperous main commercial streets in Montreal;

Given that the layout of the avenue has not been revised to take account of, on the one hand, the greatly increased pedestrian traffic and, on the other hand, the changes in values, perceptions, and expectations both of the public and of merchants during the last 20 years;

Given the recent numerous demands by citizens that Avenue Mont-Royal be renovated in order to make it safer, more peaceful, and more agreeable for pedestrians;

Given also the desire of the population that automobile traffic be limited on Avenue Mont-Royal, and that there be a significant improvement in the supply and quality of public transit services;

Given the desire of the merchants to make Avenue Mont-Royal the most important commercial street in America to be renovated following the principles of sustainable development and social responsibility;

Given the clearly progressive nature of Plateau Mont-Royal when it comes to the quality of urban life and to sustainable development;

Projet Montréal proposes:

- Launching a major process of reflection, dialogue, and technical studies on the subject of a complete renovation of avenue Mont-Royal;
- Spending \$500,000 on this during the fiscal year 2007;
- Tackling right away the question of how to finance this work, the cost of which can be roughly estimated as between \$50 million and \$150 million (with the New Tramway as the most costly component). In particular, opening negotiations without delay with the city administration and with higher levels of government, and evaluating the impact on the budget of the borough for 2008 and subsequent years of operating and debt-service costs associated with this investment.