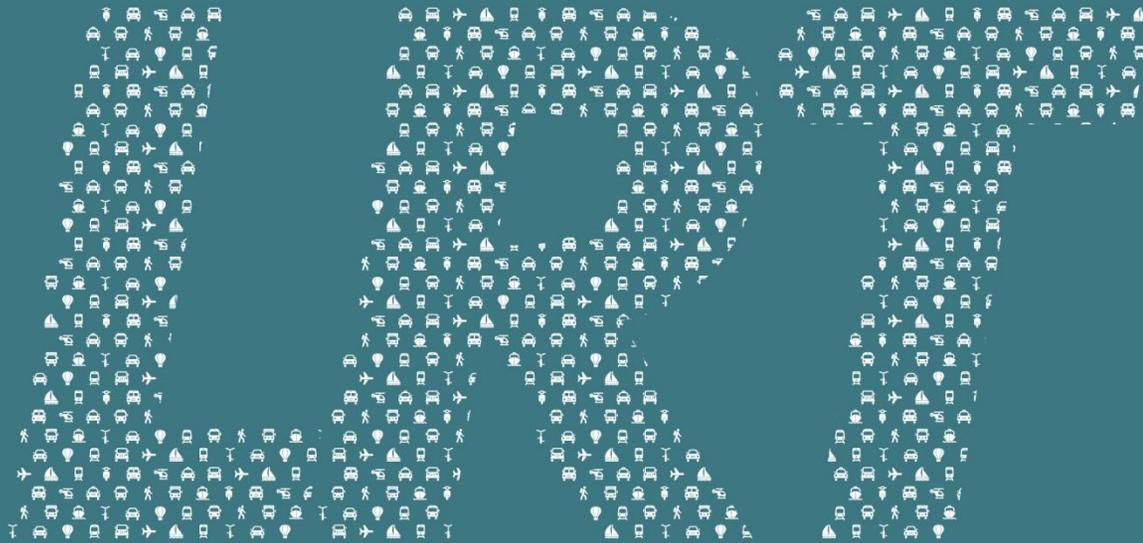


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Citizen Statements

The Hamilton Light Rail Initiative is a citizen's group with over 3,480 supporters who are in favour of building LRT in Hamilton.

The following is a compilation of selected citizen statements received by the Hamilton Light Rail Initiative.

Anna Vermaat We are having a very hard time trying to understand why there is hesitation on this at all. There will be head aches, nothing ever goes perfectly smoothly but this a "No Brainer". This city is so over due to have a transit system that will work for future generations. The current generation will find out just how great it is once all the dust is settled. Remember the politics before the Linc and Red Hill highways finally got finished. We can't imagine life without them now! Just check out some other cities where LRT systems works so well. Please get on with it.

Richard Brooks I am a senior resident and lover of Dundas. But, I am also a resident of Hamilton and care about the health of our city.

I believe LRT can provide a major impetus to the better development of the City. By encouraging new development at the various LRT stops, we can further build on the current revitalization the City is experiencing.

John Hurley I am one that lives in Stoney Creek, and drives to downtown Hamilton, Daily, for work. The main reason I do not take public transit currently is due to the fact that the busses are frequently overfilled during peak times. I would reconsider my transportation plans in a heartbeat should the LRT be put into play. Please keep it going!

George Overend I am astounded that anyone could vote against such an amazing opportunity for our great city.

Deann McGlinchey I have lived in this wonderful City my entire life, and could not be a more proud Hamiltonian. But I am afraid. We, as a city and a community, have come so far. We are continually surprising the naysayers, we have achieved so much. But I fear that the impacts of losing out on this LRT opportunity will be so severe, we may not be able to bounce back again. Now, I don't for a moment believe that we are defined by the LRT. But I know in my heart of hearts that we cannot afford to squander this opportunity. We deserve to see our vibrant neighbourhoods continue to be enhanced and revitalized. I'm no expert on the matter. I can't regurgitate statistics or reference studies to prove a point. But I do know that with the LRT our community has the potential to see so many positive outcomes that we may not see otherwise.



Natalie	Arnold	I support LRT in Hamilton.
T.	Ross	<p>Its high time that Hamilton moved into the 21st century with some decent urban transit. Don't waste this opportunity to make Hamilton a vibrant city. Hamilton is a CITY proper, not a suburban town or city like most around Toronto. CITIES need proper rapid transit for it to grow and develop.</p> <p>Just remember that when lines of the New York subway was built in the 1890's it was built into almost rural areas. DONT WASTE THIS OPPORTUNITY</p>
matthew	nash	<p>This letter is to express my support for LRT for its verified transportation, economic and social benefits.</p> <p>First, creating an efficient transportation system is a challenge in Hamilton. However, building more roads is not the answer. If there's anything that traffic engineers have discovered in the last few decades it's that you can't build your way out of congestion. It's the roads themselves that cause traffic. Anti-LRT Tweets cannot change this unassailable fact (sorry Chad). Chris Higgins, the post-doctoral fellow who authored a paper on the LRT and its effective use, recently stated "As you build more roads, it just means more people drive." Be humbled and take the advice of the experts who understand best practices of transportation. We need logical, efficient transportation systems such as the LRT to solve our mounting congestion.</p> <p>Second, numerous studies have argued conclusively for the many economic benefits. Let me state the first obvious economic benefit: 1. Billion. Dollars. This is money we are being given to grow our fledgling economy. This is a winning lottery ticket that you'd be throwing away, then taking the interest away from future generations. Also, road building is one of the biggest expenses for a city. The LRT reduces road building by taking people out of cars and using the transport network more efficiently. Further, property values will increase along the route further driving property tax revenue up with it. Hamilton needs the LRT to bring economic prosperity.</p>



Lastly, the social benefits of LRT are immense. We have a diverse demographic living in the downtown that needs a clean, quick and safe mode of transit. The LRT emits almost no pollution, ensuring our most vulnerable are not burdened even more by poor local air quality - see the local code red report or the global UN pollution report if you've forgotten the serious health effects of city pollution. Moreover, climate change is causing disastrous flooding, especially in my Rosedale community, and we must take big steps to curb greenhouse gases, of which, LRT is a key initiative. All Hamiltonians will benefit from a congestion-relieving, cost-benefitting, revenue-generating, and pollution-reducing project. Look at the facts, the numerous reports, and listen to experts who've all come out in favour. Don't stand in the way of community-building. Don't turn your back on a billion dollars (really?). The future is LRT.

Ania	K	Please support the LRT in Hamilton. It will enhance our downtown core, attract investment, bring in new jobs and make the downtown more prosperous for all! We need to put more of a focus on the downtown core instead of treating it like an eyesore. Any great city has a great transit system which in turn results in a thriving downtown core.
John	Clinton	I support LRT in Hamilton. This is a fantastic opportunity for our city and I would like my City Council to speak with one voice in their unconditional support.
Peter	Tracz	As a citizen of Hamilton, I am fully supportive of the planned LRT project. I find it very disappointing that some councillors still question this transformative initiative. Specifically, I urge the City's General Issues Committee to reaffirm the project and that all members of Hamilton City Council provide their endorsement.
Russell	Wong	Good for everyone



Margaret	Ferizis	<p>What a wonderful opportunity for the entire city of Hamilton and lotto win for those that live along the route.</p> <p>Please do not give in to the complaints and fears of the naysayers who are afraid their drive in might be extended by 10 minutes. They are not thinking of the greater good or benefits of the entire city. Just their own selfish self interest.</p>
George	Smith	<p>Very Grateful for Hamilton to be getting this project- Hamilton has so much potential and this investment will fuel further investment in this great city as it moves away from steel and keeps moving toward becoming even more of a health care go-to city.</p>
Catherine	Clase	<p>Please ensure we move ahead with LRT</p>
Cheryl	Evans	<p>Vote to support LRT and build a better future for our city, our current citizens, and those who will come because of this once in a generation opportunity.</p>
David	Zanchetta	<p>Support LRT. Don't let Hamilton be left behind</p>
Grant	Ranalli	<p>I very strongly support LRT for Hamilton. I urge council to get on with it. Everyone voted (several times) in support of it. I cannot understand how several councillors are now having second thoughts. The LRT is right for Hamilton on so many levels. It will spur further development, reduce noise and air pollution in the core, produce many jobs in building and operating it, it will allow us to replace aging infrastructure as part of the overall cost etc.</p> <p>To say no to this project, after agreeing to it would be flip-flopping as well as foolhardy and frankly, cowardly.</p>



If your constituents are unsure, your job is to educate them as to why you voted in favour of it in the first place. If conditions for it have changed since that vote, they have only changed for the better (i.e. \$1B in funding)

Doug **Holm**

Please vote yes to LRT.

I recently moved to Hamilton because of forward looking transit initiatives like the LRT, separated bike lanes, and GO stations. The city would benefit tremendously from rapid transit.

Tony **Hill**

I sincerely hope the LRT goes through. We need electric and mass transit to get citizens interested. It's been nearly 25 years since the last pure electric transit system existed here, and the remaining trolley buses had diesel motors installed in them for some reason. Before that, 35 years ago, the ALRT system was a possibility, but was cancelled for various reasons I'm not sure of. I recently bought a book on Hamilton, with proposals that never came to fruition, and I looked at the then proposed ALRT route and thought that maybe the LRT should maybe follow that route more so due to our city's particular conditions. Maybe some of it could slightly be elevated. Nonetheless, I hope it happens.

Gesine **Alders**

I fully support the Hamilton LRT.

Lia **Bronsard**

I believe that the LRT plans must stay on course! This will tremendously improve our town, and place Hamilton on the Map of well-planned and up and coming cities!

Thomas **Lorini**

Yes to LRT!!



Laura	Newkirk	I am in favour of the proposed LRT project connecting the east to west in Hamilton. We must continue to decrease the use of cars with efficient affordable public transit.
Tom	Flemming	I support the fully-funded LRT for Hamilton. Better public transit is needed to take this city into the future. Council needs to say YES to this wonderful opportunity.
Brad	De Boer	This is a step in the right direction. Moving forward is never easy. This will be a benefit for future generations! Congratulations! Hamilton!
Tom	Belshaw	As I said before,we need to get the word AMBITIOUS back to describing our great city.....now is the time for a MODERN EFFICIENT LRT to transport all those people who will be moving into those new downtown residential buildings being built at the moment. City council,get your heads out of the sand & look at what OTHER progressive cities are doing with transit (LRT)... The people of Hamilton voted you to the council to do the right thing in implementing an up-to-date transit service (LRT)The money is already allocated to this project...LET'S MAKE HAMILTON AMBITIOUS AGAIN for the future.....TOM
Anita	Kuehn	I'd like to express my support for LRT -- the City of Hamilton needs it!
Les	Szamosvari	Your Worship, Mr. Mayor, and Honourable Councillors, More than ever, I am convinced that LRT is necessary in Hamilton to weaken the deadlock that an antiquated, automobile-based, transit plan holds on the progress of sustainable public transportation
Nadine	Bernacki	The LRT and associated public amenities and design will bring Hamilton into the future as a world class city. It will reduce our contribution to climate change (via the use of fossil fuels for transportation) and have positive impacts on the mental and physical health of the urban population of our city as well as draw new people here.



Jane	Cudmore	Dear Councillors, I am a ward 1 resident, and I fully support implementation of the proposed LRT plans while hoping the final plans will include additional stops.
Eric	Kania	Even if I lived on the mountain or Flamborough I would still support this considering there is 1 billion being offered by the province for this project. It'd be incredibly inept for council not to take advantage of this offer. Benefits far outweigh the cons so long as the council focuses it's efforts on ensuring the project is managed and planned as best as possible rather than wasting time returning to decisions that have already been made...Multiple times.
kandy	o	I support LRT
michael	Maccharles	We must bring the city of Hamilton into the 21st. century as quickly and efficiently as is possible .. I have travelled the world quite extensively .. and European cities have for the most part far better people moving systems than we do.. whether they be LRT or old subway systems .. they move people.. millions of them daily.. IE : London ..Paris .. Boston ..NY Density is a must for a city to survive.. and Hamilton must get on with urban density and Transit.
Ron	Heres	<p>Once Hamilton gets the LRT it will greatly transform the ability and lifestyle of its inhabitants . It will deliver the ability to get around town and enable people to expand their opportunities on many fronts . Less street traffic and more efficient travel will make this city a key proponent on the "Green " Front .</p> <p>Clean city living is in demand and lays the groundwork for a city that balances its industrial roots with modern health and prosperity. Gone should be the days of unkept and unchecked pollution and now Hamilton can forge a new destiny of renewal and hope for many generations. I believe the "New" Hamilton will be one that makes this city proud and offers many a chance in the prosperity that follows.</p> <p>Increased ability and efficiency is the engine that drives productivity . I'm proud that my Family has the chance to partake of the wonderful opportunity this will afford this great city. A great Thank You to the Governmental agencies that recognized the need and the foresight to implement and allocate the funds required . Hamilton says Thank You !</p>



Chris	Cotoi	I strongly believe the LRT will improve transportation in Hamilton and it will also have a positive impact on businesses along the route.
Alexis	Fletcher	Let's move out of the dark ages.
DesirÃ©e	Kelleher	No matter what the reason is to use public transport, a light rail running East to West in our city will improve the journey of many of us and those that will come after. Don't fear the growing pains of construction.
Don	Holland	Please do not squander this once in a generation opportunity. The councillors who are spreading misinformation must be taken to task. The city needs this if you wish to have a vibrant healthy city in the future.
Laura	Stewart	I'm really excited to see our city plan for its future like this. I'm also excited to use my car much less!
Hubert	Shen	I really like the LRT from Hamilton can be able to build at the end. As all the newer millennials, immigrants, people from all around GTA will potentially be attracted to the city of Hamilton. LRT is one important element to improve the city's attractiveness and improve city transport for more people to consider to live in Hamilton. Just look at all the cities that have LRT, and see the improvement in access and city transportation efficiency for the public. It will be a significant improvement for accessing Hamilton from east to west end, with currently HSR routes. LRT will only make the transportation access in a much more improved way. Think long term, it will help Hamilton as a city to a next level for attracting younger people to come in and start their life in Hamilton.



Tim

Amos

I'd just like to pass on my thoughts and support for the LRT project. There are many naysayers who aren't even within the LRT area (*ahem* mountain councilors) and are trying to abolish a wise investment. This needs to happen. As a proud Hamiltonian, I can honestly say that I've seen the change in pace, culture, and overall well being of the city in the 5 years I've lived here. This investment would help boost our cities reputation. It would bring us closer to a more sustainable city and one which draws in MANY people from a younger generation. These are the ones who are environmentally conscious, who don't plan to have a car, and who want to live in an affordable city. What is now viewed as a proactive approach at \$1billion, will most definitely turn into a reactive approach at the coast of \$1.5 billion in a short time.

Joanna

Hodson

I have used LRT in other cities across the world and have found it to be rapid and efficient. We must improve our public transit systems in this region to mitigate ever increasing traffic congestion and the Hamilton LRT is one piece of a larger picture.

I would love it to be extended to University Plaza in Dundas sometime in the future!

Aoife

Gregus

This is an important initiative for Hamilton, and it's is the type of forward thinking that won me over from a residency in Toronto, to move to Hamilton 2 years ago.

Please ensure that the light rail train project goes through.



Sarah	Cellini	Support the LRT project: it is a City-enhancing project for the betterment of Hamilton's social, environmental and economic future.
Drusilla	Beemsigne	I believe this will take Hamilton to another level. It will enable the city to grow and transform and become one of the greatest cities in Ontario.
Paul	Craig	Governments dithered for 25+ years over the Linc/Redhill....and look at the benefits now.Lets not do the same with LRT...build the darn thing..It will benefit the city for years to come.
Michael	Majcher	I am a ward 5 resident and would like it known that I am in favour of the LRT for this city, and I am not the only one in this ward who feels that way. Yet I only ever hear you speaking out against it. Why are you only representing those that are not in favour?
Derek	Podsiadly	LRT is an important part of keeping the momentum of growth and revitalization of Hamilton's downtown going. To let city council squander an opportunity to help make this a more livable city for the future would be extremely disappointing. There's such great potential in the downtown core, a strong sense of community and more and more people are noticing it. Not going forward with LRT would be a step backwards and certainly discourage young professionals like myself from committing to setting up roots in this city and investing my own money back into the community. LRT is a must if we'd like to develop this city's full potential as progressive and strong economic centre in Ontario. The future of every city will depend more than ever on a healthy downtown core. Without it Hamilton will struggle to attract new people and new investments.
Brad	Pollock	I support LRT.

