



**City of Hamilton**  
**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM**

**Meeting #:** 18-003(j)  
**Date:** February 27, 2018  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

Stephanie Paparella, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 3993

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**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Thursday, February 22, 2018 - 8:20 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Don McLean

**Name of Organization:** Hamilton 350 Committee

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Respond to 2018 budget  
- at budget delegation day on February 27

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes

# 2018 Budget

Presentation of  
Don McLean

# Measuring up: HSR

## Council investment per capita



\*within the Transit Urban Boundary

- Unclear what is included in “council investment” (fare hikes, provincial gas tax, forced PTIF matching funds)
- What is forced by high-balled ridership?
- Curious that this only goes to 2016 – what about last year? Is that because there was none last year?
- At face value a 40% increase over 11 years equals 4.0% a year
- That would still put Hamilton at or near the bottom of municipalities compared last year

# Transit reality

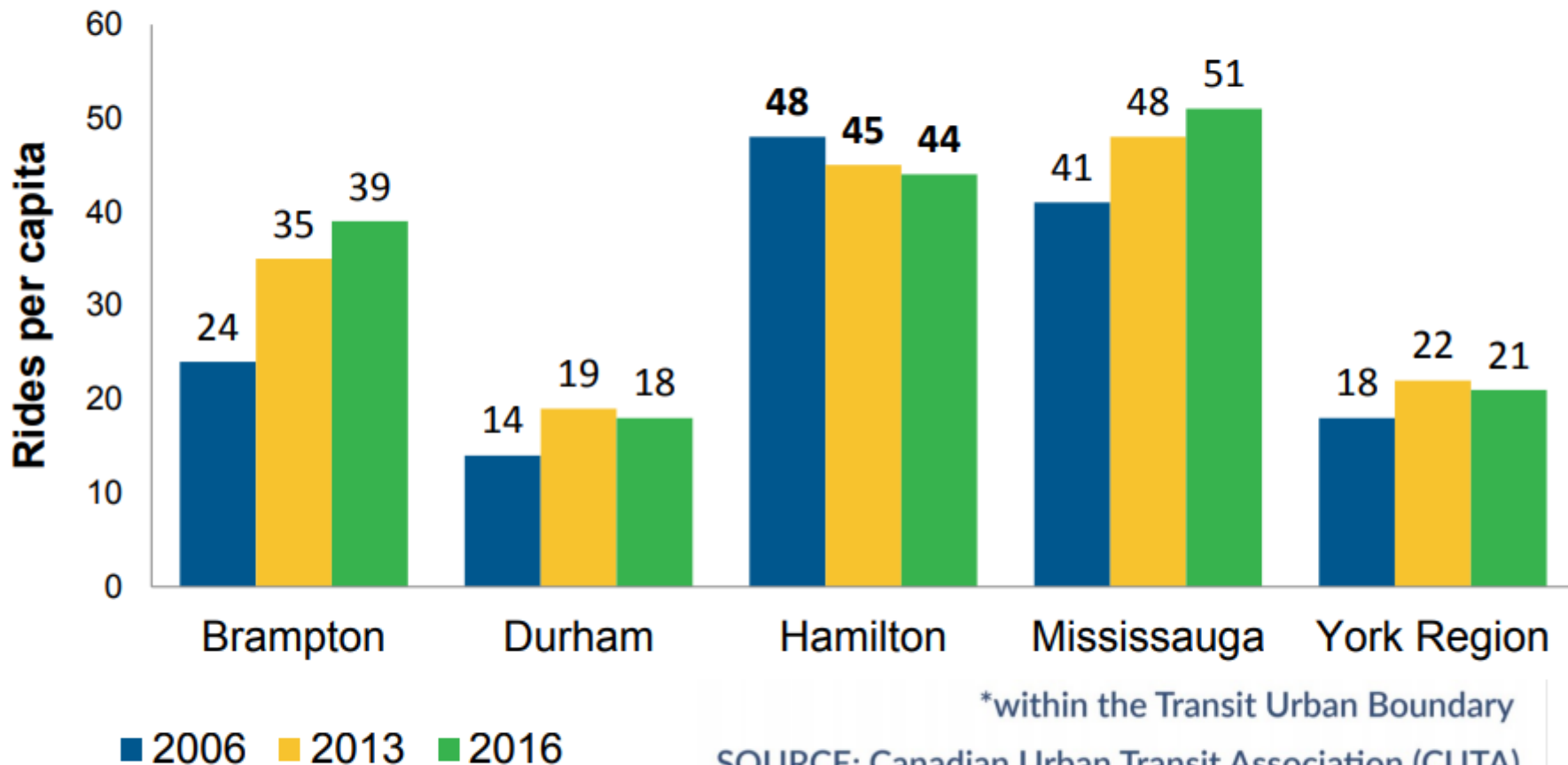
## Changes in Municipal Contribution Per Person 2006 to 2015

