

Dear members of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee,

I support the funding and implementation of bus rapid transit in London, Ontario.

As a transit user, such a plan would objectively make my life as well as those of tens of thousands of other Londoners much easier.

In an indictment of the city's current transit setup, I also commute by bicycle because it is faster. I bring along my bike year round in case the bus is very late or fails to appear. In another indictment, I obtained my G1 license in December of 2018. When I get my G2 later this year, I plan to buy my first car. I would not be doing this if transit was better.

To the people of Old North and Richmond Row who complain that transit does not touch their exact doorstep, they would be very well positioned to recognize basic facts such as: a bus already travels on Richmond on average every five minutes, there are severe reliability issues on this route with respect to transit, and the status quo will not work. Something different needs to be done.

To those who complain that any of the BRT routes do not reach their exact doorstep, we will never build there unless we start remotely building anything now. This is a good version 1.0 network for rapid transit.

This Pond Mills resident who commutes to Westmount daily supports rapid transit.

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