Robert	Connolly	It's time for Hamilton to join the ranks of modern cities with up-to-date public transportation.
Joanne	McCallum	The time has absolutely arrived to embrace LRT and move this City forward and work towards integrating public transit across the region. As a Hamiltonian who embraces sustainability and understands city building, LRT is essential. Across the entire age spectrum, many people are choosing to reduce their reliance on cars and are choosing car share and all forms of public transit as affordable and sustainable alternatives. This city needs to make the courageous decision to approve LRT that will facilitate growth, support urban residential and commercial density, creating a vibrant city to be enjoyed by all age groups, residents and visitors alike. LET'S MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!
Christine	Roarke	I fully support LRT in Hamilton. I urge you to move forward with this project for the future of Hamilton - when else will we have this opportunity again. We need this investment in Hamilton in these changing economic times.
Juan	Bonilla	I lived ten years ago in Bogota, Colombia. I have seen first hand how bus rapid transit, while a decent solution at first, would quickly become too little, too late. After the Transmilenio solution quickly became obsolete, Bogota is now -FINALLY- considering a Subway or an LRT. HAMILTON HAS THE CHANCE NOW to make a future-ready decision. GO LRT!
Bruce	Appleby	Yes I agree with the LRT
Brandon	Corbett	I moved to Hamilton from Rochester N.Y. to attend McMaster University ten years ago. I urge the city council not to make the same mistakes Rochester made by failing to invest in city infrastructure. Downtown Rochester is a ghost town because downtown businesses could not compete with newer ones in the suburbs. One prime example of this is the Midtown Mall (once a major Rochester attraction) which closed in 2008 due to lack of customers. In my opinion, the LRT is ESSENTIAL to keep downtown businesses viable (such as those in Jackson Square Mall). We need this Hamilton.



Steve	Shields	I support the LRT development in Hamilton. Please vote in favour of this project.
Samantha	Harper	I would really like to see the LRT in hamilton succeed. I think it would be a great step forward in improving our city.
Aaron	Bieber	I recently have moved to Hamilton and this is the first of this project. It is very important that based on the recent and predicted growth of the city, that transportation and infrastructure grow and improve with it.
Greg	King	Hey tell Donna Skelly to get her butt out of her car and maybe try public transit? We need LRT. Buses will NOT cover the needs of a badly needed system. Especially mac students like myself who need to get to school on time and with an overcrowded bus a good many times that was very unlikely!!
Marnie	Stout	Definitely in support of the LRT project, in spite of living in rural Hamilton. Certainly would be great to catch the train at McMaster and get to the East end of the city sans car....far faster than the bus, or car...no traffic or parking worries. Although many retailers are wailing about lost business revenue, I would suggest that they have a look at the Pearl District in Portland, or downtown Salt Lake, which has a ride free zone around the convention area. Buffalo NY has had the Metro Rail since 1984. Hop on hop off works well in European city centres, catering to tourists and locals alike. I would suggest Hamiltonians against LRT read Death and Life of Great American Cities, by Jane Jacobs.
Kathryn	Newell	We elect our city Councillors to represent us. We elect them hoping that they keep our best interests in mind but also we expect good judgement on their decisions. I am disappointed when some of them are now exercising extreme resistance to a plan that has been in the works for 8 years. The LRT is not just beneficial for the downtown with better transit, it is also the beacon to improving a city that desperately needs a boost to its economy as well as keeping its reputation as the "Ambitious City". The economic runoff will bring a better life for us. I used to live downtown when it was great in the 70's. Now when I am there it is only to attend Hamilton Place. I probably won't be using the LRT but that doesn't mean I won't support it. I'm sure Toronto had growing pains when it decided to put in subway systems. Those didn't access all of the city at the beginning. I think the LRT is a great move



our city needs to make. It's not going to access all of Hamilton but it is a good start, a billion dollars promised is better than none at all. Some other city will benefit from that if we don't seize the opportunity to become ambitious again.

Roland Verhey Lets make this happen. I could combine cycling and LRT to make the commute extremely manageable!

Angela Di Nello I welcome infrastructure investment in the city. We need to improve investment in transit in the city. Move Hamilton Forward!

Shelley McKay LRT is vital for a vibrant, growing Hamilton. LRT has fostered revitalization in other cities. It's construction and completion will drive this City forward. I'm on board!

Nicole Catenazzi I strongly support the LRT project for Hamilton. In modernizing transportation infrastructure, it will bring more economic development into the city and improve the ease of transport for local communities.

Kevin McNally In light of the discussions regarding a referendum that have been going on in recent days and the upcoming meeting on October 25th, I feel compelled to write to you all again to re-iterate my support for the LRT project in Hamilton.

We have been debating the best type of transit upgrade for Hamilton for many years. Experts have weighed in and the Province has pledged funding.

There are certainly some unknowns, but as I suspect most of you are aware, unknowns are normal for large infrastructure projects like this and the unknowns in our case do not constitute a convincing argument to cancel the project.



Rather, I would expect that these unknowns would motivate a council (which has voted multiple times in favour of the project, as you all know) to step up, show leadership and work with the Project team to find answers and solutions which benefit Hamilton.

I find it counterproductive to fixate on unknowns (some of which are identified in the MOU with Metrolinx) and argue that because of the known unknowns, we should cancel the project. This does a disservice to Hamilton.

To return to the referendum, which admittedly looks increasingly less and less likely. A referendum at this point in the project will only serve to increase the misinformation and confusion in the public realm and will put the project on an unstable footing. When we are trying to execute a complicated and expensive project, we need clear messages from our council, not the specter of a referendum that would occur years into the implementation, be quite costly and likely not get enough voter turnout to actually drive a change. A referendum is a bad idea.

Lastly, regarding the changes that have occurred so that the line ends at the Queenston Circle. Again, rather than arguing that this constitutes a change that cannot be supported (which, incidentally implies that this change negates all of the other benefits from the LRT, an argument that current B-Line riders would no doubt disagree with) why not work with the Project team to find out where the budgets can be reduced and perhaps get the line back to Eastgate Square.

Thank you for your service and efforts to bring LRT to Hamilton. I am looking forward to the first ride!

Kevin McNally

Hamilton, Ontario



Ward 8

Edward	Sernie	I am in support of the LRT proposal in Hamilton and urge you to support LRT -- to improve public transit in Hamilton and the GTA.
Dermot	Nolan	As a lifelong Hamiltonian who is proud of its past, passionate about its present and confident of its future - and as a downtown business owner whose business is located on King Street along the proposed LRT route and will be disrupted and who will be inconvenienced (as will my clients), by the LRT construction, I am unreservedly IN FAVOUR of the LRT project.
Garry	Sled	City Council needs to support their own commitments and actively support LRT. Too many councilors playing games with the city's future, harming the city at the expense of their own politics. Especially Mr. Whitehead.
John	Connolly	This is simple: Every city that has introduced LRT into a deteriorated (or deteriorating) inner city and suburbs has seen nothing but improvement in the economy and the general well-being of the community. These communities also have other modes of public transportation so arguments that we already have buses is akin to saying that we do not need clean air because we already have clean water. Continuing to "make a case" for LRT for Hamilton is tiresome because common sense dictates that we need it. A vote against LRT is a vote against Hamilton.
Maddy	Coulson	Why should we turn down a \$1 billion investment? It's already been stated that should we not accept the funding it will go elsewhere- and this is something the Anti-LRT campaign is failing to inform people of. We can help mitigate climate change, and revitalize our city's core! I will be at the October 25th meeting and look forward to meeting with decision makers. Let's give this amazing opportunity the initiative it deserves!
Catherine	Clase	I think that light rail has the potential to be transformative for Hamilton and the downtown. I know that many local businesses are concerned about the development phase. I found these thoughtful, informed, and concrete suggestions to mitigate disadvantage during this time at http://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2015/3/22/what-happens-to-small-businesses-during-light-

[rail-construction](#)

susan **labelle** I fully support moving forward with the LRT in Hamilton! Let's get, pardon the pun, moving! Let's do what is best for, not only, the future of our city, but our children's future!

Graham **Jeffries** I am a supporter of the Hamilton LRT project. I moved to Hamilton for college after living in Calgary and Toronto and I immediately fell in love with the city. I decided to stay in Hamilton and invest as a community member, young career person, and a tax payer.

I rely on transit to live a comfortable life within budget. I find the HSR bus system along the Main and King corridor inefficient and untimely. With my experience riding LRT in Calgary I found the system consistently on time (a 5:10pm train came at 5:10pm). Rather than take the buses that were late and snarled in traffic, I would walk 20 minutes in -42C to the LRT. It was also very efficient at moving large volumes of people after Calgary Flames and Calgary Stampeders games, for whom I worked for. Seeing entire trains filled with fans was exciting and spirited too!

The system was very precise and not prone to interference with traffic. Delays were less than 15 minutes the vast majority of the time. It freed up the streets for emergency vehicles and a vibrant pedestrian mall and more places for public art. The C Train benefitted the businesses that surrounded the stations, each station having its own community and central node that sprung up. Some were arts and youth villages, others were malls and jump-offs to the warehouses by bus. It was very easy to navigate and get to places in Calgary purely by LRT, and now condos are springing up around the stations, adding to the tax base.



As a first year student at Mohawk I rented cheaply in downtown Hamilton. I routinely had two or three buses pass me, making me late for class. It became worth it to walk the 20 minutes to Macnab terminal to catch the buses that left on time. As a recent Mohawk graduate living in the Mohawk College area I had to purchase a car to get to my first career position, adding to congestion, hazards, and pollution. It was a 15 minute drive to work, a 55 minute to 1.5 hour bus ride, or a 35 minute bike ride from my home near Mohawk to my position in Ancaster. The HSR bus system is inefficient along the Main and King corridors due to traffic volume, on street parking, taxis, pedestrians, too many stops, as well as having to alight and manoeuvre for those in mobility devices, and traffic accidents. And it's only going to get worse!

With the increased population expectancy of Hamilton, the bus system is only going to experience more problems - more pollution, more expenses for more drivers, more congestion due to more buses and more people driving, more stress on already stretched tax dollars, and more adversity from developers.

I strongly support the LRT plan as well as a robust planning bylaw structure for mixed use and medium-to-high density along the LRT corridor. I believe it will benefit businesses, students and employees, traffic, the impoverished and disabled, the local economy, the sense of communities, tax revenue, and development.

Nelly

Sinclair

I am strongly in favour of the LRT. I have children who are young adults who have no intention of buying a car, and they want to live in a way that positively impacts the environment. Please support the younger generation by getting excellent public transport in the form of LRT.

Peter

Hill

As we move into the future, moving people efficiently and in an environmentally good way is imperative. We had a host of nay-sayers about the Linc some years ago but when I drove along it yesterday, I couldn't imagine all that traffic on our local roads! There will always be those who oppose but very often they have not thought of the broad issues which face us as we plan our cities. Such obstruction costs us all money as time delays do.



As Nike says, "Just do it!"

Jennifer	Brasch	I am writing to add my voice to the many supporting LRT for Hamilton. It will be disruptive, first to traffic flow while it is built, and then leading to positive changes as people learn to move through Hamilton using LRT. This will be a positive change for Hamilton. Please move forwards with the LRT project without delay.
Norma	Moores	Tax payers money needs to be invested wisely for the good of the public. Bringing LRT to Hamilton is one of those investments improving access and mobility choices. I live on the west mountain and although this transportation investment may not affect my day-to-day travel, I believe it will help the City meet egrowth targets from a sustainability, economic and social equity perspective. Say yes to LRT!
Jeff	Taylor	Lets get going with this project, never mind the "doom & gloom" brigade who always oppose change, look how we got stuck with that "Ivor Wind Tunnel" stadium instead of a new larger stadium in the West Harbour.I've seen many of these LRT systems working great in many towns & cities in Europe, the last being in Dublin where their east to west system works so well they are now installing another that goes north to south, a bright modern system with a pick up every 6 or 7 minutes!
Claudia	Leduc	I am 100% in favour of the LRT.Don't stall this recovery of our great city. DO THE RIGHT THING and embrace this opportunity.
Deborrah	Sherman	Council already made the decision. It was the right decision. Act on it, and stop wasting valuable time and money on the second-guessing and progress blocking by a couple of self serving council members. Councilors come and go - LRT will be there long after they are gone, moving people through the city and improving our business and residential tax base. Aging mountain dwelling citizens like myself will probably never have occasion to use LRT, but my own addiction to car culture should not prevent current and future younger people from accessing affordable, efficient transit through the city. Times have changed - I know so many young people who have never had any interest in getting a driver's license or owning a car. They pay their taxes and they deserve an infrastructure that is relevant to their needs.

Paul	McAlister	Make the LRT the anchor project for the revitalisation of Hamilton. The other peieces will fall in round it!
Tiffany	Gabriel	The constant prevention of implementing the LRT is a joke. Terry Whitehead, Donna Skelly, and any others that are opposing LRT, they don't use transit. They are only concerned about their own morning commutes and care not for the rest of Hamilton. They constantly bring up MOOT points about "using the money elsewhere". Why should this important decision be held up by people who do not fully understand the proposal? Kathleen Wynne, Trudeau, Jesus, please ANYONE force Hamilton council to pass LRT. This is the most drawn out tug o' war I've ever witnessed.
Trevor	Westerhoff	I ask that Hamilton City Council follow through with what they repeatedly voted for and graciously accept the funding provided by the Provincial Government for LRT. Further, I ask that Council and all Hamiltonians support the businesses affected by the construction.
Benjamin	Hummel	Please be brave and take a step into the future our city needs!
MARGERY/JAMES	MUNN	WE SUPPORT THE LRT
Dorothy	Taylor	Hail To Light Rail Transit!



Simon	Woodside	I commute regularly to Waterloo where my office is near the LRT line. There has been some disruption but it's worth it. We are going to harvest a major reward when the line is finished in terms of ease of access to our door for our customers.
Steve	Hopkins	Let's get moving! We have been distracted by the naysayers long enough. Hamilton needs to embrace this opportunity and get on with the business of city-building for the 21st century.
Brett	Mitchell	LRT will be one of the best things to happen to Hamilton, it will help complete the transformation the city is undergoing.
Margaret	Murray	YES - to the LRT!
Rob	Pinchin	The construction of the LRT is paramount if Hamilton is to realize the ambition that has motivated this city for the last two centuries.
Noel	Fraser	I support the Hamilton LRT project. Let's get on with it. Thank you.
Bennett	Racher	This needs to get done or it will be another classic case of councillors and others wasting everyones time. Its seven years in the making, it would be ridiculous to stop now.



Alissa Fairley Our family has chosen to live carless in this city and have been anticipating LRT since back in 2007. Time to get this done!

Khusheed JEEJEEBHOY This is money handed on a plate

We need the LRT so don't drag your feet say YES!

helga sultano I support the LRT for Hamilton.

Pierre Sultano Regarding the suggestion of bus rapid transit as an alternative for LRT. For those who think buses are a good substitute for LRT we have: COST OF REPAIRING MUNICIPAL ROADS-\$7000 PER HOUSEHOLD:

<http://www.canadianconsultingengineer.com/transportation/cost-of-repairing-municipal-roads-7-000-per-household/1001701105/>

MAJOR CAUSE OF ROAD DAMAGE-BUSES & TRUCKS:

http://www.pavementinteractive.org/wp-content/uploads/2007/08/Cracked_hma1.jpg



<http://www.pavementinteractive.org/article/equivalent-single-axle-load/>

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| Dan | Evans | <p>In preparation for the LRT meeting tomorrow at council, I would like to explore all involved to look beyond the short term disruption of construction to the long term benefit of a vibrant city. Though the route only passes through the lower city, a strong city core benefits the suburban areas as well by making Hamilton a more valuable and healthy city.</p> <p>I stand in firm support of LRT and urge all councillors to support this city building project as well..</p> |
| Sarah | Wayland | <p>Hamilton is a great city with challenges in terms of transit, air pollution, poverty, brownfields, empty storefronts and more. LRT is part of the solution as it will reduce air pollution, generate economic uplift, and create densification along the route. Please support LRT</p> |
| Eric | Gaydos | <p>Hello, I'm registering my support for the LRT project. I can't make it to the special committee meeting because I do have to work.</p> |
| Gordon | Burt | <p>Let us get on with LRT to help boost Hamilton into a world class city.</p> |

City councillors have to work for the benefit of the city and not act as if your ward is your little fiefdom.

Don't let Hamilton City council appear to the rest of the world as "The gang that couldn't shoot straight".



Stay on topic and don't let Whitehead hijack the meeting.

Anita	Kuehn	Hello - I would like to express my support for the LRT. Hamilton needs the LRT for future growth & prosperity, & we can't go wrong by investing in better public transit.
Biljana	Vasilevska	I support quality transit as a public good, and feel that LRT in Hamilton will go a long way to improving the service that is currently available. I am research professional at McMaster University, live downtown, and choose not to own a car. I have lived in cities in North America and Europe, and know that there are many cities of comparable size to Hamilton that have quality public transit, including surface light rail. By choosing LRT, Hamilton's elected leaders would be demonstrating inclusivity and forethought.
Brian	H	Please move forward on this project. There are more compelling arguments for this project than there are against. This is the future of city-building...up and intensifying instead of out and sprawling.
Vincent	Zingaro	Let's get this LRT built.
Janis	Topp	I fully support the LRT for Hamilton. As we move forward, public transit is key to our progress as a successful city. LRT is integral to our public transit system. As it replaces buses on our busiest transit corridor, they are freed for other areas. In travelling many other countries I have seen the positive impact of similar systems. For our future, we must join them!
Stephanie	Ross	Hamilton is on the brink of a vital new stage in its history and in our collective life. LRT is an essential part of Hamilton's renewed economic development and its ability to deliver a high quality of life to its residents that is also environmentally sustainable. We cannot afford to throw away this opportunity to make high quality transit a real alternative for thousands more of our neighbours, and to release the economic dynamics that will have positive spill-over effects for the entire city. Our city council

must have the vision to lead, to make this the best LRT system we can devise. The time to debate whether we want LRT or not is over: we need it, and we need to put all our energies into ensuring its benefits are realized. Councillors: Please don't let us down.

