

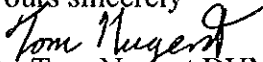
To Hamilton Mayor Bob Bratina and City Councillors.

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In regards to LRT, Hamilton cannot justify a large capital investment in an East-West B-Line as there is little opportunity for increased economic development along this route. The area along King Street is characterized by small storefront commercial properties with residential zoned properties on narrow side streets. Therefore there is little hope for the type of intensification and higher densities necessary to provide the ridership for a taxpayers investment of approximately 130 million dollars and 20 million annual maintenance. This is definitely the wrong location for a LRT route. It will not be sustainable and will be a long term burden on the taxpayers of Hamilton. Capital investments should be based on financial feasibility not on emotion. This LRT will only service the lower city. Hamilton politicians, planners and activists do not seem to understand what Hamilton needs for the future, their mind set is on nostalgia and the status-quo. This is our biggest hurdle to overcome, if Hamilton is to progress.

In contrast an excellent business case can be made for a LRT North-South A Route which would connect the Airport, Airport Museum, Airport Employment Lands, Red Hill Employment Lands, Mohawk College, City Core, McMaster University, McMaster Innovation Center and the West Harbour. This line would service and unite both the Upper and Lower City with similar populations. It would also connect the rest of the city to the 30,000 plus jobs predicted at the Airport and Red Hill Employment lands resulting in increased ridership and reverse commutes. There are also large parcels of land along Upper James as well as east and west of this Primary Corridor to maximize economic development and assessment growth adjacent to a North-South LRT route. This route would also provide public transit for thousands of workers in affordable housing, built on serviced but under-utilized land south of Rymal Road near the LRT. As the LRT, passes along the modern Primary Corridor of Upper James and traverses the Escarpment it would be very visible and would give Hamilton a long overdue new image. It would put the spotlight on Hamilton in a positive way and confirm that we are truly open for business. This is the best way to provide employment opportunities, reduce poverty and slow the flow from Hamilton of our bright talented youth.

Yours sincerely


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