

Pilon, Janet

Subject: LRT Hamilton

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Rosemary Horsewood

To: "kwynne.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org" <kwynne.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>; Hamilton LRT Office <lrt@hamilton.ca>; Robert Pasuta(HC) <rpasuta@hamilton.ca>; fred E(HC) <mayorfred@hamilton.ca>

Cc: "john@bayobserver.ca" <john@bayobserver.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 10:25 PM

Subject: LRT Hamilton

I would like to thank the city of Hamilton and metrolinx for putting on the LRT public information sessions, but please listen to people and be prepared to change and look at new options, once things are out to tender then it is too late. This planning stage is keeping quite a few people employed and the LRT projected as even more, but new road surfacing, improving our water and sewer system, and an innovative bus system would provide employment and put Hamilton in a far better situation to encourage new development than 11kms of LRT in Hamilton. Hamilton with poor road surfaces and an aging infrastructure system is not going to attract new development. I am sure that this LRT is not going to help Hamilton's transit system in general. There will be an increase in systems like DARTS as less elderly will be able to use the LRT and regular buses to hospitals etc will take so long. Hamilton planners look hard at your population numbers and the age group that it is made up of. LRT may attract a few younger people but you will be left with your elderly and poorer population to transport around the city in some form or another. I did send the comments below to the Metrolinx website directly as I could not find an email address to include them in this email

I am deeply concerned about Metrolinx, acting on behalf of the Liberal Government, committing \$1 billion dollars of tax payers money into 11kms LRT system in Hamilton Ontario. With all the changes in transportation that are happening the proposed LRT will be a semi obsolete system by the time it is built in 2024. It is 11kms going from the University to nowhere or the other way around. Hamilton with a population of 580,000 projected to 780,000 in 2041, that has been designed as a large urban sprawl needs a modernized, integrated bus system, with designated bus lanes. Info at each bus stop on the next bus coming, any delays etc. Small pick up buses to run into a well thought out corridor systems that run well. The "B Line" is an excellent example that runs as efficiently on a longer route in the same time, as the proposed LRT system. It would be even better with modern efficient buses and designated bus lanes. We need this system along the other identified BLAST corridors. This would help the environment by reducing cars on the road. Use your money to experiment in a new type of bus system using new technology that people want and people could use. Ask residents go where they want to go in Hamilton. Ask people where they go to, run buses to job sites from where people live and to hospitals. I find communication with Metrolinx very poor no phone number, no e mail address, where is the transparency.

Thank you for listening but I only hope that you spend my and all my fellow citizens "tax" dollars wisely. Rosemary Horsewood