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Dear Councillors,

Please approve the Environmental Project Report (EPR) Amendment on March 28. So far the project is on time. Please keep it that way, to ensure that a final contract to build the line has been signed before the 2018 provincial election: $1-billion is at stake.

I am a transit user in the lower city and use a Presto card (so convenient). We need light rail transit on this route. If you don't ride the buses (a few of you do) and have never ridden light rail, you don't appreciate what an incredible difference it makes. All development is disruptive, but this will be worth it. Your job requires planning for the future and persuading your constituents of its necessity. The city has been admirably active in consulting businesses along the route. Please do not waste all the time and effort that have already gone into this project by hemming and hawing and throwing it off schedule.

I'd attend the meeting March 28, but I'm in Oregon, where there is the impressive example of MAX light rail in Portland.

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