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Subject: Please support Hamilton Bike Share

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General Issues Committee, Feb 25, 2022

Dear Councillors and Mayor Eisenberger,

I am writing in support of the Hamilton Bike Share program. I live in Ancaster and although there is no access to the program in my area, I have used it in the parts of the city where it is available. More importantly though, I often see people use it because they need it to get from A to B. I am a car owner but recognize that many neighbours are not and although I don't rely on bike share I am happy for my tax dollars to go toward funding this program. My Ward 12 Councillor was quoted in the news saying "My taxpayers in Ancaster are expected to pay part of this, and yet they don't have access to it. They have to own bikes and I don't know why the people in the lower city can't own their own bikes also rather than get it subsidized by the city."

It may surprise you to know that not everyone has the privilege of being able to afford a bike for themselves and their family members, especially considering theft is a real risk for anyone investing in their own bike. Bike share eliminates this barrier and is one more way we can ensure an equitable city for everyone.

I noticed a letter writer complained about the cost. How myopic.
Funding affordable active transport in Hamilton for neighbours who
need it is, in my opinion, an excellent use of my tax dollars and I
sincerely hope to see the program expand in partnership as discussed.

Thank you
Nancy Hurst
Ancaster