Municipality	2006 per capita	2015 per capita	Total Increase	Percent increase	Percent per year
Brampton	\$47.73	\$96.83	\$49.10	103%	10.3%
Mississauga	53.06	95.19	42.13	79.4%	7.9%
York Region	63.78	92.22	28.44	44.6%	4.5%
Hamilton	58.50	75.70	17.20	29.4%	2.9%
Windsor	48.02	67.36	19.34	40.3%	4.0%
Durham	39.15	64.86	25.71	65.6%	6.6%
London	44.63	60.01	15.38	34.5%	3.5%

Source: [HSR budget presentation 2016](#)

# Measuring up: GTHA agencies

## Rides per capita

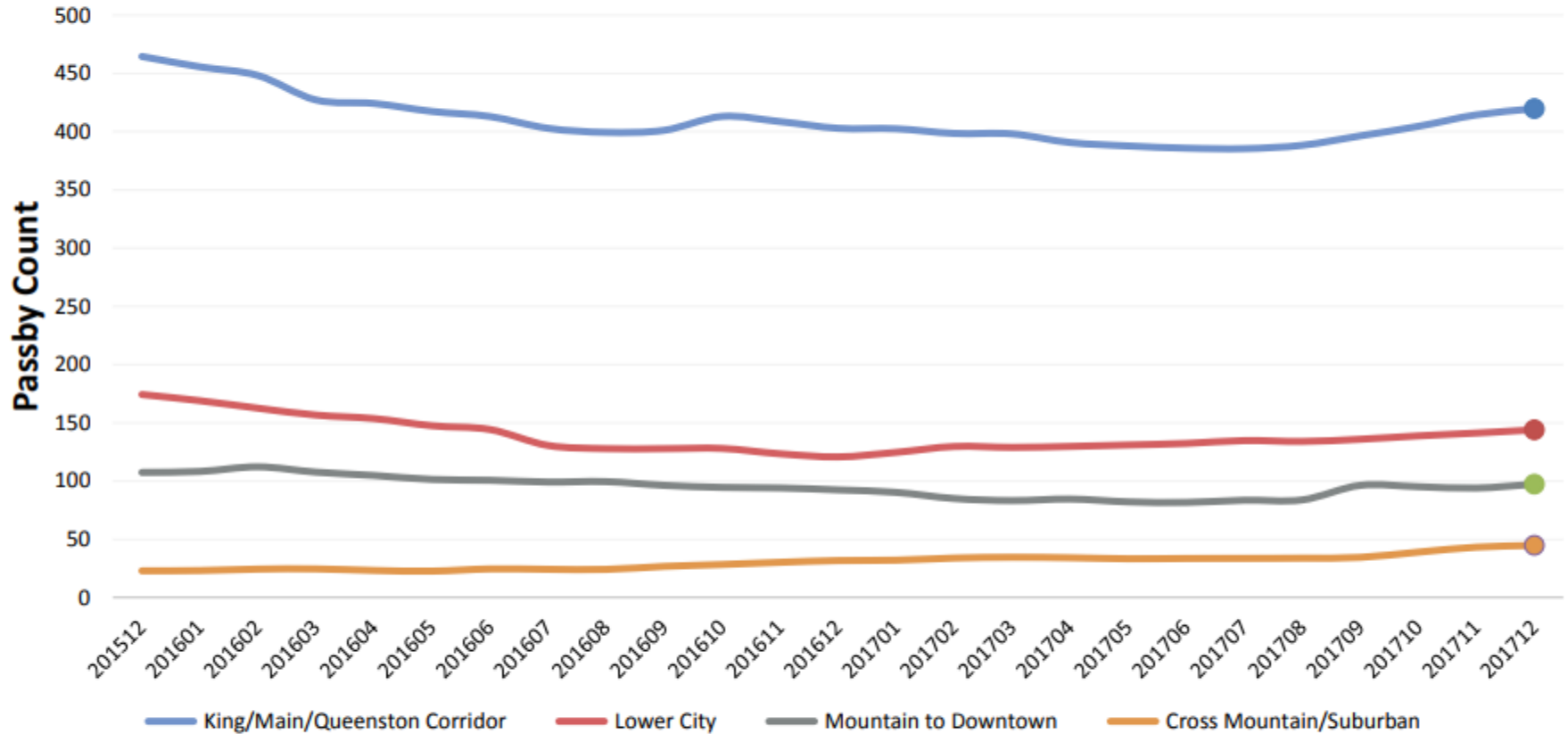


- We are told that ridership is flatlining or declining “everywhere”
- Doesn’t seem to be anywhere else according to this graph
- Certainly not declining in Brampton or Mississauga
- Up dramatically in both municipalities despite very rapid population growth
