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Subject: Keep the LRT project moving forward: vote to send the revised EPA to the Province

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Hamilton,

On Saturday 500 Hamiltonians turned out in the pouring rain on Easter weekend to rally for LRT.

Unlike most demonstrations, this was a rally to SUPPORT Council's decision, pursued over ten years, to build the B-line LRT with full provincial funding.

We heard speeches from the Labour Council, the Chamber of Commerce, Environmental Groups, groups representing the Disabled and Poverty Action groups and many others.

The youngest speaker was 14-year old boy, the oldest a woman in her eighties. Hamilton has never seen such widespread stakeholder support!

The speakers listed the direct and indirect benefits you know all about: environmentally sound superior rapid transit service, 3500 construction jobs, hundreds of millions of dollars for infrastructure upgrades, new development and new investment. A huge boost to our tax base. A billion dollar investment in our community. Ensuring our residents can continue to move around easily as our city grows.

A message that came through loud and clear is that this is a once in a generation opportunity that will not come again. If we turn this down, we have no plan B!

This is an excellent start to providing transit for the whole of the City: an 11-km LRT line from West to East in the lower City and a 16-km BRT line North-South line from the waterfront to the airport.

27-km of rapid transit for the lower city and the central mountain!

We will build on this start to improve transit for the whole city. But you need to start somewhere.

The Province has bent over backwards to help our City: we are the only city to get 100% funding of capital costs, they responded to demands for improved service to the mountain by changing the plans to build the entire A-line BRT.

It's really not much to ask: that Council does not renege on its commitment to work with the Province!

Please, continue to support and improve our rapid transit. End the obstruction and divisiveness and help move this City forward, not backwards!

Yours sincerely,

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