KELLY	KERR	I have witnessed the growth LRT triggers in communities. Driving to KW for work has made me aware of this. I understand there will be some pain at the beginning but longterm gain will be significant. It is for the future health of our community.
Robert	Hof	Build it!
Alexander	Young	When I was younger, I never imagined moving to Hamilton. In fact, it was the exact opposite of what I wanted to do. As someone born in the city but raised outside of it, I had an ingrained, negative opinion of Hamilton instilled in me; in my mind it was gritty, rough, and stagnant - particularly when compared to it's neighbour Toronto. Regardless of my opinion, I eventually ended up here because I found my place at McMaster University. With some trepidation I consigned myself to living in the gritty city I thought I knew because it was worth it academically, but it wasn't long until I realized how misguided I was. It wasn't just worth it academically - it was worth it for everything else Hamilton had to offer. Hamilton is an incredibly livable city. Seeped in an industrial history that speaks to the city's resilience, Hamilton is finding it's place again, becoming a hub for arts and culture in Ontario, a place with big city opportunities and offerings that still has a close knit community that supports itself. LRT is the next logical step to ensure that progression continue, to ensure that people continue to come downtown and explore what the city has to offer. Councillors and members of the community who oppose LRT need to understand that success and positive change in the downtown core will only benefit the entire city in the long-term. As a student turned resident of Hamilton, I want to stay in this city and make a life here, and while I do I want the city to continue progressing. I don't want to see it become stagnant like I once believed it to be.
Daniel	Roos	Please don't waste this opportunity.

Bob

Manojlovich

I am a retired, lifelong Hamiltonian, residing in ward 5 for the past 27 years. My wife and I have owned a home in Hamilton for 29 years. We are drivers, and we drive everywhere. WE BOTH STRONGLY SUPPORT LRT.

Yes, there are concerns regarding disruption during construction, and revenue from the fares, but let's not be distracted from the HUGE benefits that far out weigh these concerns that can be addressed during implementation.

There are ten of millions of dollars of infrastructure upgrades that will be covered. A huge saving for us city tax payers. Then there are hundreds of permanent jobs that LRT will bring as well as thousands of construction jobs. (as per city of Hamilton sources)

We are also firm believers of the economic up lift that will come, especially because of the new land planning being adopted along the corridor. In fact, my wife and I have been investing in rental properties along the line and our 26 year old son has bought a new condo at the Royal Connaught largely because of LRT.

So, we are a strong Hamilton boosting family that has invested significant amounts of our own money because we believe in our city and its transformation.

We believe that LRT and GO will catapult t is city into becoming a modern economic engine, and it is for these reasons that we strongly urge council to focus on making LRT the best it can be, by mitigating construction disruption, and looking forward to extending B-line past Eastgate to the new Centennial GO station, and extending the A-line up the mountain to Mohawk College and beyond to Lime Ridge mall producing stronger city connections.

We've notice the residential tax burden has increased this year, and we believe that LRT will make Hamilton a MUCH more attractive location for employers that will help reduce residential tax burdens.



There are so many huge wins with LRT. I've never seen such and significant investment be offered to out city ever.

Danielle Hitchcock-Welsh If we want to be a world class city, we need to invest in transportation.

Mmabatho Seete LRT = economic progress we say we want. No- brainer.

Chris Lucas I SUPPORT LRT!!!

Robert House To be a city of the future we need LRT. Its time to think behind the term and plan for the city we want in 5, 10, 15 years time.

Alison Currie I am writing you to ask for your whole-hearted support for LRT in Hamilton. The opportunity to make a substantial change in how people move through the city of Hamilton is one that comes along very rarely. Weâ€™ve been offered funding from the provincial government to support this specific project, and to lose it would be to squander a once in a generation opportunity to initiate long-term positive change.

As you know, Hamilton has encountered many challenges over the years: practical, economic and social. As more people move into the city and as neighbourhoods regenerate, we return to the crucial question of how to help people move around the city. Like many others, I believe that LRT is the best way forward. Buses are yesterdayâ€™s technology; they struggle with weather, the ride isnâ€™t smooth, and they arenâ€™t built for optimal use of space; neither are they built to support the numbers and needs of parents with strollers and citizens who use walkers and wheelchairs. Most of all, buses donâ€™t improve traffic flow because they ARE traffic. We need something that moves



more people quickly, efficiently and smoothly.

In Hamilton we are part of a community of learning and innovation; that means we want and need transportation that is just as forward-looking as our universities and businesses. Building for the future is an investment. It will take time but we have to start soon - to continue to delay simply hinders the potential for development. We all recognize that construction will cause challenges, and I urge each and every one of you to be part of an inventive planning process that helps businesses find ways to function during construction. It won't be easy, but Hamilton needs this to happen if we are to take our place among Ontario's cities that are equipped for the future. We can't afford to be left behind again.

I urge you to put aside partisan politics and support LRT as something that will benefit our entire city for decades to come. Even if some people currently decry LRT, their children and grandchildren will benefit from it. Like you, I recognize that there are other parts of Hamilton that need transportation support and infrastructure. We have the funding for LRT, let's build it and then let's continue on to improve other areas that need it.

This doesn't have to be slated as a question of one part of the city versus another; this is about one significant step forward that will then enable us to take further steps in other directions. It will take time and patience and vision, and I believe that if we choose, we can start to make a difference NOW. If we choose not to, we can watch our city wallow in division and become a backwater, as other cities become destinations of choice. I do use public transportation and I can tell you that buses aren't working. I have lived and worked in cities on three continents and I have seen the difference that a good transit system makes.

With transportation as with government, there is no perfect system. I am asking you to support the plans for LRT, a good plan to dramatically improve the city's transportation requirements. I urge you to think of the future so that Hamilton can use this opportunity to become a more successful, more viable and more modern city. I urge you to choose vision over division.



Robert	King	<p>The community I live in needs better public transportation service and the street I live on and the surrounding area will be served by the Kenilworth and Queenston/Main Traffic Circle stations on the LRT line which will greatly improve the area's access to downtown Hamilton, the two Go stations, and McMaster University as well as all the other areas along the length of the line.</p> <p>Many cities I've been to in Europe and the United States have built and benefitted from light rail lines and Hamilton needs to do the same in order to enhance mobility and livability and be competitive with other jurisdictions that are investing in their infrastructure in order to support business and residential growth or else risk see businesses and people choosing to locate in other municipalities nearby that are like Mississauga or Kitchener-Waterloo, which are building LRT lines.</p>
Christopher	Hunt	<p>I have just come back from a visit to Richmond, Virginia, which is completely stuck in the mid-20th-century motor-car mentality. You see only the occasional city bus, and there are hardly any passengers. Everyone drives everywhere, and the city has been allowed to sprawl suburbanly, the assumption being that everyone has access to a car. OK to visit but I wouldn't want to live there. The old philosophy of organizing cities around the car was a big mistake, and is now completely obsolete. Hamilton must come into the 21st century. We are fortunate that the "linear" nature of the Lower City is well suited to a light rail line.</p>
Eva	Bruni	<p>I support the LRT it will decrease traffic congestion and provide more opportunities for convenient public transit. This is a progressive move and would complement's Hamilton's rejuvenation well.</p>
Michael	Chambers	<p>I just want to make sure enough voices are heard that support the Hamilton LRT project. I am looking forward to living in a city that is looking to the future and investing in LRT. Thank you!</p>
David	Colacci	<p>The time has come to stop delays on LRT and start to concentrate on making the line the very best it can be positively affecting the entire city!</p>



Matthew

Nash

Hamilton is being given a 1 billion dollar opportunity to develop our transport network, encourage density downtown, and improve our air quality.

If you have ever travelled around the world - as well as in Canada - LRT is consistently a key part of an efficient multi-modal transportation network. It is fast, it is cost-effective, and uses less space than other mass-transit options. Recently, I used the LRT system in Portland and was thoroughly impressed by the speed, light-changing control and consistency of the LRT. There were no drive-bys. It ran every ten minutes to the second. It even went out of the city, seamlessly speeding up alongside a highway. This type of convenience, predictability and versatility make LRT the right choice for all ambitious cities.

The numerous studies have proven LRT will raise property values and increase city coffers. I just have to suppose that city councillors have not read them or are not humble enough to trust the experts.

Finally, LRT is all electric. We have the dirtiest air in this region. The dirtiest air in this region! We have a climate change problem. Let's start by putting modern, clean modes of transportation in our network. Remember this is just the first of many LRT projects. These will connect to local and regional rail networks, eventually becoming a seamless transportation experience like the ones across Europe and North America.

Lori

Moulden

I write today from my home in East Hamilton. I hope to share my unwavering support for the LRT project with a few brief words. I am born and raised in this beautiful city and so proud to call it home. I have made a thoughtful decision to stay and hopefully one day raise a family of my own here. Today I walk, bike, drive, and bus to get around and I hope to continue to rely less on my car as our city continues to evolve.



I don't see a way our streets can support our expected population growth other than to make bike and transit an easier, faster, and more cost effective way to get around the city.

Please do what is best for the future of Hamilton, vote YES for LRT!

Pierre	Sultano	Please bring LRT to Hamilton now.
Tony	Hill	I hope to see a return to electric public transit.It'll be over 30 years since it was last here,since the trolley buses were withdrawn in 1992.We need mass transit to encourage transit use,and to end overcrowding.It can and should be done.Only consider our city's geography before proceeding. I've made some suggestions a;ready.Let's do it!
Janet	Booy	I travel abroad frequently and I am alway impressed by the wonderful LRT and pedestrian friendly streets with ample bike lanes in major European cities such as Bordeaux. I truly hope that you can all work together to make Hamilton an amazing city with accessible, affordable transit for all, starting with the LRT. Let's make the LRT vision a reality.
Ali Reza	Gholipour	Just wanted to say that this is a great project for Hamilton and will change how we share public space, access to small business, stroll around and feel safe while walking. This city's reputation and quality of life for the residents will improve. Hope that this project takes off.
Usha	Daniel	I support LRT. I support our City's revitalization. I Support the new jobs it has and will continue to create. The Councillors opposing it should understand that this will only improve our city



Angela	Ceccato	The city needs to move forward to make it great. It would be a big mistake in the long run to not go ahead with this investment.
Vanessa	Robicheau	The LRT will be a welcome addition to our growing City.
Susan	Inch	I agree wholeheartedly with this statement. I am dismayed by the recent actions and comments of some of city Council who are trying to put a damper on the LRT project in Hamilton. I want all of Council to get on with it and let this project go forward as smoothly as possible. I will also be watching the vocal Councillors opposing this project very carefully to see if they try to cause an impasse in negotiations on any issue with the province in an effort to get out of the deal with a simple majority next term. In that case, I will make every effort to ensure they do not form part of the next Council.
Julie	Lostracco	The small but vocal 'anti' group has been misled that the money can be shared for other projects throughout the city. This will lead to a permanent dismissal of all the benefits for future vibrant connections for Hamilton. Please make this clear to all Hamiltonians.
Lisa	Hind	Hamilton needs the LRT to increase economic stability, to move all of Hamilton (and the people) into the 21st Century. The LRT will increase accessibility of people with mobility issues. The LRT will decrease petroleum pollution in the soil, water and air which are all very beneficial things. I completely support getting the LRT moving forward for ALL the people of Hamilton.
Paula	Randazzo	Great News! And about time. Looking for to watching our city Progress!!!
Christopher	Wilson	Make this happen. This is important to our cities future. Those who attempt to confuse or disregard the overwhelming support in favour of moving forward need to be dealt with accordingly. It's frustrating as a progressive city.

William **Harvey** Keep moving on the LRT for the future of Hamilton. Hold Wyne to her promise for funding the LRT for Hamilton.

marg **webster-hutton** As the parents of a young urban planner, our family has purchased 3 homes in Hamilton in the past 2 years because we understood that the LRT was a sure thing. We feel strongly that Hamilton's future prosperity is heavily dependent upon the construction of the LRT and we have invested heavily in Hamilton because of this belief. We cannot imagine how anyone could think otherwise.

Michelle **Sylvain** It's unbelievable to me that this isn't be built as soon as possible. With a city like Hamilton that is growing with each passing month, there is no reason to not move forward with this.

Having an LRT will connect this city and give those without vehicles more opportunities to get where they need to be. I live in the east end and during Ti-Cats games, it's ridiculous how many vehicles line the streets. Imagine if there was an LRT that would allow people to come and go with ease. That applies for just about any other event in this city.

My husband and I moved here from Toronto in June and cannot, for the life of us, understand why the building of an LRT is being contested.

Please help your citizens and help your city become even greater. Build the LRT.

Aaron **Weafer** Please continue your efforts to invest in our city and in particular through increasing public transit. My concern that this issue remains a debate is only exceeded by my frustration in the short sighted selfishness of certain members of Council. I want to encourage our elected officials to continue to invest into Hamilton. The restoration of this city is an attainable goal, but just in the way that lower city residents pay to carry the increased costs of services (per capita) for those up the mountain; we need to remember that we share this city. Investment into one neighbourhood benefits the whole city. Can Council (and residents) please keep in mind the long term future of Hamilton. Let us be the generation that took this city from the pain of the past to the hope of the future. Good luck. We are



with you!

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| Raymond | Braun | YES !! You have photos of Halle in E.-Germany, and all the other small European cities. Halle, SW of Berlin, same size, pop., as Hamilton. But, most of these smaller cities use a 1 m track, which takes less space and gives same capacity. Consider that. We lost out 30 yrs. ago on the Monorail, offered free to the mountain (thr. a tunnel) - had we accepted this, the E-W LRT would already exisat..... Hamilton go for it !! |
| Tom | Flemming | The City's LRT plan has \$1 billion in provincial funding. Take YES for an answer. I'm an LRT supporter. |
| Tom | Burrows | It's time to build the LRT. I resent the obfuscation and misinformation that has been all too prevalent. |
| Tim | Carr | Hopefully it is more efficient fuel-wise and labour-wise. We need to move away from burning so much to get around and LRT is part of that equation. |
| Audrey | Patocs | After attending the LRT GIC meeting on October 25, I wanted to take a moment to voice my support for LRT in Hamilton. I learned a great deal from the presentations and delegations, and in follow up research. I applaud the efforts of everyone who continue to bring their energy and talents to this project. However, it was frustrating to watch certain councillors speak and act in a way that appeared short-sighted and impervious to new, compelling information. |



I was born in Hamilton, educated at McMaster and have personally invested in the core as a property owner and small business owner. I am so proud of the small business owners and community members who have contributed to Hamilton's renaissance: rebuilding the core, resisting urban sprawl, helping create the cultural scene that is drawing and retaining young, urban professionals and their families. Conversely, there are voices -- young and old, urban and sub-urban -- who are decidedly "old Hamilton" in their outlook: car-dependent, pessimistic about Hamilton's future, myopic about what "their taxes" are spent on. Sadly, some of these voices belong to Hamilton city councillors. Perhaps the most pertinent facet of this mindset is the belief that public transit is for the poor, the young, the disabled. I don't think I have to tell you that in great cities, public transit is used by all kinds of people because it is a desirable choice. LRT will be fast, reliable, comfortable, and accessible. The \$1B investment from the province is an incredible opportunity at what is already a turning point in Hamilton's history. Please, do not squander it.

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| Chris | Ewing-Weisz | I'm so happy that Council has recognized its responsibility to continue with the LRT project in a timely manner, although disappointed that some councillors are still not willing to pull together on this commitment that holds such promise for our city. I hope that will change, and that we will, as a city, fully engage this project and all the possibilities it opens up. |
| Dana | Haas | LRT is not optional .. it is a necessary next step in the growth of our city. Please do no hinder this project going forward. |
| Rita | Bailey | <p>Despite the efforts of a small but vocal anti-LRT minority, Hamilton's support for LRT is stronger than ever. Yes, I realize we need better transit on the mountain and in the suburbs. Yes, I realize the construction will be messy, inconvenient and difficult for retail stores and services on King St. But I believe the benefits for Hamilton are exponentially greater than the pain.</p> <p>As a senior I know the day will come when I can no longer drive. I live in a walkable neighbourhood but having a clean,fast, pollution-free method of transportation gets my vote! To those politicians who are opposed to the project I say "Join the 21st Century." The age of the car is over. I am tired of politicians who don't live in the lower city making decisions about what's good for the lower city.</p> |



The young generation who are flocking to live downtown get this. Us older folks need to get with the program. I didn't expect the Social Bikes project to be so popular in Hamilton--my generation didn't grow us riding bikes. Younger people love them and they are a great success. LRT is the same.

As for taxes and referendums: I didn't get to vote as to whether I wanted the Red Hill expressway. Even though I never use it, my tax dollars pay for it--and highway building and maintenance is much more costly than the LRT. Our heart and lung health is negatively affected by car emissions. Living near an intersection can take 10 years off your life. An LRT system is emission free.

