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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bus Rapid Transit

I encourage the city to move forward with all legs of the bus rapid transit. I am a homeowner in old north (ward 6), and look forward to the improved access to the bus system. I bought in old north for many reasons but one of my primary reasons was the ease of access to transportation. My daily commute to downtown is either done on foot, by bike, or bus depending on the weather. I do also own a car and use it regularly to run errands about town. Of the four methods of transportation I use the bus is sorely in need of improvement. There are many of my neighbors who feel the same.

London has an opportunity to develop infrastructure to support the growth of London well into the future. Ottawa, for example, has seen their bus rapid transit see widespread adoption to the extent that they are now further upgrading their system to LRT. Kitchener is also already benefiting from a increased development as a knock-on effect from their investment in dedicated LRT lanes. London has had opportunities in the past (ring road) to get with the times, and squandered them based on the vocal few who oppose progress or fear the unknown.

I also take exception to the scheduled time of this meeting. As with most people who are currently employed, 3:00pm is an awkward time for me to attend a meeting. Furthermore, anyone traveling by public transit would also have to account for considerable transit time to get to downtown. I fear this may lead to a bias among the people who attend the meeting today.

Thank you,

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