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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Special Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee Meeting

As I understand, the “*March 20 Public Participation meeting*” at Centennial Hall is scheduled to begin at 3:00pm with no set ending time.

The Mayor’s Office advised today:

*“Where the current debate is concerned, as you referenced, there will be a public participation session at Centennial Hall on Wednesday, March 20th beginning at 3 p.m. The purpose of this Special Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee meeting is to receive input from the public with respect to the “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Public Transit Stream Transportation Project List for Consideration”. The Committee will receive delegations and their comments regarding proposed City of London transportation projects.”*

How does the “...*Project List for Consideration*” connect with BRT?

Text from a March 14, 2019 Civic Works Committee:

*“The input received from residents, businesses and stakeholders through significant consultation resulted in refinements ranging from turn lane locations to added cycling connections. Completion of the Environmental Assessment will allow the City of London to move forward with any or all elements of the BRT project, but does not bind future decisions of Council. During the March 20 Public Participation meeting, the rapid transit initiative will be presented in its constituent parts and will allow the public and a new Council to consider each element on its own merits.”*

City employees / consultants promoting BRT as though it is approved is not “*significant consultation*”.

“*Rapid transit initiative will be presented in its constituent parts*” does not sound like anyone will listen to opposition to BRT given the stated intent is “*the public and a new Council to consider each element on its own merits*”?

About 77% of Londoners’ voted for mayoral candidates against BRT.

Candidates against BRT	Votes	%
Ed Holder	33,241	34%
Paul Cheng	19,330	20%
Paul Paolatto	21,583	22%
Total	74,154	77%
Total Eligible Ballots Cast	96,646	100%

Are Londoner’s now being deceived into believing BRT is dead when in fact it is very much alive but broken into “*Project List / Constituent Parts / Each Element*”?

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Vrijheid is het recht om mensen te vertellen wat ze niet willen horen. George Orwell