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Hello,

Please note the following response to Council Delegation Request Form has been submitted at Tuesday March 26th 2024 10:31 AM with reference number 2024-03-26-006.

- **Organization's Name (if applicable)**

Transport Action Ontario

- **Name and Title of Primary Contact / Main Presenter**

Ken Westcar, TAO Secretary

- **Street Address**

[REDACTED]

- **Daytime Contact Number**

[REDACTED]

- **Email address**

[REDACTED]

- **Date you wish to present to Council**

4/24/2024

- **How would you like to attend the Council meeting?**

In-person

- **Use the space below to clearly outline the purpose for your presentation to council. Provide a brief outline of your subject matter including your suggested outcome**

To request a letter, signed by all Oxford County mayors, addressed to Mr. Mario Peloquin, CEO, VIA Rail Canada requesting that VIA train #76, from London stops at Woodstock station at approximately 4.30pm instead of operating non-stop from London to Brantford. This will partially fill the current 9- hour service gap for afternoon, Toronto-bound VIA trains from Woodstock.

Additionally, that Oxford County mayors work with the mayors of London and Brantford to request full reinstatement of VIA train #74 (suspended at the outset of the Covid pandemic) to further eliminate the VIA service schedule inadequacies through Ingersoll, Woodstock and other affected communities in southwestern Ontario.

This proactivity is recommended to ensure that the current federal and provincial rail and general transportation studies underway for southwestern Ontario meet the expectations and requirements of the County of Oxford to properly address current service inadequacies.

The outcome is to provide a more convenient passenger rail service for Oxford County residents and visitors reflecting population and economic growth, the urgent need for low-carbon transportation options and an alternative to increasingly unreliable Highway 401.

- **Will you be providing any electronic information (i.e. a presentation) beyond your summary above?**

Yes

- **Have you appeared before council to discuss the same topic in the past?**

No

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