For reasons of city-building, convenience, health and the environment I Vote for the LRT! I urge you to do the same.

Dorte	Deans	One factor that seems to be getting lost in the arguments is that LRT is much greener than diesel buses. Just stand beside a bus starting up and you get smothered with awful fumes and smoke. LRT doesn't do that - no fumes, no smoke, better for our health and that of the planet. Who can argue with that?
mik and gina	panavas	what is wrong with you guys we need to move forward on this . it sounds like another ivor wynn debate. Have you been to see kitcheners lrt or edmonton or calgary?
Justine	Ritchie	I am so excited to see LRT back in Hamilton! I saw the new trains at arsupercrawl this year and they look amazing! Lrt would make my commute so much faster and more relaxing. I am in support 100%!!
casey	rovinelli	Say yes, take the money & let's start building! Think big, let's be an ambitious city. Decisive leadership from our public officials is a big part of helping Hamilton reach it's potential.
Annie	Rosenberg	The planned LRT will do much to drive the City of Hamilton's economic growth, promoting more investment and lessening our reliance on cars. I therefore urge Hamiltonians to join together in achieving our vision for the future of our city.



Sarah	Riddiough	I believe this will be extremely beneficial to our city and let Hamiltonians have more pride to live here
Anthony	Lapointe	It's good opportunity for for this city and transit . Why because technology is advancing Rapidly in other city's . For Hamilton it's the same old story when it's good for the city and the people city of Hamilton backs out.its Time too stop keeping our city in the dark ages and start making it a city with real structure and a real name for our selfs .
Melissa	Leaist	LRT is the starting point on a very important process of modernizing our overall transportation infrastructure in Hamilton. Although the construction phase will create some inconveniences, the overall benefits to the city are immeasurable. I call on all Hamiltonians to support businesses in the core that will have some challenges during the construction. Solutions to those issues are possible! Let's get behind this once in a lifetime opportunity to move Hamilton forward for all!
Emily	Bite	Anyone who can't afford to live or buy a home in Toronto (which is everyone) will be (and are already) moving to Hamilton. that is all. It's a no brainer.
Ben	Haffie	I am in the process of offering on houses in the city, and one thing I notice is how poorly the public transit compares to other cities. The light rail system seems like a great option for stimulating the economy, improving quality of life, and doing it with minimal environmental impact.
Spencer	Thibodeau	As Hamilton continues to grow, our options for transit should grow too. HSR is awesome, but having a second option to get to a destination within Hamilton would be great (without having to use Uber or a traditional Cab [\$\$\$]). Not to mention \$1b funneled into the GHA economy. I look forward to seeing the first scoop out of a major road when construction for LRT begins.

Dean	Fulton	If we are not moving forward with mass rapid transit in Hamilton then we are moving backward as a community - especially considering the billion dollars available for the project. While this may be some short term pain for some of the businesses along the route, the long term gains will be felt for perpetuity. There is really no defensible argument against the LRT other than the attitude of the C.A.V.E. people. (Citizens Against Virtually Everything)
Gianni	Charalambopoulos	it's time for Hamilton to think and act like a progressive city. But I do really think it should be installed on Main Street and turn that road into a complete street with 2 way traffic and LRT running down the middle
Ania	K	Please support the LRT in Hamilton. The way to create a thriving and vibrant city is to invest in infrastructure, businesses and transportation options. The city should not, and cannot rely on the car alone.
Jim	Macaulay	We need to get more positive information out to the Hamilton general public regarding LRT. I am amazed at the number of people who know nothing about Hamilton LRT and how the city can benefit. When I ask my friends they do not know anything about it or they are against it for no good reason. I find the ones who are most vocal against LRT have not researched the project.
Matt	Grant	Full support for LRT in Hamilton!
SNEHAL	PATEL	THIS LRT SUPPORT LOTS OF PEOPLE LIFE
Oana	Sirb	Please support the LRT and help make it happen. Hamilton needs it.

Fernando Ferreira Now is the time that we have to all agree that this much needed LRT will make Hamilton a much better city to live in.

Please ensure to vote this in.

Hans Stief LRT is critical to reducing congestion and improving connectivity within the city of Hamilton. Our population is growing and if we wait on this we will end up behind where we need to be. Please approve the Environmental Assessment Ammendment. I live in east Hamilton and I support building the LRT!

Janis Topp The LRT is so important to our city's future. It has my continued support, and I do expect our council to continue with the decisions of approval that they have already made.

Edward Sernie While I realize that construction of the LRT will create much havoc, for many years -- in the long run we must move forward and commence building the LRT.

I think the benefits of improved public transit in Hamilton will make the City a better place to live and work. Hopefully people will realize that they no longer need cars for many of their day-to-day activities and join the rest of Hamilton who already use public transit, ride a bike, or even walk!

I believe that the LRT will contribute to making Hamilton a more user-friendly and pedestrian-oriented city.



Evan Pray

I find myself once again expressing my desire for LRT in Hamilton. Through this entire process I try to envision how I will use the service, as well as my family in the future. I feel like I fall under the 'young professional' who lives downtown. I unfortunately have to take a car to work at my school in Milton. These days I try to use HSR and alternate modes of transportation where I can, but I remember when my priorities were more local I would regularly take the bus. I do plan on moving outside of the downtown core when I start a family. When that happens, I hope that I, as well as my children could access the downtown as well as other parts of the city independently while leaving the car parked at home. Good transit allows this to happen. I remember the freedom of getting on the bus and getting where I need to go. Where I am getting at is that yes I am currently a downtown resident, but I plan on moving outside of the core at some point in my life. A successful LRT and eventual BLAST network will benefit me as well as my family living in the 'outskirts' of the city.

Mary Anne Ablitt-Blain

I live at First Place and as a woman entering my senior years I implore you to go forward on the LRT. As seniors we eventually have to give up our vehicles and licenses and then we have to resort to public transportation to get to appointments, shopping and even an odd evening out to socialize. I watch my fellow tenants as they try to maneuver the system as it stands today. Not good enough for a city of this size. we deserve better and with the province offering to help, we need to take advantage of this and have a better and cleaner transportation system installed. Enough of not looking forward, enough of dragging of the feet. This has been offered to us and we need to take advantage of it, now. Not later. It won't be available then and you will have dropped the ball. I really don't understand why the is opposition to improving our city, our quality of life.

Nick Policelli

The LRT is good for Hamilton.

Evan Aagaard

The LRT project is a must if Hamilton is to build itself I to a modern, livable, city of the 21st century.



Look no further than cities like Austin and Portland to find vibrant communities, thriving economies and proud citizens connected by the central nervous system of light rail.

With LRT Hamilton doesn't need to play second best to Toronto anymore. We can be our own unique destination city where thousands will want to live and work.

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| Anna | Vermaat | Bringing the LRT into Hamilton will make this city that much easier to navigate as years go by. It will take time to build and be an inconvenience for a short while, but it's the long term pay back that we need to consider. Our next home/apartment is going to be on or near a transport line. Everyone will stop driving at some point in their lives. There are cities in the world where people never have a driver's license or own a car. Between public transport, use of bikes and walking, think how much better the environment and our personal health will be. |
| David | Wootton | I just don't understand why Hamilton is so backward. Why would anyone in the city or for heaven's sake anyone on council even question the merits of a FREE LRT system???? i am so tired of Hamilton being the backwater of Ontario. It's so embarrassing to say the least! I personally have suffered economically and so have my children who have both left the area since there have not been paying jobs for educated people n Hamilton. Even my parents back in the fifties had to leave Hamilton for Ottawa in order to earn enough to support our family. Is is not time after nearly 80 years to make this city prosper????? |
| Kevin | Archibald | I commute using HSR every day from DUNDAS. LRT will be great for the city of Hamilton and for me and the future use of my kids. |
| Tyler | Pearson | I am writing to let you know that I am in full support of the LRT project. So much so, that I moved my family to Hamilton over a year ago (as did my business partner and his family) to expand our Private Equity Investment company. Our company is focused on deploying large sums of capital in Hamilton and not just its downtown. The reason we chose Hamilton is because we believe strongly in its future and the economic pillars that are beginning to underpin it and want to play an active role in its continued revitalization. A primary catalyst for us focusing on Hamilton was largely in part due to the LRT infrastructure that we feel will inject considerable new life and investment dollars all throughout Hamilton. Anyone who would go on record and state they are against this planned infrastructure or |



that only the downtown core will benefit is simply not thinking rationally and is certainly ignoring the numerous examples all around the world where LRT was a major catalyst for new growth and quite frankly responsible growth. The reality is population is increasing and highways and inner city streets are becoming increasingly congested. People are becoming much more aware of their time and how valuable it is to them and their families and are now measuring their commutes in minutes and not in miles. As a result, people and businesses have and will continue to gravitate to cities that are investing in LRT infrastructure because quite frankly it needs to be done in order to properly prepare for the future. Hamilton has an incredible opportunity to begin putting in some major building blocks for future growth that will continue to retain and attract some of the brightest minds and forward thinking companies around. However, if we let petty politics prevent this new chapter from turning it will inevitably be a very unfortunate moment in history for the City of Hamilton as it will undoubtedly get left behind by other city centers willing and wanting to invest in large LRT infrastructure projects. That all said, I remain confident that you will all come to the conclusion that the best time to invest in LRT infrastructure would have been years ago however, the next best time is now. I trust you will do the right thing.

Dave Bazowsky

No city has ever advanced/improved or expanded without having sufficient modern transit systems capable of taking us to the next level.

Doreen Stermann

The LRT is a once on a lifetime opportunity to receive Provincial tax dollars to build this. This is about our future growth and transit users. People want to use efficient transit systems. We want to reduce courage young graduates and future businesses to invest in Hamilton. Don't turn this down.

Please note , while attending an MTO meeting last June for a work related meeting I overheard, while on a coffee break, reps from the MTO and other municipalities talking about how Hamilton couldn't get it's act together on the LRT item. They all just shook their heads questioning how we could throw this way.

This is our opportunity to show we're a progressive city and bring economic growth to our city. This will attract businesses and more residents. We need this.



Dina	D'Ermo	I understand there will now be a poll to see how much people understand about LRT. Enough of this... Council made a decision , stick to it and get on with the steps to make LRT happen starting in 2019.
John	Hannah	My Hamilton includes LRT.
David	Low	LRT has our full support. It concerns me that we are still debating this. It's time for council to move ahead with progressive ideas and stop trying derail this important venture.
Thomas	Lorini	YES TO LRT! Lets invest into our citys future now. Stop the politics and lets move full steam ahead!
Julia	Veenstra	Please continue to support the LRT. Please honor the commitment you have made. My household is for LRT.
Rachel	More	Hamilton is an amazing city to live in and this is a real opportunity to stay one of the most liveable cities and the best place to raise a child. Progress does not stop and it's up to us to take the best from it that we can.
Karen	Phillips	I support the LRT!
Chris	Phillips	I support the LRT!



Noda	Kouniakis	Please don't let this great opportunity for Hamilton pass us by. This is good for the entire city. Even us in the east mountain.
Valerie	Warren	Just because I can't make the meeting because I have to work doesn't mean that I am not passionate about LRT. I would like to see the city once and for all accept and move forward with this project which will benefit the entire city. This is no time for partisan politics. "United we stand, divided we fall." - John Dickinson
Diana	Paprica	LRT is an absolute must for a future that respects the generations that will follow our own. Opposition to LRT boils down to one thing: benefiting the interests of capital vs. the interests of people. We need to take this courageous step to shift political decision-making away from "safe bets" to those that set the stage for future progressive growth of a full community - and not just an economy.
Cora	Muis	Enough already - let's get this thing going!
Klaas	Walma	My Hamilton includes an LRT. An LRT will allow residents and visitors to travel effortlessly across the downtown. It will relieve congestion downtown. It will reduce the number of vehicles spewing pollutants into the air which will in turn help the environment and reduce the healthcare burden imposed. It will make Hamilton more attractive to business, visitors and people looking to relocate from Toronto. BUILD IT!
Michael	O'Riordan	As a relatively new resident of Hamilton (5 years), I am strongly in favour of the LRT. Public transportation and cycling infrastructure are what make bustling cities vibrant and accessible. Vote Yes on the LRT.
Deborrah	Sherman	I live in Ward 6 and am close to retirement. It is highly unlikely I will ever need to use the LRT. However, I want to see it built to make Hamilton a city that everyone of every age and every income level can navigate more efficiently, more safely and with less impact to the environment. My grown kids are not interested in the car culture, and want good transit. I want it too, for them and their future children. I want Hamilton to thrive, and to do that we need complete streets as well as LRT.

Please do not blow this opportunity.

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| Matt | Fisher | I believe Hamilton deserves LRT. There should be no reason to continue to use stalling tactics. We had the same here in Ottawa, where BRT supporters argued that we didn't need to build LRT because our BRT, the Transitway, was more than adequate. But saner heads prevailed. Our city is now building LRT scheduled to open in 2018 and even planning for expansion to bring the O-Train to a size comparable to Calgary CTrain, which I have been on. Nearby in Kitchener-Waterloo, LRT is being built too. Even sprawling Mississauga has LRT on the agenda. There should be no reason for Hamilton to use the same stalling tactics that we have attempted in Ottawa to no avail. |
| Sonja | De Pauw | Public transit is the way of the future and light rail is the way for Hamilton's public transit. |
| Pheroze | Jeejeebhoy | Mr. Whitehead's 11th-hour dithering almost tanked the stadium. In the end, we lost great opportunities. Don't let it happen again. Support the LRT and let's move Hamilton forward. |
| Paul | Davis | My wife and I recently bought a house very close to the LRT route, with that in mind. We both grew up in Hamilton, and we both work in the city. We live in the East End, and I work downtown, so LRT would be the perfect way for me to travel to work each day. Please follow through on the promise and potential of LRT in Hamilton. It's a forward-thinking project that will, I think, produce massive, long-lasting benefits for the Hamilton community. Thank you. |
| Leslie | Szamosvari | I firmly believe that the LRT project is a very good idea. I think that people will leave their cars to ride it. Infrastructure costs should decrease, as fewer cars would travel the roads. I rode on several similar light rail systems and I found them akin to moving sidewalks....step on, step off. Hamilton LRT could be the seed to start efficient, shared, public systems that improve Hamiltonians' lives. |



Blair **Anderson** This project will do so much for the city and it is being gift wrapped by the province. Get it done!

Cathy **McPherson** Council members - I strongly urge you to stick with the plan to build a light rail system in Hamilton.

Mike **Baughan** Hello! This world needs forward thinkers. It needs people who are willing to take reasonable risks to satisfy their vision for the future. Connected fast transit is the future. It's not just rhetoric. We don't have the means to sustain the growing demands of a car centric society. We have to be smarter, more efficient and we have to prove that the model of public transit can be better. The LRT represents the first steps in Hamilton recognizing that vision. It is a vision I share with many others in this wonderful city and I look forward to being able to take the LRT when it goes live.

Yasemin **Ucar** LRT is an investment in the future of Hamilton, as well as cleaner air and sustainability. Change is never easy for everyone, and disruption is unavoidable, but in the long run, LRT will make Hamilton, especially downtown, more pedestrian-friendly and better for businesses of all types.

Let's not drag our heels on transit and infrastructure improvements that will stand us in good stead for generations.

Bonnie **Patterson** I give my 100% support for the LRT system that will provide the residents of the City of Hamilton a fast and easy way to get to their destination. It's long over-due. Saying YES to the LRT is an easy decision to make.



Evan	Haas	I'm tired of the misinformation and sabotaging of a very important project for our city. Let's vote yes on the things that move this along, lest we drop the ball and our city will suffer.
John	Doe	Please don't allow the shortsighted to mess up a great opportunity for Hamilton, this place can be improved but it starts with you.
karin	anderson	This is the future for Hamilton. Please say yes to the LRT
Margaret	Ferizis	Why do councillors that do not live in Hamilton even have a say? In years to come these districts will be screaming for an extension of the LRT they didn't want. Hindsight is 20/20. Show some foresight! This LRT project isn't just for the here and now. It is also for the future and increased populations. Just imagine if there is no LRT and everybody has a car. Take a good look at Toronto, that is your traffic future. Is that what you want for the city you are supposed to be working for?
Edward	Baldry	Just get on with the construction
Andy	Binkle	I think many Councillors are grandstanding Including Terry Whitehead, who will be losing my vote in the future. Infrastructure makes cities great. Hamilton should be great.
Krys	Arciszewski	I am have lived in Hamilton most of my life. I am a mountain resident and care about the future of our city. I strongly believe the future requires a vibrant transit system included an LRT across town. It will open up the city and continue to wave of revitalization. Vote YES for LRT!

