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Hi Brenda

Jim Szabo here hope all is well.

Yes, I see that you are a busy lady and all over the map putting out fires.

Not sure if you are in any arms length of the LRT plans and input.

If you are not than please forward on my Input and suggestions and please attach my input and email.

Thanks for that.

As you may recall I am a Mechanical Engineer and Millwright. I have served as both and including manager at my former job.

I have worked for many multinational corporations worth many trillions of dollars.

These companies exist and are, what they are since they don't spend billions out front to see how things work.

They spend little in the inset as trials to see how things may evolve, once the concept has proven itself then, "and only then", do they only spend as much as they fell will net them a profit coming back before they spend more for further development for further production to net more profit.

Going back to LRT, if the city, its counselors and people think the LRT is something they would like to venture into than fine, but rather than huge the expenses of built in a billion dollar rail why not use trolley busses as they did in the 70's and 80's (as a teenager I rode many and they seemed to work GREAT as I recall). A trolley system would be a lot cheaper than a rail system. Were it still could be used in the middle of the road with simple lines painting to keep drivers out or further to put up something like, as is the bike path on Cannon street.

When one looks at Toronto, I am not sure how much they spend on rail systems, but I do know that roads are closed for almost a year when they reline and rebuild the rail systems in the roads that have been broken down due to winter and summer climates along with regular use. Even Toronto of around 6 million people I am not sure if that merits the rail system expense every way, but who am I to say?

Were as in some places like Tokyo 37 million and upward of over 21 billion in Beijing, one could see that with such mass of people, that movement would be only the way to go.

If my suggestion were to become a thing of a start, the city could evolve to further steps, if not it would not be a billion dollar expense lost or spent.

Thanks for your listening and kind ears as always

Jim Szabo