- Likely up in Durham and York given their substantial population growth



# Performance: Pass-bys

**PASSBY - FULL**  
12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE



# Transit reality

- Hamilton still ranks last in contributions per capita to transit
- The 2013-15 'bump' ironically was caused by council raising fares
- Transit ridership is increasing elsewhere
- Council has made almost no levy contributions to the HSR in 30 years

# Transit matters

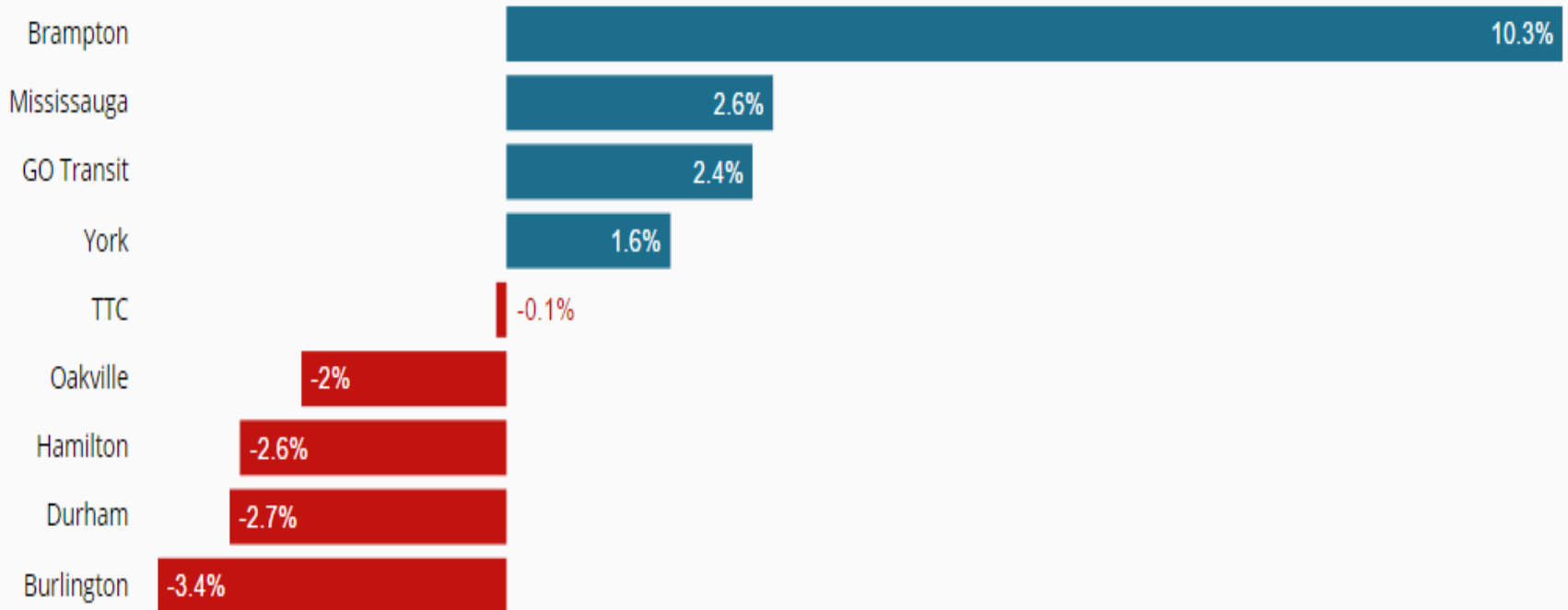
- More fare hikes means fewer riders
- Fare hikes main cause of ridership decline
- Comparator cities seeing higher ridership  
Failure to invest = poor performance
- Overloaded system = pass-bys
- HSR continues to have NO marketing
- Transportation main Ontario GHG source
- Transit main city opportunity on climate

