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The Mayor and City Councillors;

I would like to address LRT concerns .

1) The Bay/King stop is been lobby by Chambers of Hamilton for developers, corporations and the business community for improves of LRT B- Line for the down town core..Who is lobby for Ridership concerns ?

For financial benefits of LRT you have to encourage transit riders to get them to their Destination in a reasonable time for their benefits.

The prefer stop for transit user is McNab Terminal which is transfer point of 11 HSR buses from Upper Mountain alone and other bus route. 1/2to 1 block from major destinations.

2) The \$1.2 B was for LRT (B-Line)and not for BRT (A-Line) as per the Liberals and Mertolix. BLT is a Bus Rapid Transit.

Cancellation of LRT A-Line spur the money allotted of \$150m / \$250m ? should go to LRT B-Line for completion from Queenston Circle to Eastgate Square .Eastgate Square to McMaster as per orginal Rapid Transit plan..

HSR has BRT A-Line that services the Airport to the Waterfront(McNab Terminal) with in 23 to 28 minutes in my opinion good time. Maybe put more buses on the routes. Until Mertolix completes their report 2- 3 years ?

3) 55 Queenston Road (City Motor Hotel site) was approved in Sept.2014 report PED141186 for new development by Planning and Council to be catalyst of Ward 4 (TOM+ NCNALLY Report) worth of potential of \$30M of revenue

of (taxes). What is the revenue (taxes) collected on a Transit Terminal ?

4) The LRT was to grow new development and economic benefits along LRT route. Queenston Circle one of largest parcel of land for development on LRT route from Wards 5 to 1. What a waste to put a Transit Terminal.

When we have Eastgate Square Terminal connecting 6 bus routes LRT B-Line today and new GO STATION for completion 2019.

City Council lets pause for a moment and get this right Especially with recent changes by Ontario Liberals and Mertolinx (BRT A-Line ?)

Who's lobby the Federal Liberals MP for Hamilton's transit infrastructure MONEY ?

Respectfully John Mc Greal (Senior Taxpayer)