

Please consider this E – Mail as Added Agenda for consideration of the CWCommittee with respect to Item 2.4 on the Feb 22/ 23 MTG - Bike Sharing Program & Next Steps ;

Councillor Rahman , Mayor Morgan - CWC Council Members ;

Background - I have participated in 1 Zoom call during the inception of this Bike Share Program , submitted one previous Added Agenda to previous Council meeting and communicated via E Mail @ Director Jay Sanford and fully understood with that response that if the RFPproposal for a commercial partner was unsuccessful , this Bike Sharing Program would be deactivated/ terminated with no continuity of any Approved Budget or the upcoming 2023 – 2027 Budget cycle.

Recommendation ;

That the CWC receive this report , but move to terminate/ deactivate this Bike Sharing Program along with any unused but Approved Budget 2023 and along with that of the 0.33 to 0.50 FT Equivalent Staff associated with this program (Zoom Call Feedback). After our RFP failed and numerous Bike Sharing Programs in North America where commercial partners & shared execution programs have been terminated due to compliance issues or Commercial partners bankrupted , there is no justification for our City of London staff to recommend shifting this scope of work under the umbrella of the already challenged “ Master Transportation Plan “ for the 2023 – 2027 Budget Plan. I’m actually shocked checking the Get Involved London website today that this Bike Sharing Plan has developed new wings & referenced already under the Master Mobility Plan prior to this CWC meeting and your approval.

Council , we need to be Leaders in Public Service & Stewards of both sound Budgeting / Spending with respect to direction going forward to meet the prioritization of program choices & challenges of our upcoming Strategic Plan ; and this is an opportunity to do that today . The \$85 K budget to support the RFP is the equivalent of 2 ½ times my annual income or the average annual taxes of 24 City of London residential property owners.

THXS – Chris Butler