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**Subject:** Hamilton LRT James St North

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**Subject:** Re: Hamilton LRT James St North

Just a brief clarification of my last statement below:

"Lets get it right with the LRT and include a direct connection to the GO regional transit system - in addition to **(the LRT connecting with) the rest of the HSR.**"

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I am writing this brief email in response to reports in the Spec that the LRT line to James St (West Harbour GO Station) may be cancelled leaving only the main east-west line.

Having a connection to GO transit at James North will increase ridership & revenue as passengers will have a direct, convenient connection between GO transit regional services and the LRT.

The importance of this cannot be understated.

One of the main reasons reasons for Portland's LRT success is that it provides a convenient & direct connection to Amtrak Cascades regional, as well as intercity trains at Portland union station:

<https://www.wired.com/2008/01/max-a-success-i/>

It has already been proven that having a well connected, intermodal transit network generates greater revenues & ridership than a smaller, disconnected, corridor.

Transit advocacy groups like the National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP) in the U.S have long recognized this, as embodied in their slogan "A Connected America" and their numerous posts, reports, and white papers which can be found at:

<https://www.narprail.org/our-issues/reports-and-white-papers/>

and elsewhere on their website.

For more benefits of rail transit systems including LRT, actor & transit advocate Dan Aykroyd helps to explain in NARP's brief & informative video on youtube and their web at:

<https://www.narprail.org/news/blog/narps-new-video-features-one-of-americas-most-famous-rail-passengers/>

Lets get it right with the LRT and include a direct connection to the GO regional transit system - in addition to the rest of the HSR.

Regards,

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