# Numbers that still matter

- 2006 to 2015 (nationally)
  - Revenues up \$107.3 million – up 59%
  - Rides up 26.5 million – up 23%
- HSR ridership (Hamilton)
  - 2006 – 21,165,302
  - 2017 – 21,400,000 (from 2018 presentation)
  - Change: ridership up 1.1% in **twelve** years
  - Population up more than 6.4% (2006-2016)

## 2016 year-to-date ridership growth rates

For selected GTHA agencies



Toronto Star report – July 2016 TTC shortfall after raising fares by \$8.00 a month – the sixth year in a row of fare hikes.

*“Year-to-date to the end of November, ridership was 0.6% above the 2015 comparable period but 2.7% below budget. Interim ridership results for December are consistent with these year-to-date trends. As a result, the year-end ridership projection is approximately 538 million (15 million below budget) with a corresponding passenger revenue shortfall of about \$46 million.” – TTC Jan2017*

- The amount of capital funds available for rehabilitation is far below what is needed to keep the City's assets in a sustainable condition. The annual infrastructure deficit for the City is approximately \$195 M with a cumulative infrastructure deficit approaching \$3.5 billion.

Excerpt from page 6 of the capital budget report

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**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, February 23, 2018 - 11:15 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Christine Yachouh

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** To speak about the HSR budget

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

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**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, February 23, 2018 - 4:57 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Deanna Allain

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** 2018 HSR Budget

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No



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**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Friday, February 23, 2018 - 5:24 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Ryan Plestid

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** I would like to respond to the level of funding allocated to the HSR.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

4.12

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Sunday, February 25, 2018 - 12:30 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Marsha Duncan

**Name of Organization:** Citizen

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Speak to HSR budget at the 3pm GIC meeting on Tues, Feb 27, 2018. Thank you.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

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**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on on Monday, February 26, 2018 - 10:22 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Hans Jensen

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** budget – Roads, police and Transit

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

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**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Monday, February 26, 2018 - 10:47 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Ian Borsuk

**Name of Organization:** Environment Hamilton

**Contact Number:** 905-549-0900

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**Mailing Address:**

22 Wilson St, Suite 4, Hamilton ON  
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**Reason(s) for delegation request:** I wish to speak at the February 27th "Public Deputation Day" at 3pm to speak to the 2018 Budget

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No



**Environment  
Hamilton**

The purpose of the 10-Year Transit Strategy is to support the implementation of the Rapid Ready plan, as in getting ready for the LRT, or as the tagline for Rapid Ready reads...



