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Chair Van Meerbergen and Members of the Civic Works Committee,

I am heartened to see that a delegation from the Transportation Advisory Committee is recommending that the committee acknowledge the efforts of two outstanding new citizen-led engagement initiatives in London: LTC Bus People and London Cycle Link.

I recall seeing the video at the Citizen Engagement Task Force kick-off where several of you spoke eloquently of your desire for increased engagement in London. This council has endorsed some of the most comprehensive and inclusive citizen engagement efforts that our city has ever seen.

Citizens, especially young citizens, are embracing their pivotal role in making change and these two groups are excellent examples. I hope that you will acknowledge their efforts and encourage others to step forward as well.

You probably hear this a lot but it seems especially appropriate right now: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

Thank you for your time,

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