Kat	Bezner	The time to invest in transit in Hamilton is now. Take the billion dollars and bring in the jobs, businesses and convenience to Hamilton.
Al	Horzelenberg	I support the installation of LRT in Hamilton and all the maintenance that will follow. It is not for me or my children's generation. Rather for the next generation: my grand children and beyond who will undoubtedly have a very difficult time of negotiating their way through the exponentially exploding volume of motorized and vehicular traffic on 20th century roads. We need a far broader perspective and more distant vision to fathom the anticipated numerical growth of society.
Michael	Milleski	Please don't squander this once-in-a-city's-lifetime opportunity.
Margaret	Mileski	More in life is lost to indecision than even to wrong decision. Not moving forward with LRT will cost my city its heart.
Bruno	Settimi	I think that the LRT in Hamilton is a must have.
Kevin	McCafferty	Councillors: Please take your damp fingers out of the air. Joe Six Pack's fear and anger over losing one of our cross town freeways can be placated with some lucid exposition of facts. Please show some leadership because in the end that will be self preserving, both for the future of the city and in your professional situations.
Joanne	Zaras	I support the LRT for Hamilton.

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we should build it. i'm a Mohawk business student and in my opinion this is cost effective in the long run and the city is growing so having the LRT in place will help keep traffic down.



Erin Lepischak I regularly ride the B line to work downtown. I rarely get a seat - the buses are full. There is a need for LRT to move this volume of people. Please have the vision to support growth.

Ryan Miller Keep the city moving forward, finally. Remain attractive to young people, finally. Accept the province's full support, finally.

This is not a decision for today or tomorrow or 5 years. This is a decision that will forever shape Hamilton.

Alexander Wilson A need for better transit from each end of the city is needed. Downtown is congested, not everyone drives, and people need to work. LRT will help us alleviate these kinds of issues and provide a better alternative to simply taking the bus or jamming more cars into thick traffic.

Adam Gallant To say that I would be disappointed in this City should the LRT not be built would be an understatement. Pivotal opportunities like this do not come often, and I would hate to see all the progress Hamilton has made slow or revert when the disappointed young professionals that have made this City so vibrant again are beat in the face with the ugliness that has kept it so stagnant for so long.

Claire Calnan This is essential for the downtown! Please support the LRT.

Catherine Cox LRT should have been built long ago

Jason Morse All of Hamilton is better positioned for the coming decades by accepting the LRT investment. High order rapid transit both attracts and accommodates population and job growth. Transit oriented development helps shift new transportation burden away from costly road networks. Assessment growth in already serviced areas is most effective in easing citywide budget pressure. The provincial LRT plan is a huge step towards greater vitality



in Hamilton.

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| Amanda | Brazeau | Our current infrastructure is unable to keep up with our population, in the future as our population grows, if our infrastructure is not there to support it, this city will die. |
| John | Fernandes | I strongly support LRT in the community. Just because LRT doesn't run in every neighbourhood doesn't mean it doesn't benefit them. A stronger city benefits all its neighbourhoods. This LRT line should be just the start... I look forward to see it one day run to stoney creek and to the airport. |
| Jack | Wilson | Not like better transit is beneficial or anything... |
| Peter | Scholtens | I'm a mountain resident. I support light rail because what's good for the lower city is good for all of us. |
| Cara | Carrothers | Progress moves us forward. We have momentum Hamilton, let's move forward United. |
| Jason | Haggerty | A city as major as Hamilton deserves to have an lrt line as part of its transit network. Don't squander a good opportunity. |
| Sarah | Newman | I rode the HSR to and from school every day of high school. When I moved to Ottawa two years ago to attend university, the first thing I noticed was the public transit; it is just so much better here. In my opinion, the O-Train LRT line is what cinches it. |

An LRT would vastly improve transit in Hamilton, and make transit a more attractive option to commuters. Here in Ottawa, I ride the O-Train to school every day, and it is vastly superior to a bus -- it cuts my travel time down exponentially, it is a comfortable and smooth ride, it is always on time, as opposed to a buses reliance on good traffic. BRT lanes are an essential facet of al large city's transit plan but they are not a substitute for an LRT, monorail, or subway system. Ottawa's LRT allows me to live in an affordable neighbourhood farther away from my university, and still be able to make it to class in 30 minutes. I believe the same could be done for many areas in Hamilton, perhaps allowing downtown core residents to easily work in affluent Stoney Creek, or allowing McMaster students to easily live outside of pricey Westdale.

When I lived in Hamilton, I hated taking transit. Now that I have access to the O-Train LRT, it's fast and easy. Take Ottawa's example and don't turn down the \$1 billion LRT grant -- it's helping us build a shortcut to downtown right now.

Deborah Tompkins

I have a simple request. Please don't screw this up for me, for my children and other Hamiltonians, present and future. Please, Councillors, think bigger than your own ward. Represent what's best for your city.

Matthew Bennett

LRT is the future, get with the times...

Aidan Hennebry

BUILD THE LRT IMMEDIATELY! This is insane that we're still contemplating turning down \$1 billion in infrastructure from the province!!



Greg McNally Lrt will complete change hamilton in such a positive way not doing this project would be such a mistake. I lived in Vancouver for almost 3 yrs. I've talked with business owners and citizens of the city. During construction of the Canada line from downtown to yvr tensions were heightened. Now most would agree the city couldn't live without it.

City council needs to accept this project. Build on the momentum the city has with the younger generations wanting to make this city greater.

Miranda Lee It's time to let Hamilton grow up to be the city it's becoming. Light Rail is good for business and good for the environment. A more accessible, more densely populated urban centre yields exponentially more in tax revenue than sprawl. Our city is gaining traction as a place you can come and start your dream business, be movers and shakers, and saying no to an opportunity like this is saying that Hamilton is not that kind of city, but is a city stuck in the mindset of urban decline. Downtown is the hub of the suburbs and should not be treated as a no-man's land any more! Hamilton has highways to get you from one end of town to the other at high speeds. We don't need our arterial roads to be mini-highways; we need them to be filled with shops that supply the not only goods and services but also jobs and tax revenue.

Please, saying no to LRT is saying no to a thriving Hamilton.

Scott Culp As a transit user I understand the importance of a connected city and the focus on reducing the congestion of motor vehicles in the downtown core.

I am also a Hamilton Airport employee and hope that eventually a North South extension will tie in to the planned East West route and re-vitalize an often overlooked alternative to Pearson International.

Connor Horman Vote to support LRT!!!



Paul	Raun	Building the light rail line provides a crucial step in building Hamilton's capacity as a resilient city, better able to respond to currently unfolding challenges related to resource depletion and economic uncertainty.
Helene	Caron	I saw an LRT system in Nices that was spectacular and worked amazingly. We need this to move people quickly through the city. It would be great to have it run from University Plaza in Dundas to Eastgate mall, but let's not balk at plans that would cover less territory. I'd still want it.
Warren	Rumak	Let's attract higher-quality students to McMaster, who will feel more connected to the rest of the city with an LRT than they would with a bus.
Mark	Inglis	Please be forward looking, provide for pedestrians and read: http://www.theguardian.com/cities/2015/apr/28/end-of-the-car-age-how-cities-outgrew-the-automobile?CMP=share_btn_tw AND http://yorkurbanist.com/what-is-urban-design/example-subpage-1/
Jason	MacIsaac	Strongly advocate for LRT downtown Hamilton. Long term solution to make Hamilton a better and more progressive place for new and established residents.
Mike	Murphy	LRT provides a great move forward. Let us not be left behind.
Ann	Lawton-Barry	What on earth are our councillor's thinking ? This LRT is an opportunity to move this city into the future.

Mara Adams If the province is willing to bet \$1 billion dollars on our future, then why aren't we?! Finally a chance to transform this city which will benefit all of us in the long run. You cannot say no to this kind of investment!

Jochen Bezner Dear City Council,

Please support the Provincial LRT plan for Hamilton since this is a key part of a much bigger picture about improving transit in Ontario. Show leadership and a vision for what the future will bring in terms of needs but also opportunities. Let's not get caught up in narrow minded thinking and then pay the price later with congestion. Just look at Toronto as a negative example where inaction and indetermination has brought on massive gridlock.

GET HAMILTON READY FOR ALL THE NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE LOWER CITY!

David Couture This is ridiculous! Grow up, learn how to be a team, and work towards the common goal of making the entire city of Hamilton a better place for us all!

That includes Light Rail Transit, Complete Streets that support LRT, and how about a general sense of comradery your constituents are desperate for?

Voter turnout is low, staff morale is even lower. Isn't it high time you all grew up and worked as a team to help this city reach its potential?!

David Shim I support the Hamilton LRT project. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity which will also help the outerlying regions, like WINONA!



Chris Oretiruys WE NEED THIS! LRT is a transformative opportunity for the City and look forward to hearing that after so many fits and starts, we will be proceeding with construction.

David Capizzano The LRT is the best possible way we can grow our transit system, benefiting everyone in the city. It's time we stop accepting the status quo and move forward with a world class method of transit!

Stop the nonsense, council!

Derrick Stevens We need to get this done!!!!

Doug Scholz Council,

Please do not jeopardize the future of Hamilton to play personal politics. Your role in council is to do what is best for the city as a whole. Enough upper/lower city division. Please vote for LRT.

Steven McKay An open letter to Councillor Chad Collins

Hello Councillor Collins,



I am writing to appeal to you NOT to stand in the way of LRT coming to Hamilton. I gather that you understand the arguments for LRT, but have decided that those arguments are not strong enough to proceed with the recommendation of previous councils and the province.

Fair enough - every Councillor is meant to voice the concerns of their constituents.

You have a responsibility to more than your constituents with a proposal like this. You are actually responsible to all Hamiltonians to build a better city.

If everyone who objected to the Red Hill Valley Expressway had managed to stand in the way of its construction and funding, what would Ward 5 be like?

The positive change that the Red Hill brought to Ward 5 is essentially what's at stake for all of us over in Ward 1, 2 and 3. We are looking at a major transformation of neighbourhoods that have been depressed for generations.

We can't move people with an expressway cutting through the city, because we don't have the space and we have an obligation to intensify the population downtown. LRT gives us downtown what the Red Hill gave to your constituents in Ward 5.

With that in mind, I plead that you reconsider your position on this subject.

Kind regards,



Steve McKay

David Reason Hamilton Needs LRT so that transit evolves as our city grows larger

Rita Bailey I have lived in downtown Hamilton for twenty years and I love this city. I believe an east-west LRT system will transform the city, making it an even better place to live and work.

Any project like this requires some pain. It's like renovating a house. You live with the inconvenience, the noise, the dust, the disruption to your daily routine, muttering and grumbling. When it is finally over you get to enjoy the benefits of that inconvenience for years to come.

I would urge all councillors to realize that cities are changing. The car is no longer king. Young people want more from their city than highways and more cars in their driveway. We have many highways throughout Hamilton. It's time we had a sustainable and innovative transit system.

Jason McGibbon I find it frustrating and sad that once again there is waffling by city council regarding a major issue for Hamilton. LRT has been discussed and commitments made which we the residents of Hamilton would like to see honoured.

LRT is an important step for a developing city with as much potential as Hamilton. To turn down the funds and back away from such a development would truly be a step backwards which would squash so much of the potential that we have begun to see turn to reality.

Josh Purdon Please do not miss this opportunity to have \$1 billion dollars invested in our city's infrastructure. It would be the blunder of our generation to ignore this opportunity.



Lane	Dunlop	Everyone talks about Hamilton being a city on the rise, but sometimes it feels as though it is happening in spite of some members of our City Council. Don't let this opportunity pass us by.
Liam	Reilly	Great opportunity for dt core growth and connection of the entire city. This should not even be a debate.
Carolyn	Brown	I hope to retire in the hammer. I don't want to drive unless I'm heading out of the city entirely. Come on....be brave, be a forward thinking city
Maria	Strybos	Please plan for a sustainable future instead of focusing on the next election cycle! Support transit!
John	Morris	I think the LRT is a huge opportunity for the city to improve transportation in the city and to spur development.
Parker	Martin	I live right downtown, right in the path of the proposed construction. I want this in my downtown core. I have lived in Geneva and other world class cities throughout Western Europe that have this very same 21st Century method of public transit. It is beyond convenient, it improves quality of life. To pass up this opportunity would be beyond stupid.
Emmett	Pearce	I live in Ward 6, on Hamilton Mountain, and I support the building of the LRT.



Anne	Tennier	I hope, and frankly expect, our City Council to reaffirm its support for LRT. Any project of this magnitude will have some uncertainties, and details will firm up as design is completed. But we cannot wait until every detail is nailed to get started. It is much more productive to accept that there will be disruption and work to figure out how to support those businesses and individuals who will be impacted. This has the potential to be a transformative project for Hamilton. Let's be on the train when it leaves the station.
David	Serafini	I ask you to remember why we decided to build an LRT at the outset of this process. Our transit system is an investment in future development that will allow for increased mobility options, more efficient land use, less pollution, and increased tax revenues. There will certainly be some inconveniences, but the construction of a modern rapid transit system will benefit the entire city in the long run. Even if the local ratepayers were paying a portion of the cost, it would still be a great idea. Turning down 100% capital funding from the province would be ludicrous. Please continue to support the LRT plan as you have in the past
Susan	Corrigan	SAY YES! A no vote would be end of what is a wonderful renaissance in our beautiful city. We need to build a city that is equitable, accessible, and green.
Thomas	Burrows	Please don't be wimps and become like Rob Ford's City Council. This is what's best for the future of our city. Do the right thing.
Zakk	Di Sabatino	I may not live downtown, but I work in the core of Hamilton and have many friends that reside in the area that would benefit from the LRT. Everyone I have talked to believes that nothing but good things for the city will come from this project.
Margaret	Flood	I believe the LTR is the right thing for Hamilton. It will create jobs, urban development, it will help people get around the city. Please dont turn down this funding, Hamilton wont be offered it again!
Joel	Arndt	LRT has a way of uniting a city.



Quick transit between Downtown and East Hamilton opens opportunity for business collaboration. It lets people consider travelling to the edges of the city for events or for an afternoon outing. Even those of us with cars would consider an LRT trip over driving because it eliminates the search for parking and navigating Hamilton's confusing tangle of one-ways.

The prospect of LRT is already drawing investment. There is a recently formed company buying property called "Light Rail Living." There is only one obvious reason their money is spent in Hamilton.

I say the construction headaches are worth it. We'll figure it out. Hamilton has healthy communities. We can rally together and make the construction dance something more entertaining and less depressing.

To Hamilton Council, please figure this out. Make sure we get LRT. Let's not waste such a massive gift to future Hamilton.

Thank-you,

Joel Arndt

P.S. It's not just a gift to the future, but to ourselves as well. Even though this is a huge project, we will all get to enjoy its benefits. We just need to hold on to the vision of the finished result (new infrastructure and economic boost).

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This is too good of an opportunity to pass up! I believe LRT will be transformative for Hamilton.



Nancy Henderson

I wholly supportive of using the \$1b offered to advance the LRT plan for Hamilton and improve transit in Hamilton and the surrounding area.

To those City Councillors and politicians involved - please follow through on these plans (Councillors, can't forget stadium-by-default fiasco)!!!

I live in an older area of Ancaster - love my proximity to trails here, but - can/do cycle to work in Hamilton - shop in the core (market, Mustard Seed, indie shops) - entertainment dollars are mostly spent right downtown in the core.

I'm a Sobi/user/supporter/subscriber even though there are no stations here in Ancaster.

LRT will enhance Hamilton and area connectivity - living, working, and playing!

Leon Taheny

I think the LRT is essential to adding development in some of the lower income parts of Hamilton. Opening up transport will allow people easier access to travel and grow beyond their means. It will open up Neighbourhoods to more new small business, house buyers, and investment. Please say yes to LRT!

Andrew Baulcomb

Public transit is a worthwhile investment in any major city. It benefits the environment, enhances public health and wellbeing, and strengthens a community's national and international reputation. Let's make a sound decision for Hamilton's future.



Aaron Weafer There can be no logical reason to say no to this.

Jo-Anne Ballarano LRT would bring Hamilton on par with other modern Canadian cities- Toronto, Kitchener, Calgary,Edmonton for example. The LRT would provide a necessary east west transit option. If the project is not completed now it will only become increasingly expensive.

LRT will attract forward thinking and entrepreneurial initiatives. It will breathe new hope and life into a tired lower city. The aesthetic component of LRT immediately conjures images of progressive thought and modernity.

Cindy Stover Dear Hamilton City Council, MPPs, and Premier Wynne,

The LRT is not only vital to Hamilton's future as a world class city, but is also necessary for families of various socio-economic backgrounds to be able to access the services they need in an affordable way. I'm excited about the LRT as I both live nearby the proposed track, and work directly along the King St. proposed track, and can't wait to have rapid transit options to my workplace and near home that will get me to and from important spots in the city. Please don't halt the progress of this very important project, or waste time in useless debates any further. Instead, please do everything you can as a unified group representing what is best for our city to push it forward with as few obstacles as possible.

Dawn Pray Hamilton must invest in LRT for all. For my friends that say , I will never use it, please please this is something that will make our city grow as well as help our citizens. Though you may not use it, when you come to a downtown hospital for tests, treatment...how do you think all the employees get there? Do we want our children to have to go to Toronto for jobs forever?
I support LRT!



