

# Is the LRT the right choice for Hamilton?

I am prepared to speak to each of the topics below. However, in the five minutes that I have been allotted I will focus on 2 and 8.

1. Hamilton's demographics and future population growth.
2. How the LRT route and design was altered to maintain a desired benefits-cost ratio to sanction its continuance. Questionable data assumptions used to calculate the benefit-cost ratio for full BRT (Option 1) vs full LRT (Option 2) and phased in LRT (Option 3).
3. Successful Transportation Plans. Transportation Values and Goals. The Hamilton LRT design.
4. The negative impact the LRT design and implementation will have on businesses, residents, pedestrians, bike riders, transit users and vehicles.
5. LRT safety concerns, noise and visual pollution.
6. History of the LRT in North America. Are other North American LRT systems cost effective and where does Hamilton fit in? Is an LRT cheaper to operate than a BRT?
7. What is a DBFOM contract, a P3 partnerships and an AFP delivery model? Do city councillors have a clear understanding of the contractual obligations and the future financial commitments that will exist between the City of Hamilton, Metrolinx and the Province (upon approval of the LRT)?
8. What are the LRT costs for the Region of Waterloo and what impact has this had on property taxes?
9. Hamilton's property tax base, affordability of the LRT and a projected overall cost for Hamilton's taxpayers.
10. Metrolinx and the Provincial Government.
11. The importance of park and ride facilities for increasing public transit ridership and design considerations for an affordable BRT system for Hamilton.
12. New modern, safe, accessible, comfortable, affordable, efficient, flexible, green energy transportation options that you may not know exist.

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