INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	February 15, 2017
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update (PED17048) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Council Direction:
Not applicable.

Information:
On February 2, 2017 the Minister of Transportation made an announcement regarding the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) project. The announcement de-scoped the 2 km LRT "spur" along James Street North from the overall LRT project. Instead, the Province of Ontario announced they are willing to work with the City of Hamilton to plan, design and implement a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route from the Hamilton International Airport to the Waterfront.

Since the announcement, the Director of LRT Project Coordination has had conversations with the BRT planning office at Metrolinx to gain more information about next steps.

The presentation, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED17048, provides some background information regarding past A-Line BRT planning by the City and an overview of next steps regarding this project. It is important to note that the BRT project would be separate from the LRT project, although it is possible that both projects could be delivered by the same end date (2024).

The information provided in this presentation is a high-level overview meant to generate questions that can be answered in more detail at a future General Issues Committee meeting.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED
Appendix "A" – Update on Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

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