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VIA E-MAIL

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Warden Bain and Members of
Essex Council
360 Fairview Ave. W.
Essex, ON N8M 1Y6

Dear Warden Bain and Members of Essex Council:

At its meeting on June 27, 2018, County Council adopted Report CAO 2018-18 entitled "SouthwestLynx: Integrated High Performance Public Transportation for Southwestern Ontario (attached)". The SouthwestLynx plan is the fourth of a Southwestern Ontario transportation series the County of Oxford commissioned Greg Gormick, On Track Strategies to prepare. By demonstrating the potential passenger rail capacity within the existing rail corridors through Southwestern Ontario, SouthwestLynx presents the unquestionable viability of high performance rail (HPR) complemented by a fully integrated intercommunity transportation system as a logical, practical, affordable and deliverable public transportation solution for Southwestern Ontario.

In addition, I have attached an electronic copy of our brochure, Connecting Southwestern Ontario. This brochure summarizes the SouthwestLynx plan and the prior reports Oxford County commissioned; "**New Directions**", "**Empowering Ontario's Short Line Railways**" and "**Steel Corridors of Opportunity**".

All four of the reports are available through our home page at www.oxfordcounty.ca. As well, your Chief Administrative Officer will be mailed a hardcopy of the full SouthwestLynx document under a separate cover.

With the adoption of Report CAO 2018-18, Oxford County Council seeks Essex County Council support in advancing the SouthwestLynx plan through the adoption of the following proposed resolution:

That Essex County Council supports Oxford County's SouthwestLynx proposal for the development of an Integrated High-Performance Public Transportation Solution for Southwestern Ontario.

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Our intent is to also seek the support of the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus at their August 2018 meeting.

Our thanks in advance for your support.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Rob Maisonville, Chief Administrative Officer, Essex