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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Council MTG - Jan 25 - Item 6.4 - Intake # 3 - Added Agenda Submission

Michael - As this full Council MTG agenda was only added today (Friday) to the Public Notice board, could you and your team add this as an ' Added Agenda ' distribution for the Jan 25 Full Council MTG @ respect to Item 6.4 On the Agenda – Intake # 3 – “ INVESTING ? in Canada Infrastructure Spending “

Mayor Holder (Chair) – Full Council – please consider this feedback from a quick review of the Sub – Committee voting results from a week ago as aired out @ a few concerned City of London residents ;

The very 1st major “ SPEND “ proposal out of the box from City of LDN for 2022 is for \$ 40 M of which almost \$28 million is for active transportation improvements (bikes) surprised no one on our ZOOM call this morning , City Staff and Mr. Doug MacRae seem to be totally disconnected from the following realities :

1. There is “ one tax payer “ and accelerating this \$ 40 M total spend just because 2/3 of the funding comes from more senior levels of government and the attitude of use it or lose it is a nothing short of irresponsible.
2. There is zero impact we can see @ respect to growing jobs or GDP with this capital plan , a serious problem with both our Fed government and City of LDN project assessment criteria.
3. This proposal like all others before @ Active Transportation comes with HUGE annual maintenance costs of \$ 1750 per KM per year , this proposal adds over \$ 800, 000 per year alone.
4. The absolute **BIGGEST and GROWING annual customer complaint** flagged by the city of London’s own metrics for the past 5 full years is moving and removing bottlenecks in our existing traffic grid . (Transit, Commercial, Electric or traditional cars users). This proposal does nothing to address this priority issue.
5. We cancelled a much needed Wonderland Road widening Project in November 2021 to comply @ the new Climate lens & now only offer up a new Transportation Master Plan to be complete by Mid – 2024 (not built just add 5 years) . The new ESG lens will worsen this outlook.

Strong RECO - Include “ ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION “ issues in the total review of the Transportation Master Plan to determine where this priority actually shakes out with City of London Staff & the proposed revised consolidation of a more balanced Active Transportation & Traffic sub- group.

THXS For Your Consideration

Chris Butler