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Subject: Move forward with LRT

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Dear elected officials,

Please stop spinning your wheels trying to delay/cancel the LRT. Enough of this! Rapid transit is how people travel these days. Yes, we need buses too, but not at the expense of LRT. For those of you who think the world in 20 years will the same as it is now, get your head out of the past.

Housing needs are changing, transportation needs are changing, people are changing.

I grew up in Toronto a block from a streetcar line. It was fast, quiet, non-polluting and a great way to get around the city.

I look forward to the day we can bring back an electric transportation system to Hamilton. All rapid transit brings with it development: homes, apartments, condos. Business follows. All this is good for Hamilton, the entire city of Hamilton, not just the lower city.

Every city worth living in has a thriving downtown that is serviced by convenient transit. If you are in a rural area, your constituents may ask "When will I use this?" My answer is: If you want your children and grandchildren to stay in this community, build the LRT.

Sincerely, Rita Bailey Ward 1