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**To:** SPPC <sppc@london.ca>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: BRT

Hello: I am writing as a concerned citizen about the proposal for the BRT. We are not in favour of pushing through this project. The details are so flimsy and the plans are greatly flawed. My husband and I have said all along that this was poorly planned but there was an agenda to push it through.

First of all we have always said the cart has to stop being put before the horse. Instead of shoving BRT lanes onto already congested roads fix the foundation problems. That's how a good house is built. Get the Adelaide St. underpass built ASAP. This should have been done years ago. Once people are no longer delayed by trains that lock the street up for as long as 40 min. you will see a huge difference. Synchronize the lights on all major arteries. Adelaide actually can be pretty good as long as a train is not blocking traffic. There needs to be more advanced greens at intersections and for longer periods of time. Wellington and Southdale is such a bottleneck because of the lack of advance green turning south onto Wellington from Southdale going west. Most times only a few cars get through at best. This needs to be corrected finally. Southdale and Montgomery is the same. Keep the traffic flowing. Obviously more buses are needed in the industrial areas and starting earlier. Most shift workers start at 7 a.m. and those on the late shift work till 11 p.m. or midnight. Those buses should be available from 5:30 a.m. till 12:30 in the morning. They could go out more often during the peak times.

Whenever we travel on the 401 there are many times when there is total gridlock. We can sit there for as long as 20 min or more not moving and figure there might be an accident up ahead. When we get there, there is nothing. What happens is that when people drive the same speed limit there is a phenomenon that happens. It creates chaos because no one is passing anyone and then it creates congestion and total stoppages. Well that same issue will happen on the BRT routes. When you take Oxford ST. that is now 4 lanes of traffic and Wellington Rd. which is also 4 lanes of traffic and take them down to only 2 lanes of traffic with the BRT going down the center this city will come to a standstill. When drivers are driving a different speed than the other person and passing when it is safe than the flow of traffic continues. But if you create a single lane of traffic then the majority of the people will drive the same or similar speed, they will not be able to pass anyone to keep the flow going and therefore the streets will come to a standstill. If you believe that the BRT will take a majority of cars off the road you are wrong. Perhaps on the BRT routes the amount of cars will go down by maybe 20 or 25 percent but be assured that a big portion of drivers will take alternate routes on side streets to avoid BRT roads.

The result of that will be major complaints from the people who live on those side streets complaining of too much traffic. My husband and I do that even now when a main thoroughfare is congested. We divert our route to side streets which is much more efficient at times. Imagine what will happen when the BRT might go through.

One other concern we have is cost. Who will guarantee that it will cost half a billion dollars?...we know from past history that most construction projects always go higher than the projection. Who will pay for that? How much will our taxes go up to cover this massive debt for the next 20 years? or more. And no one yet has ever told us "how much is it going to cost to step onto the BRT and use it?".....We are tired of subsidizing so many different groups in this city. Now we will have another one to cover the cost for students and those on lower incomes. Another debt on our backs.

One last question. What happens to the houses on Wellington Rd that have already been purchased for this project. If it does not go through then what?

We believe this project should be set aside..no more money spent on it for research and consultations and buying properties until every i is dotted and every t is crossed.

In regard to the funding from the provincial and federal governments...this is still our tax dollars anyway. So if we don't take it for the BRT then reapply for funds to make all the other corrections that need to be taken care of. One way or the other funds will be given to us but not necessarily as much as the cost of the BRT. We need to slow down and start building from the foundation. Our roads are in such horrible condition. We don't just have potholes...we have sinkholes. So many main arteries are in such horrible condition.

Please make an intelligent and logical decision on this. It should not be determined by a minority of the city population. This should have been put on the city election as a referendum. Everyone should have had a voice. Thank you for your time. Ivo and Patricia Dlouhy