



April 13, 2018

City of London
300 Dufferin Ave.
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Attention: Mayor Brown and City Council Members

Re: Best-in-class transit for London

In May 2017, we provided a letter to this Council stating that we supported a best-in-class transit system in London and our support for this has not wavered. We believe a best-in-class-city deserves a best-in-class transit system. However, over the last year we have heard from our membership that the current BRT proposal needs further consultation to make it a best-in-class system.

We have had several working sessions with the City's project team but have yet to see results that satisfy the following key concerns:

- The impact of **dedicated lanes** on deliveries and loading particularly on Richmond St, King St and Queens Ave. The traffic corridors within our boundary are very tight. Forcing dedicated lanes may have a negative impact on turning - both right and left, will create challenges for garbage collection and emergency access. Ideally we would like the lanes in the core to be mixed use.
- A solution to **deliveries and servicing of Covent Garden Market** and Budweiser Gardens that does not compromise their economic vitality and contribution to the social vibrancy of the core.
- **The link to high-speed rail** - are we thinking ahead far enough so that York St could become the eastbound BRT route conveniently located close to it and the Greyhound bus terminal.
- We are requesting an opportunity to participate in traffic management and construction mitigation plans related to BRT to help minimize the impact on our businesses.
- **Parking**: Both the perception and actual availability of parking for easy access to the businesses during and post construction needs to be addressed. For example; creating parking at the rear of buildings to improve access.

We ask this Council to take more time to listen to our members. We request that further consultation addressing our detailed concerns regarding transit routes, connectivity and stations, especially those in the core, are required before the City moves forward with this plan.

Our position remains firm, we are committed to better transit but we want to ensure this plan aligns with the entrepreneurial vitality of our downtown and the value it contributes to our city.

Sincerely,



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