

November 26, 2018

Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Hamilton City Council
71 Main St W,
Hamilton, ON
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Subject: Next Stop Operating Agreement: Full Speed Ahead on Hamilton LRT

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Hamilton City Council,

We, the anchor institutions of Hamilton, wish to reiterate our position that a robust transit system is important for the health and prosperity of our city. Transit expansion projects, such as the B-Line LRT, will improve mobility and quality of life in our community, reduce traffic congestion on our roads and unlock new investment in Hamilton that will generate revenue for other important city-building projects. The sooner construction of the B-line LRT begins, the sooner we will achieve these benefits for our citizens.

In re-electing Mayor Eisenberger, voters have clearly expressed a desire to move forward with the B-Line LRT, for which \$1B has been committed by the provincial government. With this clarity and with great optimism for the benefits of this project, we urge:

- the City of Hamilton/Metrolinx LRT Project Team to continue with the implementation of the LAST transit network;
- Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario to move forward in soliciting bids from the three private sector consortia that were shortlisted after an extensive RFQ process, and;
- the new Hamilton City Council to make the approval of the B-Line LRT operating agreement a top priority.

We gratefully acknowledge and value our provincial government's funding for the B-line LRT. We fully support the completion of this project and vow to collaborate with all levels of government to ensure that impacts are mitigated and the investment is optimized.

Sincerely,

Hamilton Anchor Institution Leaders (HAIL)



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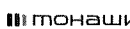
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CC: Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Transportation
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CC: Donna Skelly, MPP Flamborough—Glanbrook
CC: Phil Verster, President & CEO of Metrolinx