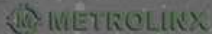


B-Line LRT: The High Costs of Doing Nothing

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The Hard Costs of Doing Nothing

- + \$1 billion dollars in committed provincial funding will go to another Ontario community
- + 10 years and \$30 million spent on planning will go down the drain
- + \$40 million that has been committed to future engineering and design work will be litigated over
- + \$300-\$400 million in roads, sidewalks, water and sewer pipes, bridges
- + \$450 million in direct economic impact due to the funding itself (3,500 LRT construction jobs);
- + Hundreds of millions, if not billions, in intensifying development and economic uplift, and the tax revenue that those increases generate in perpetuity

— At least \$2 billion

Who Would You Have to Ignore?

- Transit and planning experts
 - Your own CEO, CAO and Executive
 - City of Hamilton Strategic Plan, Mission and Vision
 - Labour, business, environmental, transit users and anti-poverty groups
 - Downtown companies, destinations and neighbourhood groups
 - Developers, RAHB, HHHBA and HBSA
 - Our institutions of higher learning
 - Our two school boards
 - Our two hospital systems
 - (In other words, all the top employers and leaders in Hamilton)
 - Young people and students groups
 - Seniors groups
 - Councillor Green & Councillor Ferguson
 - Ontario Cabinet, bureaucracy and opposition parties
 - Federal Government
 - Kitchener-Waterloo
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The Other Costs of Doing Nothing

- + The damage inflicted on key city partners and stakeholders
- + A city strategic plan and mission statement that aren't worth the paper they're printed on
- + Further damage to our reputation
- + The damage to our relationships with higher levels of government
- + Years of progress in reshaping our image and regaining our confidence
- + The enthusiasm of the thousands of people that have recently been attracted to Hamilton: The Ambitious City.

= Immeasurable
