



April 8, 2021

Mayor Ed Holder and City Council Members
City of London
300 Dufferin Ave
London, ON
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Re: 2021 Core Construction Mitigation - Dundas Place

Your Worship and Members of City Council,

Downtown London has worked extensively with our members and City staff to engage in consultation on the proposed eight-month mitigation solutions for King Street construction and changes being proposed on Dundas Place this year. Our direct outreach to members identified a variety of responses, from somewhat supportive to strong opposition to any changes on Dundas Place. This matter has unfortunately resulted in divisive conversations in our community, and we would like to share our views on a way forward that supports both commerce and active transportation in the core.

We can all agree that our goal is to be inclusive, not exclusive, and that safe and green transportation solutions are welcome in the core and throughout our City. Our members value the cyclists in our community and want to ensure their safety. Our concern is that the mitigation solution recommended by City staff, though well intended, will not satisfy any of the stakeholders and will have a negative impact on this commercial corridor making it a difficult choice to make.

We are writing today to respectfully request that Council considers making the choice that will have the least impact on commerce for our members along the Dundas Place corridor. In our view, that is Option 3 - Traffic Diversion, with potential amendments to the plan that may have an impact on the estimated cost. With that said we would like to see the area along Ridout Street blocked with large planters instead of cement blocks. Our goal is to enhance the overall attractiveness of the temporary blocking mechanisms proposed. We welcome the opportunity to work with City staff to develop a solution that would enhance the diversion and add to the appeal of Dundas Place.

Finally, early community engagement as well as collaborative approaches focusing on solutions that can help achieve collective goals of diverse stakeholders and those of the City's transportation and mobility master plan should be considered in the future, rather than those that could be seen as selective and/or temporary.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Maly
Executive Director

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Andrew McClenaghan
Board Chair