

Comment on Hamilton proposed LRT system.

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To:- City Clerk, copy to Andrew Hope, MetroLinx

By Peter O'Hagan, Hamilton resident (East Mountain, ward 6)

I understand that today is the last day to comment on this project.

Initially I was very much in favour of looking at all options to improve public rapid transit in Hamilton.

Unfortunately project did not look at any other options than the one proposed.

Considering all options was promised by our Mayor during last election, but this promise was quickly abandoned, I feel to the long term disadvantage of Hamilton.

Process has created a bitter division in community, as witnessed by opinion pieces in Hamilton Spec. which were denounced with disrespectful, nasty rebuttals.

Anyone who offered an opposing view to the official proposal are considered not to be concerned with overall city building, which is the exact opposite to suggestions made to provide better transit more affordably.

In essence, by not exploring all options, we lost an opportunity for Hamilton taxpayers and for our Provincial agency (MetroLinx) to provide better service, at lower costs, requiring less funding (with money we do not have).

As one Councilor has oft stated, the project was never about transit, it was about replacing infrastructure (pipes) that were not scheduled to be replaced.

I realize that this opinion will not be taken seriously, never the less, believe it is important that it is part of public record.

Sincerely, Peter O'Hagan