...but are we expanding mobility choices?

# Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Sector Reductions

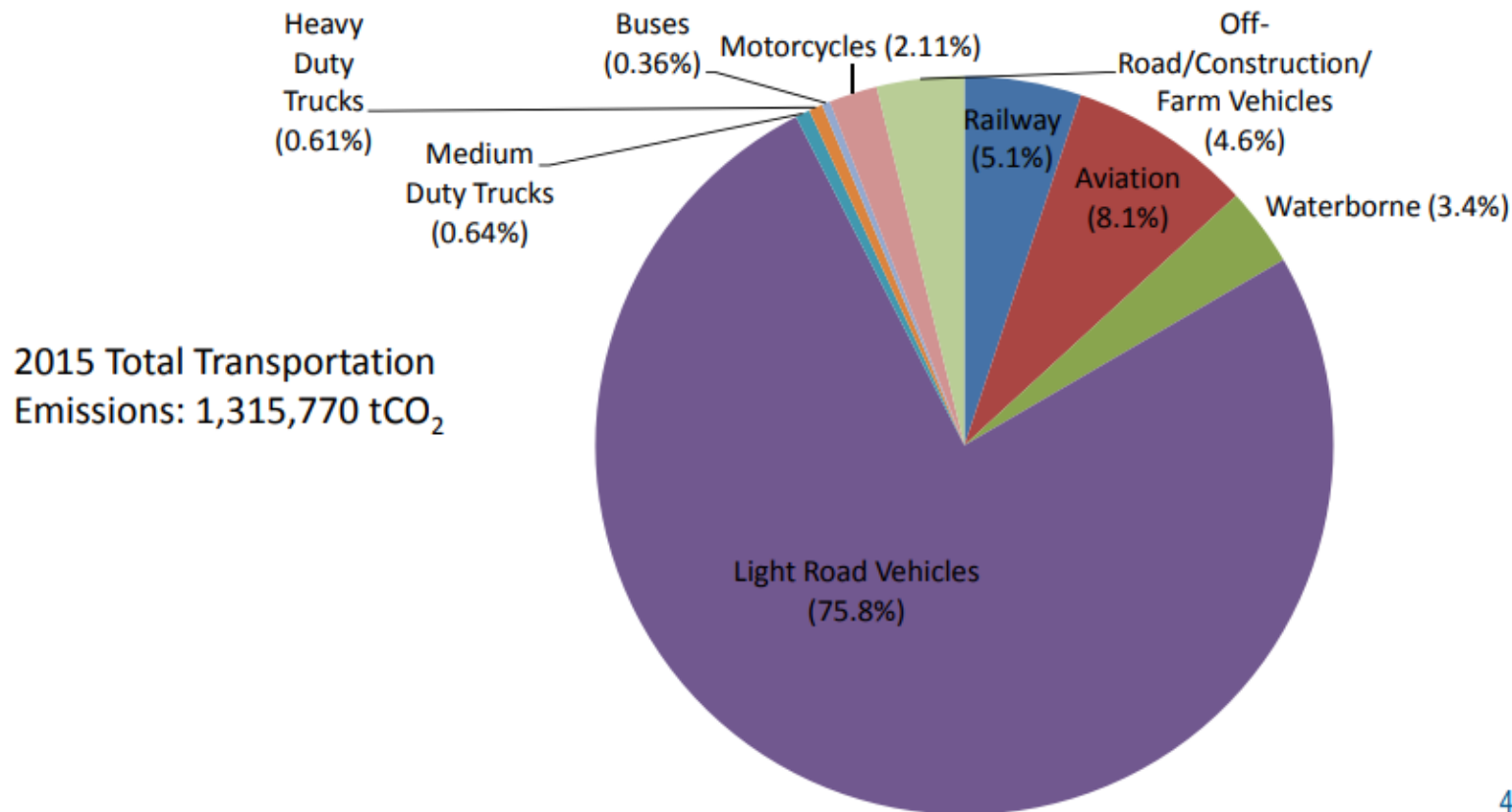
2020	2030	2050
20%	50%	80%

Community GHG Reduction Targets

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015
Solid Waste Reduction	92.8%	93.4%	93.0%	93.5%
Water Reduction	51.6%	36.2%	42.0%	45.3%
Steel Industry Reduction	26.9%	26.9%	27.5%	30.9%
Industrial Energy Reduction	29.9%	22.3%	13.5%	17.1%
Residential Energy Reduction	11.7%	11.0%	0.5%	11.7%
Commercial Energy Reduction	16.3%	8.4%	+3.2%	7.1%
Agriculture Reduction	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%
Transportation Reduction	+6.5%	+3.7%	+5.2%	+9.6%
Total Community GHG Reductions from 2006 Levels	26.4%	22.0%	16.6%	20.2%

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# Transportation Related GHG Emissions





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**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Monday, February 26, 2018 - 11:05 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Jennette Lukasik

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** I would like to speak at the February 27th Public Delegation session for the 2018 municipal budget.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

4.16

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Monday, February 26, 2018 - 11:05 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Tracy Smoke

**Name of Organization:** Victoria Gardens Long Term Care

**Contact Number:** 9055279111

**Email Address:** [tracy@victoriagardens.ca](mailto:tracy@victoriagardens.ca)

**Mailing Address:**

176 Victoria Ave North,  
Hamilton, ON  
L8L 5G1

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Wish the option to speak regarding the proposed elimination of ARBOC buses and replacement of ProMaster buses as it affects group trips by residents of long-term care / retirement homes.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes



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February 27, 2018

Dear committee members,

