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Hi,

I have some comments regarding report PED20109(g) for the April 9 GIC meeting: ===

I would like to add my voice of strong support for the recommended budget to support the operating costs of Hamilton Bike Share.

I live in Ward 2, having moved my family here just under 3 years ago. Bike Share was one of the reasons we moved to Hamilton. It allowed us to downsize to one car, despite having 3 driving-age people in the family. The money we saved by not having multiple cars helped us build an Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU) last year, and being near a Bike Share station makes the ADU more appealing to renters.

We use Bike Share to ride to the West Harbour GO station and Bayfront Park, but also over to Westdale, where my youngest son goes to school. Bike Share opens up parts of the city that we would otherwise not visit.

I am a monthly member, doing my part to support a system that works for me, is wellrun, and that I truly believe in. I hope that Council recognizes the gem that we have and its role in attracting and retaining residents to our city.

Andy Saito