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From: Eudora Benjamin
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To: Skelly, Donna
Cc: Office of the Mayor
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Dear Councilor Skelly,

This email is regarding the LRT.

The more I hear about this, read articles and foresee the bedlam that this project will cause in Hamilton, the more I am convinced that we do not need LRT.

Even after investing 1 billion dollars, how will this be maintained? Tax payers, right. I think about living here in Hamilton. Our family have been here for almost 27 years. Ontario has got me thinking how much 'more' do we give in taxes or utilities or to live. What does the future hold for us and many other families who will be saddled with this burden for decades to come? Why can't Hamilton make a pitch to the province to use those funds one year at a time for the upkeep of the city? Before even talking about the LRT, Councilors and city staff should go around having a look at the roads in Hamilton. There is much to be desired! Leaving so many issues unattended and focusing on the LRT makes no sense. I know Hamiltonians will carry the burden of the LRT plus the usual budget to keep our city up and running.

Take other examples around Ontario where the LRT was or is a nightmare. My request is that the LRT be scrapped. We don't need it. We have a good transportation service received through HSR. What we need is more HSR buses, top notch fast connections and go for it! HSR service is good, make it even better. Please put it to further use. Increase routes, connections and the problem will be solved. Even if all problems via HSR are not solved, it pales in comparison to what is in store for us via LRT. There is way too much money at stake here for Hamiltonians. Pressure groups are thrilled that they will get piece of the pie (of the dollars). They will long be gone; we will be stuck with carrying this expense for decades to come. After hearing several complaints, Councilors should not vote in favour of the LRT.

Thank you for your time. Thank you for the way you serve the people of Hamilton.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Eudora Benjamin