

March 21, 2017

To: His Worship Mayor Fred Eisenberger, City of Hamilton,
And Members of Hamilton City Council
Hamilton, Ontario

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Hamilton City Council,

As anchor institutions in Hamilton, we believe in the transformative potential of a robust transit system, including both traditional and rapid transit, for the health and prosperity of our city. We support the full implementation of Hamilton's BLAST network that will enable our students, our patients, our employees, and our citizens to benefit from improved mobility within our city and a wider variety of transit options.

To this end, we urge the City of Hamilton to continue with the implementation of the BLAST transit network. We gratefully acknowledge and value our provincial government's leadership in funding for the Light Rail Transit B-line and Bus Rapid Transit A-line as key components of the BLAST network. We fully support the staged completion of the BLAST network and the collaboration of all levels of government to complete this project together.

Sincerely,



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