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via email

Councilor Doug Conley, Ward 9
 Councilor Maria Pearson, Ward 10
 Councilor Brenda Johnson, Ward 11
 City of Hamilton
 Hamilton City Hall, Second floor
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Dear Councilors,

As a sitting advisory member of the LRT sub-committee, I am surprised and dismayed that the councilors representing Stoney Creek have voted against the sub-committee's unanimous recommendation to add a Bay Street stop to the B-Line project.

I ask that you reconsider your position and vote in favour of adding a Bay Street stop at the next available GIC or full council opportunity, for the following reasons:

1. Destination Location
 Bay Street is the destination stop for major events, all year long, at these venues: FirstOntario Centre, Hamilton Place, Convention Centre, Art Gallery of Hamilton
2. Tourist Location
 Bay Street would be the on/off stop to service business and pleasure tourists staying at the major hotels in the downtown core, specifically the Sheraton and Homewood Suites.
3. Business Location
 Bay Street would be the on/off stop to service the following major businesses and employers:
 - Hamilton City Hall
 - Government of Ontario offices
 - Government of Canada offices
 - Standard Life Building (120 King Street West) and Jackson Square Shopping Centre
 - McMaster University, David Braley Health Sciences Centre

An LRT line without a Bay Street stop would seem to be going against the original mandate of the project; to enhance business development and to encourage transit use.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I am available for follow up discussions at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Arnie Strub, Executive Director

cc: Mayor Fred Eisenberger, Councilor Jason Farr, Keanin Loomis (HCC), Arend Kersten (FCC)

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