



May 19, 2023

Dear City Council,

We are writing today in regards to the multi-year budget.

London Cycle Link (LCL) is a member-supported not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping Londoners ride bikes more. Through education, advocacy and community-building we envision a healthy, vibrant London where it's safe and convenient for everyone to cycle.

The [City of London's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan](#) asks you to “build infrastructure that provides safe, integrated, connected, reliable, and efficient transportation choices” (Mobility and Transportation, outcome 1.1). A sustainable city, supporting bicycle use city-wide, requires quality infrastructure. In order to support this outcome, and to meet the London Plan's goal of a connected grid to support safe, equitable transportation by bike, we need to start thinking, planning and executing with a complete network in mind. We are confident that the Mobility Master Plan (MMP), now under development, will set this direction.

As we await the MMP, LCL requests consideration of the following four areas, to support and improve current bicycle infrastructure and make it safer and more accessible.

**1. Bike Parking:** High quality bicycle parking facilities that meet both long-term and short term parking needs, and are accessible at transportation destinations across London

- Implement a plan to add an additional 250 bike racks on city properties, at commercial plazas and other destinations
- While maintaining the original three bike lockers, introduce new lockers at the following transit hubs: Masonville Place, Argyle Mall, White Oaks Mall and the Via Rail station.

**2. Maintenance:** Year-round maintenance of designated and separated bicycle lanes and multi-use paths, as well as lighting on paths to extend use and safety

- Regular a) snow and ice removal to pavement, and b) removal of gravel, leaves and debris, on Colborne and Dundas cycle tracks, Wonderland, Commissioners and Fanshawe Park in-boulevard lanes, and the Thames Valley Parkway
- Solar night lights along the Thames Valley Parkway, from the Forks of the Thames to Western University



**3. Bike Share:** a bike share program that is accessible, equitable and sustainable

- Roll out Phase One of London's bike share program, including downtown, Western University, Old North, Old East Village and Blackfriars.

**4. Education:** promotion of the rules, rights and responsibilities of different transportation modalities for all road and multi-use path users

- Direct staff to develop a public education campaign that reaches 100,000 Londoners through the use of billboards, digital ads and in-person events.

All of the priorities above connect to the City's Strategic Areas of Focus, including Wellbeing and Safety; Mobility and Transportation; and Climate Action and Sustainable Growth. Our priorities also support Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion, given the need to safely include those who do not drive. Lighting of multi-use pathways can contribute to a Safe London for Women, Girls, and Gender-Diverse and Trans People. Safe cycling infrastructure also touches on Housing and Homelessness, in that the cycle of poverty is hard to escape, but made easier with the aid of a viable transportation option; in many cases for homeless people, that means a bike.

Currently, the priorities above are either not funded or under-funded in the City's operating budget. **Therefore, we would encourage planning for inclusion in the 2024 to 2027 multi-year budget.**

Kind regards,

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Andry Wasylko, Chair, Board of Directors  
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