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His Worship Robert Bratina  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Bratina,

Thank you for your letter regarding council's resolution on the Eastgate to McMaster Rapid Transit Corridor. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Rapid transit in Hamilton along Main Street and King Street from McMaster University to Eastgate Square has been identified as a priority project in *The Big Move*, Metrolinx's regional transportation plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). It is included in Metrolinx's proposed next wave of priority projects. A comprehensive prioritization of the next wave projects is ongoing, and the funding of these projects is being considered in the context of Metrolinx's Investment Strategy.

As you are aware, Metrolinx released its Investment Strategy on May 27, 2013, which includes recommendations to support the implementation of *The Big Move*. At this time, these are recommendations from Metrolinx. We will carefully evaluate these recommendations and engage with the public and municipalities before moving forward.

The government will be convening an advisory panel this summer to help guide next steps. The panel will help lead an engagement process with the people of Ontario, municipal governments, stakeholders and communities on the recommendations outlined in the Metrolinx Investment Strategy.

Thank you again for sharing your council's resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Glen Murray  
Minister