Kyle	Krische	Canada in general is so far behind in transit from the rest of the world. This will be huge for the people in the city who need this most, who cannot afford a vehicle or even multiple vehicles for new young families. Most of the opposition is coming from areas uneffected by the construction and from particular social classes who value their minor inconvenience over the future and well-being of an entire city.
Elysha	Ardelean	This type of transit is long overdue in the city. This is a necessary project for the health and well-being of the future of Hamilton for all people of all walks of life.
David	Escobedo	Let's accept the 1 billion dollars to build our future.
rich	lianga	do it!
Liam	Brown	Public Transportation is a key component of a world class City, let's show Toronto how it's done!
Nancy	Scott	We own property in Hamilton. LRT is THE best idea Hamilton has come up with in 40 years. People hate change...but...once built, your entire corridor will be transformed into a people friendly, active and vibrant community. There is plenty of evidence of this...I attended talks by both Gil Penlosa and Brent Toderian. Fast, efficient, reliable, affordable public transit will pull Hamilton into the 21st century. It is the way of the future. Young people don't want to own a car. LRT's are light years ahead of bus service. Go for it!
Amir	Dautovic	Yes , all for it !!! Time to move forward with change improve traffic on the city streets giving more options to commuters . Good time to create jobs and clean up the city of Hamilton . It's time we are recognized as the beautiful city we are then the arm pit of Lake Ontario .



Adam Fleming It's time Hamilton started making up for the sins of its fathers.

AJ Fleming It's time for Hamiltonians to make up for the sins of our fore-fathers. A urban core crushed in the 1950's & 60's by short sighted and narrow minded city counsellors who thought that destroying downtown vibrancy was a smart price to pay for creating the ultimate car-friendly infrastructure. And now, with a chance to start turning itself around, Greater Hamilton is suffering from road blocks that would have us go right back to those dark days of downtown decimation. That's inconceivable to those of us who have moved to Hamilton and see its potential as a city of greatness; but unfortunately that opposition is always going to come from those who cannot look forward.

We MUST open our eyes and look around us. Look to other cities, other places, other countries. Don't be afraid of doing this, embrace it. This is the only way forward. We lived in Vancouver during the endless debate and eventual construction of The Canada Line. We lived in Boston as the city embraced a decade of disruption & billions invested in The Big Dig. Small-minded opposition was a common theme in all of those places, but the world doesn't have to listen to that. In fact, it can't afford to. We need visionaries who are willing to look beyond the short term inconvenience and selfish indulgences. Suburban populations have never been known for their groundbreaking ideas in any city. Yet investment in the future of our downtown is desperately needed, like it or not, and there are enough intelligent, committed and passionate members of our city all over the place to make this groundswell a success.

Support the LRT, and help stop the fear of progress.

Christine Brown I already take the number 5 from Ancaster to downtown. Please make getting across the City faster and more comfortable by building the LRT in Hamilton. I own a VW TDI and would just as soon leave it in the driveway. Let's continue to bring creative prosperity to Hamilton.



Armin Krauss Why would you not invest in better public transit and forgo \$1B by other governmental bodies?

Don Brown As one who is making a transition from reliance on a car in favour of public transport, i urge my councillor and all others to vote in favour of the Light Rail Transit proposal for Hamilton.

I!m looking forward to geeater access to Hamilton's growing number of resources quickly, efficiently, comfortably, and in an environmentally friendly manner.

David Mathies Time to move forward on this

Jocelyn Weatherbe If we are to save any farmland in the fruitful Niagara Peninsula we have to build denser urban neighbourhoods. The LRT will service those areas and encourage economic development in them. This will benefit the whole city in increased tax base and a more robust economy.

I have lived in both Calgary and Vancouver and enjoyed the travel flexibility of the SkyTrain,the rapid transit metropolitan rail system of Greater Vancouver, and Calgary's LRT. They are almost universally considered a vast improvement over transit before they were built even by former detractors.

LRT is a positive and progressive idea whose time has come.

Jennifer Friesen Because it's 2016.



Nick	VanAmstel	The time has come for Hamilton to make the leap from the small-town mindset, that has plagued us forever, to being a place that embraces change and growth with vision and commonsense. The city council divide of upper and lower city HAS to change. What is good for "downtown" is good for the entire city. The LRT will be a boon to everyone in this city. Whatever challenges that come with the introduction of the LRT can be met and overcome if, and only if, ALL the members of council recognize that we are in this together. The businesses that will be affected by the construction of the LRT should be actively supported by every person that supports the LRT. This support will go a long way to easing the concerns of many people.
Douglas	Goodman	This is a positive step forward. Sometimes council members are swayed by area residents (read "voters") and, unfortunately, it can come down to not what is best for Hamilton, but about re-election. I understand the reluctance of some business owners who feel that their business might be impacted by the construction. I remember this same concern when the Jackson Square project was debated. Now we have a first class hotel and arena. Not to mention Hamilton Place, Convention Center, etc. One day this line will run out to Hamilton Airport linking strategic go stations and Hamilton will become a compliment to Pearson International. This is the first step, let's not trip (pun intended) up.
Craig	Logue	LRT is both a game-changer and a no-brainer. Let's get on with transforming the city!
Kristina	Inman	This is important.
Christine	Dans	Good for the environment. Good for the city. Do it.
Sarah	Glen	I believe in LRT and its ability to change the way this city connects people to each other and the places that are most important to them. LRT is a powerful way to provide clean, sustainable transportation options for residents and, as a transplant from BC, it helps me continue to see a future here for me and my family. I strongly encourage City Council to support LRT. When you agree to LRT you are sending a powerful message that you believe in Hamilton's future.



- Johanna Bleecker** I live downtown and work for a charity in the East End, but in the past I have lived in transit-forward cities like San Francisco and Montreal. You never regret building transit infrastructure--it creates its own demand (BART in SF now serves 30x more people than it was expected to when built) and benefits the community in immeasurable ways. Let's make Hamilton an even more amazing place to live!
- Michael Korz** This is for the future not for just now, how can you not want the city to move forward. Construction may suck, and change may be difficult. But great things come from patience and resilience. Think not on what the city has been, but what it can be.
- Katherine Suboch** We need the LRT for so many reasons. Number 1 is moving transit system forward with higher density urban core.
- Mark Richardson** Council, grow a pair and do something other than appeasing developers and Ward heeling your power base. LRT is transformation change.
- Kevin Makins** In the nine years since I moved downtown I feel as if this is the tenth time I've had to sign a petition for LRT. This is the future of urban planning. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to take outside money and invest it in our already booming urban core.

My request to council: look at the people and ideas that have revitalized the downtown core over the last ten years. What are they saying?

Not what are the people saying who are always cautious and afraid and negative about bold new ideas, what are the people saying who have been fighting for our cities core for the long haul?

We are all saying the same thing: let's do this. Once and for all!



And then when we all agree to do it, let's never revote on this again!

Scott Fairley We want this.

Daniel Boric PLEASE, vote yes!!!

Stop living in the middle ages and let Hamilton mature into a world class city!

Nicole Smith I have been dismayed by the debate over LRT lately, as many arguments against that have been thoroughly answered have been resurrected, and there is even talk of a money-wasting and counter-productive referendum. Please, Councillors and Mayor, let us not waste further time and resources hashing through this. Hamilton needs you to recommit and move forward together without delay.

Chelsea McCormick Please continue to support the Hamilton Light Rail initiative. The city desperately needs this transit upgrade in order to attract/retain business and the young professionals they will employ.

Brodie Chree Please just build the LRT. Building for density, better tax revenue, energy efficiency and disaster resiliency is simply keeping pace with the world. We seriously risk falling behind decades economically. Again. We are like the underdog superstar of Canadian Real-Estate right now. We could be the Portland, OR of Ontario.



I think this issue is a sign of our civic low self-esteem. We can be world class. We are in many respects and need to embrace change not recoil. Hamilton RESPECT YOURSELF!

Mikael Andersson Council needs to stop playing petty games with Hamiltonians and the city's future. The studies have been made and the plans have been drawn up, time and time again. What is happening now is not in the name of honest inquiry or prudence, but - to borrow a topical phrase from Elizabeth May - political mischief. It's making the council members involved and the city as a whole a laughing stock, and threatening the futures of generations of Hamiltonians.

Brendan Simons My support of LRT stems from 3 places:

1) Hamilton's competitive advantage is it's unrealized downtown potential - something no other city in the GTHA has. LRT will help attract students, knowledge workers, and unique retail to move in along the corridor.

2) More than a third of our carbon emissions come from transportation.
(<https://dr6j45jk9xcmk.cloudfront.net/documents/3618/climate-change-report-2014.pdf>) The single most effective way to meet our climate change goals is to encourage citizens to take transit. This won't happen overnight, but something as attractive as LRT can shift a lot of people's choices. Transit has to be something people **want** to take, not something that only serves those that **have** to take it.

3) It's a billion friggen dollars. Let's not be stupid here.



Oliver Veit Hamilton is in need of the opportunity LRT presents! The downtown core cannot support parking and vehicle traffic at the rate it currently does if we want our city to grow. Please do not let the short-sighted effects of construction cloud the long term potential that this opportunity holds.

Reg Beaudry I had drinks last month with an 87 year old friend of the family who has lived in Hamilton her entire life. Both her boys are living and loving successfully in Toronto. When I was telling her about the LRT (which will run right by her house near Scott Park) she shook her head, tapped her cigarette and said "It won't happen. Hamilton is and always will be a small-minded city." Let's prove this wise old broad wrong, shall we!

Richard Rudy As Hamilton resident, small business owner, and parent I feel LRT is critical to wholistic transit plan.

Jonathan Van Egmond To get anything done in government takes consistency and staying the course. With such diversity of stakeholders, agreement on anything its rare.

To that end, thank you for your consistent leadership on the LRT matter over the last few years. The consensus to keep moving forward has been nothing short of miraculous, shows a deep preference for LRT by Hamiltonians, and your leadership has reflected that.

Nothing is perfect, and Hamiltonians don't expect this project to be perfect. But by continuing to stay the course now, we can at least secure a major piece of infrastructure for the city. Changing our mind now would be the epitome of political incompetency that gridlocks cities in the past.

Please vote once again to secure the LRT line, and finalize this investment in Hamilton.

Taien Ng-Chan The LRT, despite the initial hassles that are suffered by businesses, is a positive development that will benefit all Hamiltonians in the future. I suggest you read "Straphanger" by Taras Grescoe that explores how different cities around the world have benefited from well-built public transportation systems, despite the initial troubles of building and implementing. Hamilton is growing and becoming more dense, and as a city, we must plan for the



future. Please say YES to the LRT. Thank you!

Valerie **Cousens** Stay the course on the LRT. Stop waffling on every issue.

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Kelly **Garrison** Hamilton needs this, please continue to move forward and make Hamilton a great place to invest and live, without this we are moving backwards, this can't happen.

Dianne **Lethbridge** Just because it is not in your backyard yet Ancaster, Dundas, Hamilton Mountain doesn't mean it won't be. It has to start somewhere and the heart of the city is a great place to start and start it must. Don't wait until the congestion is so bad and we are forced to build it without the \$1 billion from the province. I lived for 30 years in Toronto and the subway was just in the bottom core of the city. Now it goes all over. Hamilton will eventually extend our LRT to accommodate other areas of the city, but there has to be a starting hub. If it started in Ancaster, Dundas or the Mountain those areas would not be giving us grief. Get your heads out of the sand Councillors and do something good for this city on it's way to becoming an amazing place to live and visit. Are you just afraid of not being re-elected? Shame on you!

Julia **Cercone** Please say yes to LRT. My community downtown needs this project. We are so excited.



Jane	Cudmore	The City of Hamilton is wasting time even debating this. We know the benefits, we know the price, we have the facts, the jury should not still be out on this. If we are going to renew our city and call it ambitious again, we need to prove that we are ready to take control of development and make decisions big and small. LRT is the next step and tripping over it is not an option. Where is the leadership? Where is the vision?
Micah	Witt	The LRT is incredibly important for the continued development of Hamilton. To pass by on an opportunity to improve public transit like this would be very disappointing.
Marc	Mancini	Please proceed with the implementation of the Hamilton LRT system as it will be required for future development of the downtown core.
John	Treen	This was discussed and passed ages ago. On with it!
Rob	Parsons	I have been reading with concern and disappointment about the recent and renewed controversy and debate regarding the Metrolinx Hamilton LRT plan. I am concerned and disappointed because I thought Hamilton City Council had received and considered the advice from City staff, independent consultants, academia, and even the provincial government, and approved proceeding with LRT in Hamilton. I supported this outcome and I believe LRT will be a positive development for Hamilton, as do the above stakeholders. Now some Hamilton City Councillors want to reopen the debate!?? Enough! Let's do this Hamilton!
Pat	Roberto	To the decision makers,the elected representatives, lets get on with the decision making. Let's consider Hamilton moving forward. I support the project. Stop the procrastinating and make a decision. stop dragging the issue out. Don't waste a golden opportunity for a ONE BILLION DOLLAR investment in Hamilton. It is our future.
Fort	Roberto	There are one billions reasons not to say no. That money will quickly be given to another municipality real quick. Don't screw up again , Hamilton needs to move ahead with a better trust system !

Dolores Smith We have to get this! Hamilton can't grow to its fullest until we do!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hernan Ugalde It is time for people to leave the political games aside and think long term. I am tired of council just thinking about the next election instead of doing some actual PLANNING for the good of the city.

Some construction induced congestion is unavoidable, but the benefit will be for years to enjoy.

For once, please stop being so shortsighted and get finally moving with LRT! Eight years of waiting and now what? One more study of the study of the study?

Enough with this.

Andrew Durman This is a game changer for the city as a whole. This constant wishy-washy back and forth just shows the rest of the world that we're not ready don't come here and invest your money. Take a stand one way or the other otherwise we just look like a City full of idiots I didn't elect you to look stupid and go with the will of the people and hold the vote.

Fernando Ferreira Please keep on track to what was being worked towards. Hamilton will be a better city with this LRT.

Radha Menon This is important for those of us who live downtown.



Ken Burlock

Historically initiatives such as the LRT have had dramatic impacts on our City.

The Linc/Red Hill roads is a perfect example. I remember as a child in the late 1950's being told that a highway was planned for the Red Hill Valley. It may have taken a long time but it has transformed the City.

I believe the current LRT plan is just the beginning of another major transformation. For those who do not expect to use it themselves, they fail to realize that it is just a start and will impact the transit system throughout Hamilton.

The future will likely see extension further east and west for starters. Once the success of the LRT is realized, a similar initiative for north/south coverage of the City would further accelerate the growth of Hamilton.

The potential to be a major player in all of Canada depends on Council to look at the longer term (as with the Red Hill/Linc project). The LRT can be the impetus for Hamilton's future growth. Hopefully all members of the Council have the imagination to see just that!!

Birgit Mathieson

Please stay on course with LRT. I think it will greatly improve the city. We have a good city that could become great

Tom SHEPHERD

I live in central Hamilton and have used the HSR as one of my modes of transportation on and off for the past 15 years. During my years of ridership I have seen some modest improvements to the level and quality of service but there is still much work to be done.

It is my belief that the LRT funding being offered by the province is a once in a generation opportunity for the city of Hamilton. The LRT will provide the concrete infrastructure that developers and citizens alike are looking for when considering whether they set down roots in Hamilton or choose to go elsewhere.



Please do not turn your backs on this project. Change, especially large transformative change takes courage it takes leadership and it requires that we all pull together.

This project may be located in the core, but it will benefit everyone in the city.

Please don't let divisive politics get in the way of what is a great thing for this city.

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| Derek | Hrynyshyn | Please do everything you can to make sure that the LRT plan is approved and moves toward completion as soon as possible. Please do let Hamilton make the mistakes that other cities have made not planning ahead and creating a transit system before the city gets developed in a very dense way. The time to build transit is now, when there is an opportunity, and not later when it is much more difficult and expensive. |
| Andrea | Torchia | Dear Council, We are being given money to use and if we don't use it we loose it. I'm for the LRT and as are many Hamiltonians. We need to improve our city making public transportation more efficient in all areas across Hamilton and its greater area! We all will benefit from improving our transportation system. There has been already much planning and it is now time to finalize the plans and vote "yes" to the LRT. Metrolinx is giving us a wonderful paid opportunity not only toward a better transportation system but will also bring employment and businesses to Hamilton. If you are struggling with this decision why not let the people of Hamilton make this decision and hold a referendum, which would be a democratic resolution. This will allow people to have a voice and assist in making the right decision together. I also encourage council to move forward with the right decision, which is to build the LRT! We need it, we planned for it, and we will benefit from it! |
| Anne | Warne | Please, please, keep LRT on track. Our newly revitalized city must go forward not backward to attract more newcomers and young entrepreneurs & families! This has all been decided. Do not put your heads in the sand. Stand up for our city please!! |
| Rod | Latner | Lets get rolling on this. The City has been promised full Gov't funding for The LRT. Don't blow this deal. |



Gaynor **Low** I strongly support LRT for the city of Hamilton. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity for Hamilton to gain momentum for vibrant growth. It's the big picture for future generations that naysayers that fail to understand. Please don't miss out on this billion dollar investment - say yes!

Marnie **Burgess** I am strongly in favour of LRT in Hamilton. It's time to move forward!!!

