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Subject: FW: LRT Feedback

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Good evening,

'Four years ago, city council voted to ask the province for the full capital cost of building LRT.

In 2015, Premier Kathleen Wynne followed through with a \$1 billion announcement. But since then, council support has only softened.'

Council as a whole is wasting the Province's time, the contractor's time(those performing the pre construction work) and our(the residents) time. You voted to ask for full capital funding. You got it. Now do something positive with it! If I offered someone 1 billion dollars, 1 million dollars, heck, \$100 after they asked for it, and they then turned around and declined it after leaving me guessing for months, they wouldn't see a penny of that money ever again.

Listen to your staff! They are professionals who have done a lot of research into this project and have come to you with a recommendation to implement LRT. For those counsellors opposed to the project and are too worried about your own political agenda, shame on you. I can't afford a property tax increase when we have to send back all that money spent by Metrolinx for the work done to date, and neither can a lot of other poor underpaid, out of work Hamiltonians.

And for those counsellors(and Mayor Eisenberger) who support the project and actually want a safe, pedestrian friendly city that brings in development, investment and JOBS, and actually considers the future of the City, THANK YOU for your perseverance and dedication.

If you turn this money down, you damn well had better increase funding for the HSR without increasing fares, and extend service hours and routes. And bring back the dedicated bus lane through downtown. The problem wasn't with the bus lane. The problem was that people can't drive and don't plan ahead.

In case you have not noticed, I am extremely frustrated.

Kind regards,

Erin Shacklette