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Chair and Members
Civic Works Committee

RE: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Coordination

The discussion of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) has been ongoing for some time and has many areas of consideration. Given the complexity of the Project, it would be helpful and beneficial to break the Project into smaller, more manageable components to assist with transparency and clarity in the decision-making process..

We all agree that the City needs proper synchronized traffic light systems, possibly with human oversight, to efficiently move traffic during peak periods. As well, the widening of our highest volume roadways is needed, incorporating bus bays and transit villages that will assist with the efficient movement of buses.

There are other matters within the Project that require further discussion, including service for Western University's campus, roadway and bridge maintenance and repair, improved and increased number of bus shelters and increased bus service into the industrial areas.

I therefore seek your support of the following recommendation:

"That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring forward for consideration a more detailed funding request proposal for the Provincial and Federal governments with respect to the Bus Rapid Transit Project that would set out specific components of the overall Project providing an opportunity for Members of Council to clarify what matters are bringing brought forward for funding consideration and to provide greater transparency for the public with respect to the Project and the related decision-making process."

Respectfully submitted,

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