Dafna **Bener** Looking in all the world advanced and successful cities, they all have a subway or lrt system. Not only that all these cities get more businesses around the lrt areas.

We all know traffic gets worse every year in everywhere. In 20 years hamilton will be like toronto today, but may be without lrt. This will be disaster and will cause many bankruptcies...

I understand the concern to business but they will not do well if no lrt in the future...

The traffic we will experience with lrt building will be way less than what expecting us in 20 years, also 1 billion takes a huge burden off..

So stop being picky on every detail, we are being offered so many good offers that other cities accept and develop it is about time to accept to develop too.. I am a ready citizen, and i also live and drive at lrt areas daily to work i am ready for traffic... As it is important for the city, s future....

Tanya **Ritchie** The case for light rail in Hamilton is an obvious one. It makes sense fiscally, socially and ethically. It will be good for people across the whole city. Those Councillors now attempting to muddy the waters ought to be ashamed of themselves. It is the height of irresponsibility, and a divorce from their duties as representatives of this city. To squander this opportunity would be a mistake our city will regret for generations.



Melissa	Deutsch	I am really disappointed in the councillors who are putting this plan's future in jeopardy. What (it seems like) they fail to recognize is that although the LRT corridor does not run through their wards they will reap rewards. As someone who commutes via public transit to a job in ward 9, although I live in ward 2, I realize that shaving time off of my commute would either a) allow me to spend more time with my family or b) work additional hours so that I am not just getting by. When making these important decisions please consider not only the opinions of the residents but also of the business owners and their employees. After all, these employees from other areas of the city help make those suburban communities more vibrant and enjoyable.
James	Michener	I was excited when I found out Hamilton was going to get an LRT. I am much less excited when I found out Hamilton might not. An LRT will go a long way to removing the negative stigma associated with Hamilton.
Nicholas	Kabitsis	I think this would modernize Hamilton and make transit systems easier to travel within the city. It would propel Hamilton into the future.
Scott	Ireland	Get it together City of Hamilton councillors... A one billion dollar investment into our city is for the taking and you're wasting time and money rehashing whether we want it or not. You've already voted, shared with the public that we're getting the LRT and now you're asking again whether council wants it or not? Ridiculous. SO frustrating. BE leaders, have some vision and think of the future.
Gloria	Geller	I would like to add my voice to the great need in the city for much better transit. This opportunity cannot be missed. As I look down the road in a very few years when I will be totally dependent upon public transit, it is essential that Hamilton joins that rest of the world in ensuring that light transit rail, in particular, be available. You too will reach a time when you will be looking for better choices for travel within the city and around the province and beyond.



Bob Hanley Please, don't let this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity get away from us.

Take the money and move this city forward.

William Harvey Just stop dithering & get on with the LRT for Hamilton.

Andrew Hibma LRT will be a critical turning point for our city, a great equalizer that brings people together, making transit not just the option for those with less income, but the best option for everyone to get across the city. Council, don't pass up a once in a century opportunity to transform our city. Build a better Hamilton for everyone. The century of the car is about to end, let's set a new urban design goal for the next 100 years.
Executive Director, New Hope Community Bikes

Chris C. My wife and I are both young professionals, she works in medicine & I work in software, who moved to downtown Hamilton because we were attracted by its affordability and dynamism. It is truly exciting to see the city's downtown develop and grow.

Furthermore, we truly got the sense that the city was committed and on track to develop in a way that reflected a positive urban environment to live in: walkable, good public public transportation with access to amenities and culture.



Sadly, there appears to be a great divide between what the city aspires to be on paper and the political reality of implementing those ideas (even when they are very attainable).

We have lived throughout the country , and the world, and it seems like elements in the city are stuck in a time warp as far as urban planning goes.

If one of the goals is to attract talented, high earning knowledge workers to live in the city, then good transportation like the LRT is key. Believe it or not, even though some of you might not care or feel that way, people like us do and it is a factor in choosing where to live for almost all of my peers.

I hope you take this opportunity to move the city forward and not back! Please support the LRT!

Jesse Matties

Please do not let divisiveness shape the future of Hamilton. Other cities in Canada (i.e. Vancouver) are having difficulty raising funds for their transit; what incredible fortune that ours is 100% funded! It would suck if our transit kept stagnating because our leaders couldn't work together.

Mmabatho Seete

I am grateful that Hamilton is finally a place to work, live, and play because my son didn't have to return to Toronto, where he graduated from University, to find employment. As a family that depends on public transit we were sure to make our support for the LRT known as it goes without saying that Hamilton without LRT betrays the development the City says it wants. Like many young people, my son now lives and works downtown and it is disappointing to see the project at risk. The lack of foresight and progressive thinking from some councilors has been shocking. Please do not derail Hamilton's progress.

Kelly Greenaway

As a Hamiltonian, I am proud to say that this city is growing and improving we are expanding to create efficient public transit Moreover, the LRT will allow Hamilton to compete globally in the labour market and public transportation initiatives Let's make LRT a reality



Stephen	Hayes	Council should be trying to expand the project with federal government infrastructure money rather than rehashing stale outdated arguments. ..
Meghan	Quinlan	<p>As someone who's lived in Scandinavia, where public transit is the norm, light rail is a no-brainer. When public transit is more convenient, reliable, and cost-effective than driving a car (and this project will make this happen), there is a massive shift in commuter culture. In Oslo, it's considered strange to drive a car to work. Most people take light rail, buses, or trams, and enjoy a faster and more relaxing trip in doing so. You can buy a ticket through an app on your phone and activate it through your phone screen, and an annual pass costs a tiny fraction of what it would to own and maintain a car/ car insurance.</p> <p>The only thing holding us back is people's irrational attachment to cars, bolstered by the aims of the car/oil industry. What many people assume to be a social necessity (cars) is really a North American cultural anomaly. If anyone were to spend time outside of our North American bubble, they'd see that the age of the car (and its congestion, pollution, and lower passenger safety) is over.</p>
Joanne	Leach	Please take the time to learn from cities like Portland and Vancouver. LRT has revolutionized those cities.
Shelly	Fabrizio	Please let the LRT run in Hamilton. not only will it help citizens, it will help tourists
James	Maggs	Please get the Hamilton Lrt off the ground. There is so much supporting documentation on how this will be a game changer for our city and help Hamilton evolve into the diverse, dynamic, metropolis it's been trying so hard to be for years. Transportation improvements in city's have been shown historically to have massive and long lasting positive social and economic benefits. Please don't let this massive opportunity pass us by!
Jesse	Korgemaa	I can't fully express how excited I was to find out that there was going to be LRT passing by hour house. I was so excited and hopeful that King was finally going to see some revitalization with its new found connectivity. Now I can't tell you how disappointed I am to hear that it may not be happening.

Patricia Reid Please do not side bar this important decision to have Light Rail transit for Hamilton. We can not afford to lose a vision pf a Hamilton that is modern, efficient and environmentally sound.

Tom Flemming Improvements in public transit are a necessary part of the future of this city. As we grow, we cannot fail to embrace that future completely. Forward, with the LRT!

Peter Margetts I don't think Hamiltonians understand that this \$1B is our tax money and is already dedicated to improving transit to Ontario. If we don't get this money, it will go to Burlington, or Oakville, or Kitchener, or to GO Transit. I think people envision that if we say no to LRT, we will somehow still get this money - either through tax savings or other transit projects in Hamilton. If we don't ask for our tax money to come to Hamilton, it will go somewhere else in the province.

This really is a once in a lifetime opportunity to invest in our city. It will be a very sad day if our city councillors don't have the vision and courage to take advantage of this.

Stevan Garic This is a great opportunity to move our city forward. Let's make this something that future generations will look back on with pride.

Robert Bowers This attempt at stalling the LRT plan is at least lame brained and at worst evidence of the hidden agendas and moneyed interests that regularly appear to have their way with our taxes in Hamilton.

In my experience I have found that Hamilton citizens have little or no respect for its city council. Bad decisions or inaction are expected, squandered opportunities the norm. The more disturbing thing is that citizens also feel certain that there is nothing they can do about it. A city hall that approves costly and insulting projects like "Barton Village" is very likely on its way to doing something equally foolish and cynical with the LRT.



Scott	Brimble	I support LRT and ask that Council do the same. Let's look to the future and make this city an even better place to live.
mik	panavas	It is beyond belief that city hall is balking at a 1 billion dollar leap into the future for our city. Is this to be another spat in the sandbox. Look at the big picture. Any city that has made the leap has reaped benefits. Downtown is a wasteland. Traffic zips by. Do not make us a national laughing stock yet again!!
Jess	Ramsay	As a mountain resident and business owner I believe LRT would be an incredible resource and council is being foolish to drag this out and potentially turn down a great investment to our city
Julie	Gordon	It is time for Hamilton to move into the future, to care for our environment and residents by reducing car traffic, and to make our urban core a vibrant, convenient, and desirable place to live and visit. LRT will be a huge boost to the vibrancy of our city, let's just get this done.
Nadine	Bernacki	It is unbelievable and backwards to me that anyone on council would backpedal on the LRT issue. This a progressive action that will help unite and improve our city and reduce our reliance in fossil fuels which will help mitigate climate change. Please do the intelligent thing and approve the LRT.
Daniel	Dunham	I am 100% supportive of the LRT! I have lived in the lower city since 1997, first on King at Ferguson, now on Main W.

I welcome changes and will still support businesses along the LRT route, during and after construction.



Allan **Wilson** Look to the future.

Brendan **Wilson** I moved to Hamilton to raise my family. I am proud to be from here because I see the way this city is moving in to the future. It makes me sad to think we could miss an opportunity to grow our city.

A billion dollars for LRT would create a lot of jobs for people in this city. It would encourage commerce along the affected area. It would create a city where walking is encouraged. People in other cities - of all stripes and socioeconomic backgrounds take the train. It will not just be used by the people who live in the community.

This year I have started working as a postal worker and I am delighted to have the opportunity to walk deep into the neighbourhoods that this LRT will serve. Main and King themselves are blighted in many places - empty storefronts, dilapidated buildings. What many don't see is how bright and vibrant the neighbourhoods nearby are. The LRT could serve these neighbourhoods, lift them up and bring King St to life.

What you see in other cities with mass transit is that the area around them is bolstered. Can you imagine the train before and after a Ticats game? Or leaving an event at Cops? Bustling and full of people proud of where they are from. Most people will be able to take transit home, even if they need to connect to a bus elsewhere.

There have been lots of projects that have served other parts of the city. Projects designed for the inner city only face resistance from the mountain and the rural areas. I see how projects for other parts of the city have helped me - I don't use the RHVP or Linc every day, but when I need them, I am glad they are there. Why hold such contempt for people in other parts of the city? What does it serve people outside of the inner city to keep one part of the city down and deny it something that would have the ability to serve everyone?



Connie Kidd

Hamilton's downtown is fast becoming a draw to young and energetic people. Instead of being a burned out boarded up place to leave when they grow up, downtown Hamilton is becoming the place to be for young people making their homes, families and livelihoods here, and creating active and involved neighbourhoods.

Critical to that is improved mass transit development downtown with connections to all areas of the city and to other cities. The LRT will serve the entire community, not just downtown. It will spur residential and commercial development to serve the needs of those moving downtown, create employment along the corridor, connect residents to places of employment more efficiently, and move all of Hamilton into a new era.

Obviously, for full effectiveness the LRT will also require improved transit connections and service throughout the whole city, outlying areas and other cities. That demand will build naturally as the LRT becomes a reality, as will the identification and allocation of funds for increased service to connect to downtown. Area ratings will have to be reevaluated as area demands for transit become clearer.

City leaders now just have to take the first step: accept \$1b in funding and build the LRT.

Dianna Gillespie

Current public transit isn't working !

Bruno Moos

Every new home built in a subdivision will add one to four cars to our streets and highways, but our cities were not built for cars.

To accommodate city streets to car traffic, massive destructive interventions have destroyed livelihood and lifestyle and caused, as we well know by now, enormous damage to the environment.

We can only recuperate the cities or our living spaces by rethinking away from carbon dependent individual transit and change to comfortable, rapid and easily accessible public transit.



Starting by building the B-line in lower Hamilton but very importantly, extend the system with A-line, preferably by tunneling up the escarpment to connect upper Hamilton to downtown and the airport to the GO station. A second north-south line parallel to the A-line should link upper to lower Hamilton in a walking distance of not more than 400m from the user.

Interest rates are at historic low, the best time to invest into the future. Infrastructural investments of this kind are meant for 100 years and more. There is plenty of time to amortise even huge investments over this period of time (as it happened in many parts of the world) and remember, people pay a user fee, not like driving on the road. Our future is not the danger of a financial indebtedness, our future is an unreparable damage to the environment and to the city unless we wake up now.

Adam Wills

First off, I'm excited about the thought of LRT coming to Hamilton. I work and live downtown, and there's some major efforts that need to happen to help improve the downtown.

Second, I can't help but feel disappointed in certain councillors and their attempts at hijacking something that has already been debated, voted on, accepted, funded and is well on its way.

Peter Graefe

The LRT is a project that will build the whole city. Beyond the jobs generated in building it, one finds another quarter century of good paying trades work in the redevelopment and intensification that will occur along the line.

It is also a project that makes sense in a dollars and cents perspective as it provides a chance to replace the ageing infrastructure along the route, providing a large pay-off for the city in addition to adding higher order transit.



Finally, the province's own growth plans make clear that Hamilton's growth will have to happen through densification, infill and the repurposing of existing land. The LRT is a project that will help achieve those goals, and so sets the basis for our city's future prosperity.

I have to say, when the LRT was first proposed years ago, I was sceptical. But I have been persuaded by the economic, efficiency and city-building case for it. It disappoints me that Council keeps trying to find ways to backpedal on this project, rather than investing the energy to ensure it makes the largest contribution possible to the city-building goals that we share.

james **skimming**

For Hamilton, this is a no brainer. Hamilton is on the cusp of becoming Canada's Portland - and Portland does LRT well.

Cheryl **Webb**

I believe the LRT is a significant part of a healthy Hamilton's future.

Aaron **Lamers**

3 out of 4 of my family members will benefit from LRT implementation on this route. I will struggle to make my way by car across the lower city but I believe that this is a worthwhile sacrifice. Our future transportation goals must include LRT!

Michael **Rinaldi**

I 100% support LRT, it is time to build!

I lived through this in Vancouver with the Skytrain debate, it went through in spite of noisy opposition and fear, and the final result is undeniably positive on all fronts.

Please don't take backwards steps, this is the best time for a project like this and it has already been approved! Let's continue moving forward!!



Douglas Gerow I am so confused with all of you in our city council! Why would you even think twice of the proposed LRT plan??

Why would you turn your noses up to One Billion Dollars to be invested in a city that has sat in a shadow for so long??

OMG guys and gals!! You were elected by us to lead us into the future..

I did not vote for this high school game or clowning around when there is a very large sum of money to update Hamilton here! You all are lacking any sort of pride in this city, and it's clearly seen by all.

Embarrassing really..

Allison Jack I fully support IRT in Hamilton. I do not have a car so this is really.imoortant tj me.

Brad Stapleton Maintaining the status quo is simply unacceptable for the City of Hamilton. A diversified public transit System is the backbone of a vibrant city. It's outrageous that Council is even considering scrapping this.

Khaled Shaaban LRT is the City's ride to the future! I fully support LRT



Stephanie McLarty

As a business owner in and resident of Hamilton Ward 3, I fully support the LRT plan moving forward. There will be inconvenience and impact, for sure, but the longterm gain and benefit of the LRT is unquestionable. Businesses have to adapt and evolve to changing circumstances, and we see this as one of those times -- and at the end, there will be new infrastructure in place to help our businesses. It is totally worth it.

James Scarfone

I would like to strongly re-affirm my support for LRT in Hamilton.

Recently, our family moved to Kirkendall so that we could live in a healthy, vibrant, walkable and transit-friendly community.

When we learned our great city was receiving \$1 billion to build light rail, we couldn't wait to learn more about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our growing city.

I would hope our esteemed leaders would not hesitate to say a resounding yes to such a transforming project.

Please vote in favour of LRT so that we can continue the great momentum happening right now in Hamilton.

Sue Yarwood

We absolutely need strong leadership by our elected officials to embrace the transformative LRT infrastructure....no more debates, no more delays, no more punting it down the line for others to deal with it! This council has the opportunity to become remembered for decades as the one with enough vision and backbone to really invest in this city's future.



Carlos	Torchia	We are killing the environment. We need to make some sacrifices, so get back on track.
Gordon	Burt	We Need LRT to develop downtown, attract business and make it a better place to live. We want LRT to make Harbour Living convenient.
Matt	Pinder	I wholeheartedly support the construction of the Hamilton LRT project, for the following reasons:
Erin	Shacklette	Imagine if our great-great or great-great-great grandparents had said no to cars because they were so different from the tried and true horse and buggy. Sounds kind of far-fetched doesn't it? If the human race could adapt to a new way of travel 100+ years ago, why is it suddenly inconceivable to want to adapt to LRT now? Don't live in fear of change. F.E.A.R = False Expectations Appearing Real. Say yes to LRT Say yes to jobs. Say yes to Hamilton. The ROI will be priceless.
Gary	Dennis	Say yes now and sweat the small details later.
Ute	Schmid-Jones	Saying YES to Hamilton's LRT project is a progressive step towards a sustainable and healthy city of the future. Let's make Hamilton a great place to live for EVERYONE!
Robert	Spiering	I support LRT.

