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Subject: Reconsider Bay Street LRT station

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Hamilton Councillors,

The benefits of this additional station in the heart of downtown close to City Hall, McMaster Health Centre, First Ontario Centre, Hamilton Place, Art Gallery, convention centre, etc, go far beyond simply walking distance to a station. Adding key stations that will attract more riders is key. The property tax uplift expected in this area could be 3-4 times the cost to build the station every year.

I believe that the eastern terminus should never have been changed from Eastgate Square, but that is a different battle.

You were elected to Hamilton City Council to direct the growth and prosperity of the city as a whole, not just for your own ward. This is the first segment of a city wide transit system. Do the right thing and make sure this project is a success so the province will want to invest further.

John Morris