

Future of Shortline Rail in the South Central Ontario Region

OXFORD COUNTY



Agenda

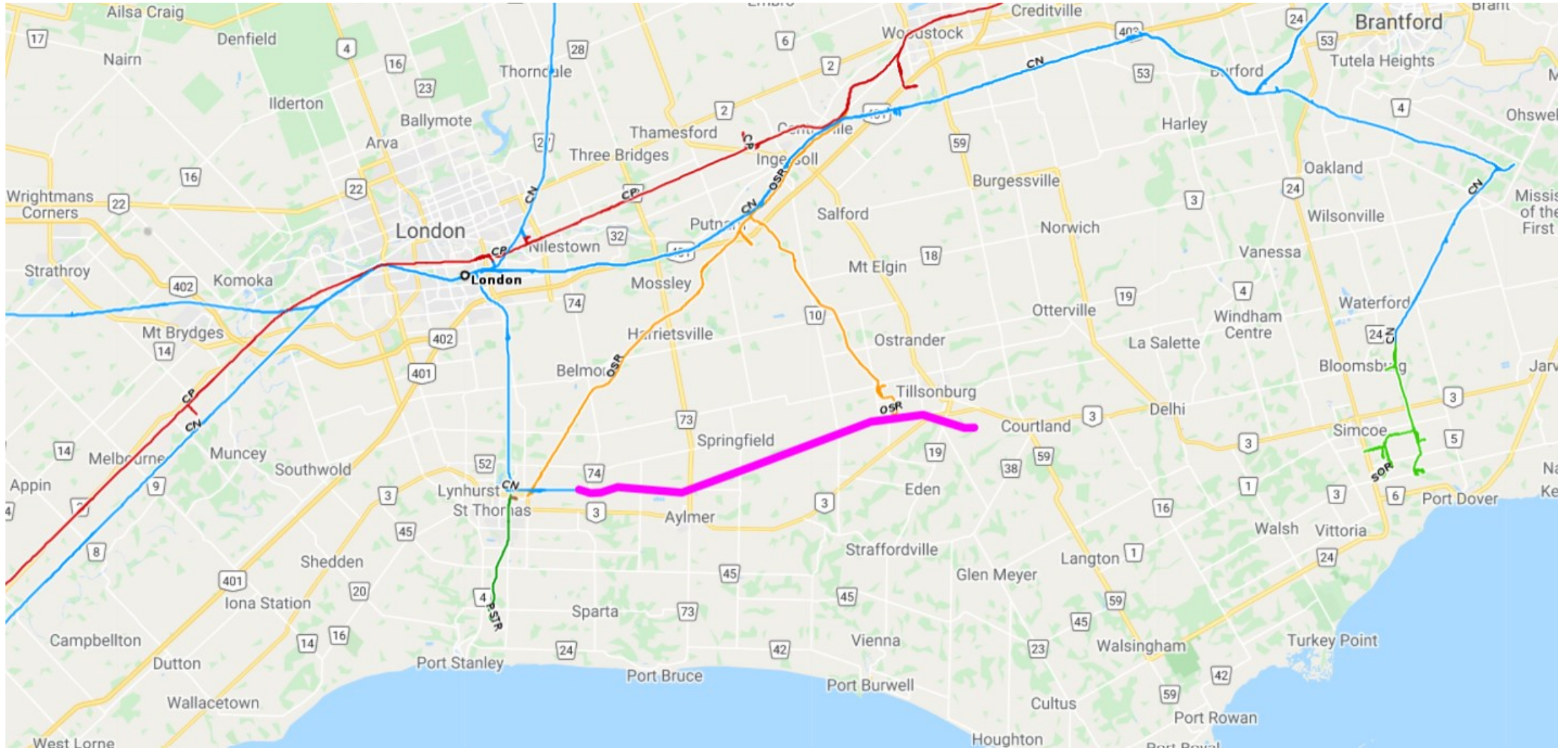
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Overview of Project

- January 2022: GIO Rail reinstated rail service from St. Thomas to Tillsonburg (Phase 1)
- Phase 2 will include expansion into Norfolk County if a significant business case can be made
- Timeline: Over the next three years, gradual infrastructure upgrades will take place, including bridge repairs, cross tie replacements, and crossing upgrades.

Overview of Project



Economic Development Case

Business Development Study:

- 7 businesses surveyed
 - Total employees (FTE): 402
 - Reported annual revenue loss if shortline service remains suspended: \$7,910,000
 - Reported annual logistics costs due to loss of shortline service: \$1,450,000

Current Business Plans:

- Working with 4 businesses currently located along track
- New Businesses (re-locating for access to rail)
- Estimated Volume: >3,950 cars/yr

Economic Development Case

Industrial Sites Along Project Site

Municipality	Total Acreage	Vacant Acreage	Total Number of Industrial Sites	Number of Vacant Industrial Sites
Norfolk County	193.31	68	11	1
Oxford County	609.71	458.8	18	8
Tillsonburg	609.71	458.8	18	8
Elgin County	665.14	387.69	22	12
Aylmer	155.31	87.05	11	6
Bayham	53.02	53.02	2	2
Central Elgin	247.62	247.62	4	4
Malahide	209.19	0	5	0

Updated December, 2020

Industrial Sites along the Cayuga Line - Oxford



Economic Development Case

Benefits:

- Long-term infrastructure investment
- Increased environmental sustainability of transportation
- Sustainable and affordable logistics for businesses and supply chains
 - Reduced car rate
- Key piece of Business Retention + Expansion and Business Attraction strategies

Project Funding/Support

- National Funding
 - National Trade Corridor Fund
- Provincial Funding
 - Discussion with relevant Ministers
 - Support to build business case analysis
- Municipal Funding
 - See next slide

Project Budget

Expenditures	
Eligible Expenses	
Tie Replacement	2,000,000
Bridge Inspection/Repairs	550,000
Crossings Upgrades and Resurfacing	4,560,000
Staff Salary	60,000
	\$7,170,000
Ineligible Expenses	\$1,110,000
Total Project Budget	8,280,000

Contributions	
NTCF	\$ 3,585,000
GIO Rail	\$ 4,175,000
Municipal/Business Partners	\$ 500,000
SCOR	\$ 20,000
Provincial	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$8,280,000

Ask from Oxford County

- Letter of Support
- Provide Financial Administration Support
- Financial Contribution
 - Crossing resurfacing (see next slides)
 - Possible additional funding

Rail Crossings – Oxford County

Road Crossing	Road Ownership
Clearview Dr.	Tillsonburg
ON-3	Provincial
Young St.	Tillsonburg
Vienna Rd. (Hwy 19)	Tillsonburg
Bell Mill Side Rd.	Tillsonburg

Rail Crossings – Oxford County

Clearview Dr.



Bell Mill Side Rd.



Vienna Rd. (Hwy 19)



Young St.



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Thank you!



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