

May 1, 2025

Mayor Josh Morgan
City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
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via: mayor@london.ca

RE: Regional Transportation Planning and Engagement

Dear Mayor Morgan,

I am writing on behalf of Middlesex County Council in response to recent discussions at the County City Liaison Committee (CCLC) regarding a potential regional ring road and integrated transportation network.

The County of Middlesex recognizes the importance of regionally significant infrastructure and we appreciate the opportunity to participate in preliminary discussions with the City on this matter. As a County, we believe that any future dialogue on such transformative initiatives must be rooted in mutual respect and principled collaboration—particularly where it intersects with local land use planning, rural identity, and the protection of our vital agricultural resources.

At its meeting on April 22, 2025, County Council endorsed the following framework to guide future engagement on this matter. This framework reflects the values and planning principles that are foundational to our communities and includes:

- Protection of rural identity and small urban communities that define the character of Middlesex County;
- Preservation of prime agricultural land and long-term viability of the agri-food sector;
- Respect for the County's land use planning framework and Official Plan, with responsible growth guided by our local planning processes and in partnership with our member municipalities;
- Recognition of the County's essential role in shaping decisions that impact our residents and communities;
- Collaboration to identify shared regional transportation and infrastructure priorities that enhance connectivity without compromising local values;
- No support for any discussions related to annexation or amalgamation.

Middlesex County is committed to community-driven, sustainable growth that reflects our unique local context and aligns with Council's strategic objectives. While we are open to meaningful collaboration on regional infrastructure planning, we believe such engagement must include the province, clearly respect municipal boundaries, and incorporate existing infrastructure investments.

We look forward to continued dialogue with the City of London, the Province, and our regional partners in a manner that advances shared interests while preserving the integrity of Middlesex County's communities.

Sincerely,



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cc. *Township of Adelaide Metcalfe*
Township of Lucan Biddulph
Municipality of Middlesex Centre
Municipality of North Middlesex
Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc
Municipality of Thames Centre
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