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**Subject:** When the Eglinton LRT will start running Vs Hamilton LRT Project

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Mayor & Councillors,

The following is the current status of the Eglinton LRT Project.

Is there any guarantee or hope that Hamilton's LRT project isn't going to suffer a similar fate?

If it does, many, many people & businesses are going to suffer immensely.

In my opinion, it's Councils responsibility to look at build history of these LRT projects & act accordingly!

Are you going to act responsibly?

What are you going to pro-actively do?

Seven months after Metrolinx announced the Eglinton Crosstown LRT would once again fail to meet its target date, the public knows virtually nothing about how the project is going or when the line will finally open.

Asked by the Star this week when the light rail transit line, which has been under construction since 2011 and was once expected to be complete in 2020, might be done, Metrolinx said it did not have new details to offer.

We are working through the most important phase right now, which includes testing, commissioning, certification and documentation to affirm that we can open a safe and reliable transit system," Metrolinx said.

What is Metrolinx testing and commissioning? The Star asked. No response. What is the outstanding work that still needs to be done? No response. Is the project still on budget? No response.

As the Eglinton Crosstown LRT has spiralled beyond its initial estimates, both in cost and in timeline, details made public have become few and far between, raising questions about transparency and accountability at the provincial transit agency responsible for overseeing the project, as well as other multibillion-dollar transit projects across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. "This is an enormous project, and you've got no

effective oversight, and no effective transparency and no effective accountability,” said Mark Winfield, professor of environmental and urban change at York University, referring to the Eglinton Crosstown LRT as a “\$13-billion black hole.”

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