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Dear City Council,

I am writing today regarding the multi-year budget. London Cycle Link (LCL) is a member-supported non-profit organization dedicated to helping Londoners ride bikes more, through education, advocacy and community building. Our mission is profoundly aligned with environmental sustainability and resiliency items in the draft budget.

LCL's municipal priorities include: a connected cycling grid; increased bike parking; year-round maintenance of bike lanes and paths; the implementation of a bike share program in London; and education for all road users around infrastructure, rules, rights and responsibilities.

While we understand that the tabled budget does not directly address many items that will be included in the Mobility Master Plan (MMP, currently in development), we urge Council to nevertheless consider the cycling infrastructure, programs and services needed to allow the growing number of cyclists in our growing city to travel safely. This includes business cases:

#P-56: support for the CEAP. Notably: 1c) Growth of the Transportation Management Association, which will support Londoners in reducing their reliance on single occupant vehicles, thus reducing GHG emissions and urban congestion; 2. Community-Led Action Investment, which will allow non-profit organizations to support sustainability efforts; and 3.a) Corporate Investment, especially through acceleration in the use of the Climate Lens Framework.

#P-53: Road Safety Enhancements, notably road safety projects and programs, and boulevard bike lane maintenance. Council's support here will promote the security of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers alike, and make existing and future investments in cycling infrastructure safer and more accessible year-round.

As you work towards cementing this challenging budget, please remember the vision noted in your Strategic Plan: for "today and for the next generation." Your leadership now—for the benefit of Londoners far into the future—is needed more than ever.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Miksa".

Molly Miksa
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