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Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Councillors.

I am writing to ask you to please reconsider the GIC decision to not add an additional LRT stop on King St at Bay St.

At the very least, please table this motion so it can be discussed at length at the newly created GIC/LRT meetings.

- This stop has the strong support of the local business community, and would add less than one minute to the route travel time.
- it would stimulate the local economy by attracting new investment and new development to the adjacent under developed parking lots: witness what is happening in Waterloo.

With all due respect, I see no valid reasons for opposing this additional stop. Yes there is an additional cost. Many people smarter than me are of the opinion that these costs will be recouped many times over, in property tax assessments. I've heard a Councillor say that our current tax revenue in this area is around \$100,000.00 with the potential to be in the \$\$ Millions!

Other than McMaster, I firmly believe that this will be one of; if not the most active stop on the route.

This stop is of no special interest to me, but I firmly believe that not including a stop here would be a huge missed opportunity.

In conclusion, I am very concerned that we may be putting this project at risk. I'm pretty sure that we would be required to repay some of the tens of millions spent to date. In addition, where would the money be coming from to replace all of the infrastructure under the King Street route that the LRT project would be funding?

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen,

Bob Berberick