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Subject: [EXTERNAL] 1408-1412 commissioners Rd West and other Byron building plans

Hi Melanie,

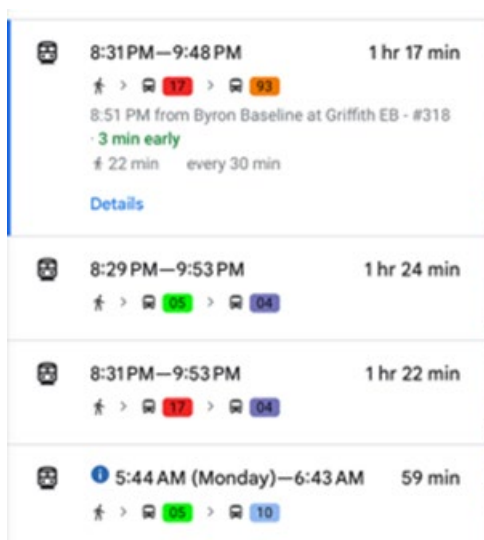
I was given you email address as a point of contact for the planning project listed in the subject line. I am a concerned byronite and Londoner. I have some concerns regarding the building plans for Byron.

I moved to the area 8 years ago and I've noticed the traffic is Byron and the rest of the city is exponentially heavier than 8 years ago. What used to take 15 minutes to travel to now take 30 minutes.

2 weeks ago, I was going to Metro from Wickerson heights at 5:15 ish pm. Upon turning left from Byron Baseline to Boler Rd, I was met with immediate full stop traffic. What should have taken less than 2 minutes to go 400 metres took me more than 7 minutes. Yes, I understand it was rush hour. When traffic is backed up from commissioners rd up Boler Rd to Byron Baseline or even further up is ridiculous. Now, we are looking to add 3 more apartment buildings adding even more traffic congestion to our area. If the 3 apartment buildings are built and each unit has 1 or 2 cars that's a lot of new traffic to add to our already congested roads. To me, this doesn't make sense. We need better infrastructure before we add more and more people to the mix.

Improving the bus system, adding a ring road, building over passes and under passes, use of turn lights, continuing to enlarge roadways such as Southdale Rd are all ways to improve congestion.

The public transit system in London isn't feasible. Buses leaving Byron go downtown, then one must transfer to another bus or 2 before arriving to their finale destination. It takes too long to get to where you need to go that people take their cars instead. An example of this is, my teenage kids worked at White Oaks Mall and it would have taken them 1.5 hrs to get to work by bus or a 20 minute car ride so we drove them to and from work. (See attached Google maps transit route and time estimation)



I realize we (Canada) are in a housing crisis but throwing up buildings without proper infrastructure is not the way to do this. I hope this helps with the planning of Byron and the City.

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