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Mr. Schulthess; City Clerk,
City of London
(Revised)

Re: Civic Works Meeting review of tape.

Please refer this second letter to the Council meeting of January 25th, 2022 as it applies to what happened at meeting by committee members.

The following issues are raised with a view to having Councilors or staff clarify before Council makes a decision!

(a) The Chair and another Councilor (according to Chair) indicated they did research (behind the scene) checking sidewalks, bike lanes and bridge crossings going back 10-20-30 years with a view to bringing them up to today's standards! This is wrong and a tremendous misuse of much needed dollars for real issues. This is not the role of Councilors! For many years millions of citizen trips have traversed these systems!

(b) City engineer / asst. city manager (environment) indicated London Transit opposes layover for buses because of trouble getting back into traffic. The city is upgrading traffic lights to treat buses like emergency vehicles (get priority) and the city supported legislation that requires other traffic to let buses back in!
Given the changes on Wavell St. you are creating a situation where ; unless passengers are right at stop they get passed! What about challenged people impact ; elderly or transfers from other buses?

(c) Councilor claims west route is shovel ready! All of the 5 routes were approved from the environmental process. The detailed design and acquisition of properties etc. has not been done! I don't believe final routing has been determined or approved (lost 8-7 vote). Staff need to clarify status of target completion for all of BRT!

(d) References to bikes on buses or left in racks etc. ignores the data on current uses! Is it possible to identify actual use on current system from across the city factors around special needs which in either case takes more time?

(e) Given the long term impact on better transportation service millions of transit riders are being shafted because because of this approach. In looking at London Plan it appears you have forgot "Service is the key not bricks and infrastructure"! Yesterday I reviewed - Whitney Tilson: Empire Finance Research about Taas- Transportation as a service (Major impact on numbers of vehicles and land use) in years coming which appears to be before BRT completion. Check it out; you have time! Is it possible traffic

will be reduced and parking lots drastically reduced creating more livable space in existing space!

Finally, I am dismayed that you need to spend millions on items ranking below the "NEED LABEL" just because there is money to use and they are shovel ready! Your attitude of spend or lose cannot help but bleed to the staff in their budgets! Where has the "EXPERTS" been that should of had a handle on this? The staff indicated they take their direction from the Council (not a councilor)! Where did we go wrong? I remember the days the "Experts" would say not withstanding our recommendation. Millions of dollars and not a whimper from the community! All this in a committee meeting of 6 people to be rubberstamped by under the guise (not need) London has no choice.

Please change before too late! Will you be looking for more more funds to complete BRT and ignore possible changes before 2027.

Is this a problem because the Province is running the game or you?

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