

# Sustainable Hamilton Burlington

Presentation to General Issues Committee

Re: Supporting LRT in Hamilton

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## Our Vision:

We envision sustainable prosperity for Hamilton and Burlington: world-class cities with exceptional quality of life where people thrive in a healthy natural environment and a vibrant, resilient economy.

## Our Mission:

We help our businesses, institutions, and organizations to thrive by becoming more environmentally and socially sustainable. Sustainable businesses help create sustainable communities.



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# #1: High (and Growing) Cost of Congestion

- ***Cost of GTHA Congestion:***
  - Business-related costs **\$2.7 billion/year**
  - Social/health/economic costs: **\$3.3 billion/year**
  - Total** **\$6 billion/year\***
  - It will get worse: Hamilton to grow by 110,000 to 660,000 by 2031
  - Expanded, more convenient, reliable transit increases ridership and reduces congestion
- Pay now to avoid much higher costs later!***

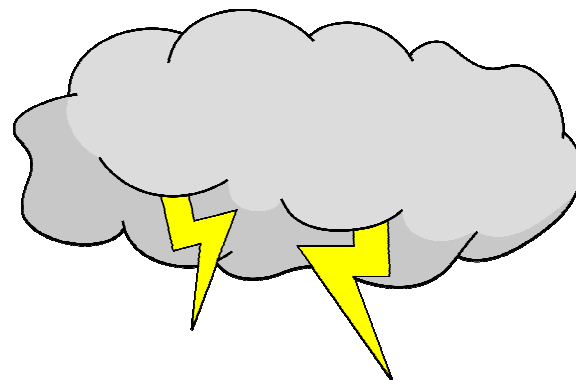
## #2: Growth Depends on Enhancing Regional Interconnectivity

- Toronto - Bay Area – Kitchener/Waterloo  
Innovation Triangle key to future prosperity
  - Connecting with regional transportation networks
  - Attractiveness to young professionals, entrepreneurs, innovators



## #3: Transformative, long-term thinking needed

- We're facing a perfect storm...
  - Climate Change
  - Rapid population growth
  - Congestion



...small changes and short-term thinking are not enough. Bringing LRT to Hamilton can be the transformative change agent that this city needs.