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Subject: [EXTERNAL] SPPC - MTG Public Transit Infrastructure Stream (PTIS) - Public Input (Added Agenda Submission)

Major Holder & Council (SPPC)

Please consider this submission as guidance on the my top three (3) priorities & foundation blocks for stream project selection for this meeting . I am unable to attend the March 20th Public MTG with prior commitments and thank you for this opportunity to forward these recommendations.

TOP THREE PROJECTS / FOUNDATIONS & KISimple SUPPORTING BACKGROUND

1. **DOWNTOWN LOOP** - This project needs to be approved immediately as City Hall Management team was less than transparent on providing Council with the full impact and costs associated with the recent approval & implementation of FLEX STREET on Dundas St with respect to quality transit connectivity and customer service. Kelly Paleczny (LTC GM) was the canary in the coal mine as this was unfolding and clearly City MGMT Team and Council did not fully address requirement for a quality " loop " to address frequent service interruptions with Dundas St flex street events . I recommend we move forward with this initiative as soon as funding can be secured to make things right going forward on this loop and the future connectivity opportunities. As a taxpayer on this I'm long beyond the blame and shame phase here now knowing FLEX STREET actual costs will be \$16 M top service improvements + \$ 28 M to make it right @ the Downtown Loop + \$ 1M per year in OPS expenses .
2. **SMART SIGNALS** - This project is a " baseline " for everything the City of London does going forward ; not only @ respect to improving transit cycle times, but also should be viewed as the largest universal (all transit types) opportunity London has moving forward to improve our corridor network utilization / productivity & reduction CO2 levels currently now associated with our almost city wide gridlock. If Council values the opportunity to use our existing & future road infrastructure better & reduce taxpayer future capital expenses going forward , then this project is the place to start and build momentum going forward . I am more than disappointed that Doug McRae & the Signal Team has stopped short of recommending a system that incorporates more off the shelf artificial intelligence (AI) functionality in this proposal and that this team has not provided any opportunity for public input on this City Wide project - but we need to start somewhere in baby steps to resolve the gridlock . CAUTION = there is no public info available on the recommended delta addition to the OPS costs related to rolling out the new 24/ 7 Operations Centre associated@ this proposal and we need transparency here . OPPORTUNITY = targeted reduction in reducing the almost 100 % annual increase in negative comments by City of Ldn residents in the 2018 Annual Community Survey in the Roads Congestion/ Lights & Signals category. This was also a top 3 platform issue with two(2) of candidates for Mayor in our recent election which 40 % of Londoners supported @ their votes. We are done waiting for action.
3. **ADELAIDE ST. UNDERPASS** - This project should continue to be viewed by Council as one of the highest priority baseline or foundation opportunities to universally improve all transit cycle times and seriously enhance the current lower utilization of this transit corridor. This project has and should continue to be viewed by the Transportation Planning Team & Council as " complete first " on the critical path schedule prior to starting construction on all other transit projects which converge down town , as Adelaide St will be the ONLY NORTH SOUTH pass through transit corridor between Wonderland & Highbury Ave to service the city . Our 2018 summer construction of FLEX Street only reinforced this planning position for all involved; as downtown was gridlocked.

Thanks >> Chris Butler