I have asked to attend this meeting today because I feel it is important to advocate for the residents at Victoria Gardens Long Term Care, as well as other Hamilton area nursing home residents. The group of us here are Recreation Program Managers at Long Term Care homes in Hamilton and are advocating for Residents that live there. We represent residents who rely on DARTS for transportation when going on group outings. There are over 3800 residents living in long term care in the Hamilton Region. On average, Homes arrange for 3 community outings per month, with more during the summer months.

We are requesting that the City maintain some of the ARBOC (larger buses) in their fleet to accommodate large group trips. We are also requesting that the ARBOC buses be given priority availability for booking group trips. We feel that this is an important issue, and ask that you accommodate our request.

The new ProMaster buses which hold a maximum of 2 residents are disappointing and do not meet the needs of our residents who wish to maintain community ties, and rely on DARTS to do so. The average percent of passengers living in long term care homes, and using a wheelchair or walker (which requires a w/c position as well as a seat on the bus), is over 80%.

Not only are the ProMaster buses lacking in wheelchair capacity, but the seats that are available for ambulatory and walker residents are difficult to maneuver. The seats are narrow and passengers must climb up a step to get into the seat. This interior "step" make it difficult for residents who have impaired judgement, impaired balance, or poor

gait to manage; putting them at risk for a fall on the bus. The ProMaster-5 buses (with 3 flip up seats along the side), also have very limited foot room when a wheelchair is in the position behind the driver. In addition, some of these wheelchair passengers are using an electric wheelchair which then further reduces the amount of foot space for the seated ambulatory passengers. The above factors mentioned above, make the ProMaster bus difficult for the ambulatory and walker residents to access their seat.

Again, we are requesting that you retain some of the ARBOC buses in the fleet which can accommodate more than 2 wheelchairs, and that do not require passengers to step up into their seat. We are also requesting that the ARBOC buses be given priority availability for booking group trips.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Tracy Smoke

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