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I just watched the video on the Spectators web site of you interrupting Councillor Terry Whiteheads organized event at City Hall. You owe Councillor Whitehead a written and public apology for your rude and ignorant interruption. If you want to promote LRT, organise your own press conference.

You and the others who support LRT owe it to yourself and the citizens of Hamilton to re-examine the viability of this backward technology. You are blinded by the \$1 billion offer from the province, and failing to look at the reality that LRT type systems are not a viable solution for Hamilton. The majority of Hamiltonians will NEVER use this "Track to Nowhere." If I, as a resident of Dundas needs to go to say the General Hospital, do you honestly think that in the middle of January, I am going to take a bus from Dundas to McMaster, get on the LRT, get off at Wellington, and wait for another bus to the General? This applies to Mountain residents, Ancaster residents, Stoney Creek Residents, etc., etc. LRT will only serve a very small percentage of the population, primarily in your Ward!!!

Please do yourself a favour and open the following link. The LRT in Edinburgh is a fiasco, and I predict Hamilton's experience will be identical.

Over budget and VASTLY underused / another train to nowhere !

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-38460769>

By 2020, self driving, electric powered cars and busses will be a reality. China is already investing in this technology. Hamilton should do the same. Ripping up a major traffic artery to install 1850's technology is the epitome of insanity!!

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