

Dear Mayor and City Councillors,

We are pleased to be able to share with you the list of signatories to our Fix the HSR petition! To date, a total of 920 Hamiltonians have signed on and we are continuing to encourage more people to do so. The text of the petition reads as follows:

The HSR is broken and it's time to fix it. We're calling on Hamilton City Council to take our city's transit needs seriously by committing to substantially increase funding for the HSR.

There are a number of actions Council can take in the short term to increase funding, such as spending more of our federal gas tax dollars on transit, like other cities do. Hamilton can also raise taxes to deliver the transit we need and deserve. The scheduled fare increases are not going to fix the HSR while tax dollars for transit remain stagnant.

Public transit is a public good, and enhancing service will bring benefits to residents across Hamilton.

This petition received the endorsement of Cycle Hamilton, Hamilton 4 Transit, and the Hamilton 350 Committee - and received the individual support of Eric Tuck (ATU 107) and Sara Mayo (Hamilton Social Planning Research Council). The SPRC provided data and analysis to better understand ridership trends and the changing demographics of HSR riders.

As evident from this petition, and the delegations you received on February 23rd, Hamiltonians are passionate about increasing HSR service, and they recognize this requires increasing the funding the HSR receives. This petition received support from Hamiltonians right across the city.

We urge you to follow through on your commitments to fund the HSR as set out in the council approved 10-year transit plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss any of this information further.

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