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Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 7:56 AM **To:** Saunders, Cathy < <u>csaunder@london.ca</u>>

Subject: City Council Meeting Thursday March 2, 2017

Please add as a communication to Council Agenda.

Re: Budweiser Gardens Flex Street, BRT

Members of City Council

Budweiser Gardens is a major generator of downtown activity with the hundreds of thousands of visitors.

Not withstanding all the meetings; all the public input and all the participation of key players there was a

significant miss.

If Budweiser didn't know about BRT impact until February 23, 2017 can someone from city or consultants confirm that they were a major participant in the flex street design? The reason for the question is if they were involved in the first how could they not know about the BRT?

It is time for a sober second thought! Councillor Squire has made it very clear the bus rapid design is far from decided. I understand that to mean no final decision in time for Province of Federal government budgets if handed down in a month or so.

Consideration: If you alter the plans for over the river and keep Dundas Street open to Talbot the traffic flexibility for a very successful Budweiser stays intact. This doesn't prevent periodic closure but certainly faces reality of the interests of hundreds of thousands of visitors.

Vision or reality? Reality comes first.

Please reconsider before it is too late. If Budweiser wasn't involved in either their concern is just one week old.

Bill Brock