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His Worship Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

RE: Response to May 3, 2017 Letter

Thank you for your letter dated May 3, 2017, regarding Hamilton City Council's motion on April 26, 2017 respecting the Hamilton LRT Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum. I would like to thank you and your Council colleagues for your recent decision to approve moving forward with the submission of the EPR Addendum, which represents a major milestone in the implementation of the Hamilton LRT project.

Based on the recent decision by Hamilton City Council and consistent with the commitment made by Minister Del Duca in his letter of April 26, 2017, Metrolinx is working closely with the City of Hamilton to add the three kilometre Eastgate extension to the Hamilton LRT project scope and procurement. We are also committed to working with the City to explore ways to reduce costs to accommodate the extension within the original \$1B project budget.

The Hamilton LRT project – one of the largest infrastructure investments in the City's history – will help grow the economy, manage congestion, reduce travel times and connect people to jobs. Investments like these will help lay the foundation for an integrated regional transit network, which will provide additional mobility options and make travel easier and more seamless for people throughout the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the City of Hamilton to build transit that is in the best interest of the people of Hamilton and the broader region.

Sincerely,

John Jensen
President and Chief Executive Officer

- c. The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation
Stephen Rhodes, Deputy Minister of Transportation
Chris Murray, City Manager, City of Hamilton
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