Not because of blind faith. I see it as an investment in our city as a whole. A one billion investment in transit, in jobs for many hamiltonians, and a strong statement about supporting public transit for all of those that use it, and want dedicated lines to continue using it.....I ask our councillor from other wards to think a little outside their wards, to not turn away provincial investment, to not pander to the dissenting voters out of fear for there



poling numbers....and to think about future transit....I use transit now and hope my city council can envision this as positive growth for our city. Please don't turn away this investment.

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| Nadine | Ubl | I support the LRT 100%. The impact to our city during the building process will be a small price to pay for the immeasurable benefit Hamilton will see once it is complete. As a Hamilton resident and multiple business owner, I am in full support!! |
| Hibbert | Briscoe | Please bring faster and more frequent transit options, that will be more readily adopted by a larger ridership, by improving the linkages between HSR, other municipalities and the Metrolink system, for purposes of commuting to work in the GHATA, reducing traffic congestion, and reducing our collective carbon footprint. |
| Laura | MacDonald | LRT is essential for Hamilton economic growth and development. |
| Jacob | Tyler-Smith | One question ? Why would we turn down 1 billion dollars to invest in are City? |
| Scott | Mallon | LRT is the transit system that will move this city forward. For too long we have had sub part public transit. And no, more buses on the road is not the answer. |
| Mark | Accardi | Please say yes to LRT! Let's accept the \$1B funding from the province and make a massive leap forward for Hamilton's future! |
| Anthony | Urquhart | I support the LRT |



Arvind Singh

As the implementation and construction phase of LRT draws closer, a few members of Council will get jittery nerves and butterflies in the stomach. This is understandable because LRT is huge infrastructure project for our City, the most impactful project for generations. LRT as numerous studies show, including those by Metrolinx, McMaster and those by the City of Hamilton, will have a remarkable ROI and the potential to unleash economic and urban vitality to our City.

As LRT is fully funded by the province, which has made transit an important priority, Hamilton Councillors can champion LRT while assured of funding by the province. So I would offer Council the same advice that I took when I married my beautiful wife: It's alright to have butterflies but the wedding has been planned, you've made the commitment and renewed it many times, and the arrangements have been made and paid for by your parent.

The wedding is planned,funded and the invitations have been sent. Now is the time to move forward even with

butterflies.

edgardo moreno

I'm in full support of the LRT. I find that we are still debating something that is so obviously an asset to the growth our city dismaying. Why do we continue to let a a few backwards thinking councilors dictate the pace of progress. It is time to vote in forward thinking politicians. If we fail to to do this we will be left behind as a city.

Heather Windatt

Please ensure that LRT comes to Hamilton. I support this wholeheartedly and would not want to see this investment from the province go to another city.



I lived for two years Portland, Oregon, and it has an LRT system. It was a fantastic way to get around. Let's learn from other cities that have LRT, and move this city forward!

Robert Cekan Toronto and Kitchener-Waterloo are not the "Ambitious City" and yet they are advancing far quicker than we can catch up. These cities continue to thrive because they are putting people first – not cars. They understand that rapid transportation and strong infrastructure is the catalyst to a city's growth, while they laugh at how Hamilton drags its feet on the issue of whether or not to use a gifted \$1 billion dedicated ONLY for LRT. We are already years behind and will only fall further behind if this project isn't greenlit immediately and jump-started swiftly.

Mike Colyer I don't imagine any of you are old enough to remember the streets of Hamilton in the mid 1950s are you? I remember them well, particularly the intersection of Main and Dundurn. That's where my father ran the B/A service station on the south west corner, one of 4 stations at that intersection, where I helped him on weekends, distributing flyers and keeping the place tidy. There was nothing unusual about that intersection or Main St. in general, they were built many years before and were pretty typical of Hamilton in that era. You can pop down to the library and check out the historical picture collection if you're curious. Dad had always wanted a business of his own and over the years he had developed a steady clientele and was making a decent living. But that intersection and Main St. in general were struggling to meet the needs of the modern city of the 50s and weren't going to work in the future. The age of the automobile was in full flight. Almost every family owned a car, some even had two, Sunday drives were all the rage and kids champed at the bit and pestered their parents to get their licences. Gridlock 50s style was beginning and the future looked bleak unless something changed. Something did. City council, bravely facing the future, closed the intersection, tore up Main St. and began the process of transforming the city into what you see today. There was strong opposition to the project, of course, which I'm sure you can access through the archives of The Spectator. I was young, but I remember the dinner table talk. Business owners were worried, residents were concerned about the loss of what they held dear and there was lots of "it was good enough for us" resistance and "what about my potholes?" complaints. But the present situation wasn't good enough and certainly wasn't going to be good enough for the future and council had the foresight and courage to recognize that. The signs went up, shovels hit the ground and life, our family life for sure, changed. Dad's business went under as did many others. But dad was too strong to let something like that defeat him, he reinvented himself, changed jobs, put his son through university and reluctantly retired from a job he loved when he was forced out at 80. The result of council's decision in the 50s is the Main St. you know today, perfect for the needs of the final half of the 20th century. Times changed, council understood that and adapted

in the face of strong opposition.

Times continue to change and the Hamilton of the last century won't begin to meet the needs of the future. I'm an old guy but I see the future in my children and grandchildren. Worldwide trends see the next generations wanting to live and work in the centre of cities. They are buying and refurbishing shabby houses. They don't share our love affair with the automobile, preferring bicycles, public transit and, gasp, Uber-like services. They think green, aren't big on diesel fumes, and worry about the future of our environment. And they form a solid tax base in areas once dependent on huge social service outlays. Business and residential development is following them downtown and changing rundown, money-sucking cores into vibrant, money-producing landscapes. How is council going to respond to this change and to the needs of our children and grandchildren? Are you going to have the courage of your mid-20th century forbearers and adapt or are you going to fight to maintain a status quo that will see Hamilton side-tracked by business, industry and development that will choose locales which have an eye to the future. LRT is ours for the taking and is precisely what is needed, not necessarily for you and me, but for our children and grandchildren and their children. Yes, the process won't be pretty. There will be disruption, some businesses will fail, others will reinvent themselves and neighbourhoods will change. I've seen this before in my lifetime and it will continue to happen over and over. That's the social history of the world and, like it or not, we can't dig in our heels and stop it. The province is picking up the tab for LRT so they obviously see a bright future for our city. I share their optimism. Do you? I urge you not to drop the ball on this.

Elise de Stein

I am strongly in favour of building the LRT in Hamilton and urge City Council to do the right thing on this issue. It is time to think about the long-term future of this city and what is best for the development of a vibrant downtown. A healthy downtown is good for everyone in the city, no matter where you live. The LRT is just the beginning of a transportation network for the city, but we have to start with the biggest piece of the puzzle.



As a senior living downtown, I just hope I live long enough to be able to take advantage of the LRT and the HSR network to get around the city and to access the GO trains.

Continuing to focus on the negatives is not productive. When has there ever been progress in any city without some issues? Stop listening to the negative minority and make the decisions that you were elected to make.

Rosaline Dean

Ryan McGreal's article with its impressive statistics and illustrations makes it hard to refute the development of LRT for Hamilton. Hamilton must take advantage of this opportunity and foster the current positive momentum that is transforming Hamilton and attracting new development and new residents.

Stephanie Robinson

Please stop dithering and politicking and get on with planning for light rail in Hamilton.

I am dismayed, disappointed and disgusted with Hamilton city councillors who think they can play around at this crucial time.

No more nonsense. Get this city into the present day!

Harin Dalal

There is a reason why it took 8 years to plan, asking for FULL funding, getting the FULL funding and launching a partnership to complete it.

Sometimes, good things in life have to wait, and Hamilton has waited long enough to take that 'extra mile'.



Please do this for Hamilton & Ontario #HamOnt. Thank you

Ameriga **Alonzo**

Please do stay the course with the LRT plan. We need it and we need it soon, no more debates. It has been settled so please just work to get it implemented as it has been agreed. Thank you!

Devi **Singh**

I sincerely hope that all the effort, studies, time, money and planning already dedicated to this project will not be derailed due to the voices of a few individuals and one Councillor in particular who think narrow mindedly about themselves only and are naturally opposed to any change. The LRT will no doubt cause some growing pains, but these short-term nuisances will pave the way for needed downtown redevelopment, jobs, and provide affordable reliable transportation for users from 8-80 years of age! The positive effects rarely mentioned are the increased health benefits by creating a community more focused on a balance of transit and pedestrianism rather than the car only. Secondly, Hamilton's aging population will need better ways to get around, as they get older and unable to drive. It will also provide an opportunity for transit planners to revamp the downtown one-way streets and traffic flow to possibly something more efficient than exists currently!!! If New York City can close 6 blocks off from car traffic completely and now have better traffic flow than it's ever had, than there is no reason the same can't be achieved here, especially when no roads are even being proposed for closure from vehicular traffic. Hamilton is a City with so much potential to be a great home to all types of citizens age, race, and socio-economic status - the LRT is a necessary component for the success of this city going forward!

John **Clinton**

Thanks for supporting LRT in Hamilton. My wife and I fully support the investment in our City.



Paul	Wilson	Most people want this, everyone needs it
Margaret	Bennett	I strongly support the LRT for the future of our city and health and economy. Having lived near St Clair Ave in Toronto while the right of way was being built, and above the construction of a new subway station in Singapore, I am fully aware of the inconvenience construction will cause. However that inconvenience is truly short term pain for long term gain. The long term benefits of the LRT are truly much more important for us all. If we don't do this now, the cost in both time and money will be far greater in future. It will cost us more in infrastructure, healthcare, environmental costs, and more if we delay. Many cities can offer advice on managing construction inconvenience to businesses so let's seek that out, not delay the whole project. Look to the future!
Joe	Accardi	Forge and Foster is 100% for LRT in Hamilton. Alternative transportation is an important investment for this city to support the growth and ensure future access to services for both our aging population and younger demographic moving into the core.
Andy	Furlong	An efficient, environmentally friendly transit system is exactly what would appeal to a West Mountain resident like myself. The benefit from LRT will be seen by all Hamiltonians, not just downtown residents. Revitalization is overdue. Also, residents should feel proud of a city which embraces change, which I believe, in the case of LRT, is for the better.
david	arnold	The LRT is so crucial to the future of this city. It needs to be a project that does not get forsaken or forgotten but one that becomes reality. It would transform the city in so many ways and make Hamilton a place I can be even more proud to live in. To squander this opportunity would feel like a terrible black eye on the city.
Lori	Moulden	I strongly feeling that the LRT will benefit our city! please do not throw away 1 billion dollars!
Craig	Burley	Please say yes to one billion, it is more for our city than zero billion.



- Daniel Lynes** It will definitely spur investment along the line. Vancouver's a good example of this with albeit more expensive Skytrain stations, and Kitchener-Waterloo's another good example...the LRT is under construction there and people are buying up real estate for premium prices already. It will be a talking point for tourism; Skytrain is much more preferable to a subway...I would imagine LRT is as well.
- Skytrain (and LRT) have many benefits besides real estate values and increased tax revenue such as buildup along the transit line, creating a central focus in the city, decreasing trip times, attracting younger people to areas along the line because they'd rather not drive if they don't have to, ...
- The longer council waits to build it, the more expensive it'll be to put it in when council deems we need it, because there'll be more expensive land to expropriate, more lost productivity because of traffic congestion, inflation, ...
- Racquel Simpson** I strongly believe that LRT is an efficient and needed means of transportation for the city of Hamilton. It is detrimental in enabling us to be a progressive and competitive city. Modern, fast and efficient means of transportation is key in retaining and attracting talented, bright minds who are considering where to live, work and play.
- Amani Bitenyo** Hamilton is emerging since last year. In few years, many people will see this town as a new opportunity which will increase the number of population. It would be beneficial for the city of hamolton to get prepared and improve our transportation by briningg LRT.
- Leo Santos** Being an #Uptown resident, commercial & residential owner and small business propieter I am in FULL support of all development, growth, sustainability and overall progressive change for this city. It is very unfortunate that we (our ward) elected someone who may have a different vision. I at no time have given council NO for an answer on LRT. I believe that overall change in our current transit system can only be a Benifit to all residents of this city. My only concern with transit is that our #Uptown councillors don't make it an even better system on the mountain and look at even more accessibility options around the city.

My experience living in Calgary was that LRT created this amazing corridor of commerce as well as quick, reliable transit through the downtown core. I used it daily for work and leisure.

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| Nathan | Kirk | How many times do we have to say 'yes' to this? Let's invest in infrastructure that has benefits for everyone. It absolutely matters how it's implemented, and there will be challenges but it's time to move forward and start creating good solutions. Endless debate is not the public service you think it is. |
| Andrew | Hancock | Please support this, it will be a great thing for this city, I live 1 house off the LRT corridor on main east and truly support this. |
| Mieke | Aasman | Now is the time for LRT. This is a great investment in our city. We have the momentum, we are growing as a city..to sustain this we need to invest in the future. Let's move forward with vision and excitement for what is to come! |
| Hugh | MacLeod | Why on earth am I having to write yet another letter like this? |

This decision was made years ago. I have a business one block off of the route. I support pedestrians, bikes, cars and transit. We have an onsite parking lot and support this transit development. In fact we have planned for the the Dundurn and King LRT stop for years.

It will be hard for our business when the construction rolls through. In fact we barely survived some infrastructure work a long time ago. However infrastructure repair is just a challenge of having a business. The difference with LRT is that we get a train in the end.

While the project will help deliver customers to The Staircase Cafe Theatre I will be 60 years old before the line is finished. I will be 80 years old before the infill is completed along the route. Supporting B Line LRT is long term thinking, planning and spending. This is the right thing to do for the children of this city.

Barry Costello Time to get on with the great progress in Hamilton. This means start building the LRT.

Kathryn Newell Our founding fathers saw the importance of forward thinking, initiative and progress in order to make this wonderful city grow and prosper. With that there was a lot of construction and inconvenience. Our council needs to have the same vision as our forefathers. They are wasting time - get on with it council, funding is at your fingertips.

Anne Howarth we want the LRT in Hamilton please accept our vote to proceed

it is important for our city's future and for our downtown core

Rich Pascoe I reside in Waterloo, but lived in Hamilton at one time. The LRT project here (ION) is transforming this community. While traffic can be challenging at times, GrandLinq Consortium, builders of ION, inform the public regularly about road closures and alternate routes.

We have seen and continue to see major development projects completed, under construction and planned/announced all along the LRT line. And when completed, Upton Waterloo and Downtown Kitchener will be vibrant, people oriented destinations for work, shopping, eating out, cultural events, etc.

The next phase of ION, extending the LRT through Cambridge is already in the planning stages and will be extended to include that community once Phase 1 is completed.



Hamilton is a larger, more densely populated city than K-W. An east-west LRT line through downtown Hamilton will be successful, no doubt, and it will also transform your community.

Get going on this important project. Be ambitious. Take the provincial funding. Don't think small and let this generational opportunity slip away. And then get planning started on the next LRT line up the mountain.

Those in Hamilton who say LRT is not currently necessary fail to see that the planning & development of major transportation infrastructure must be done 30 to 40 years in advance of it's need. Witness Calgary, Edmonton & Ottawa Waterloo Region is now following those models.

An LRT line will be the best thing to happen to Hamilton in a very long time.

Olivia **Divinski**

For the future of our amazing growing City I would love to see the LRT go through. We need to be progressive with our thinking and the LRT will bring our great City into a new realm of economic development and growth. I would like the City council to approve this. I was born and raised in this amazing City and I love to brag about our future, but other Cities look down on us. If a City like Kitchener can move forward with LRT then Hamilton can and should move forward as well. Lets not let 1 Billion go to waste, especially from Ms.Wynne. I do feel that the LRT should be extended right to Eastgate Square to serve our Stoney Creek neighbours. I live off the back of Greenhill and I would prefer to take one bus to Nash and Queenston Road and hop on the LRT then another bus to the traffic circle.

Once again we need to consider the future and make sure this goes through and is built properly the first time and not decide ten years down the Road at taxpayers expense to expand. Please consider the disaster of the Redhill which was developed over 30 years ago and does not fit our current traffic situation.



I do not believe that it will affect the few businesses/or small malls along Queenstown Road as there is numerous entrances into those places. But there is numerous buildings with thousands of people that could benefit the use of the LRT.

I currently have a daughter at McMaster University and she has to take three different buses to get to school as I am sure many other students do as well. Please consider our future generations.

If certain councillors can't see the future of our great City then it is time to move along.

I will not vote for my councillor if he does not help push this through.

Please pass this for the greater good of our amazing City.

George Overend

Please. I live on the mountain and we all need this. I encourage everyone to reaffirm their commitment to this project!

Michelle Torsney

Our city needs LRT! This is an investment in our future. I implore our city council to please stay the course. The evidence is clear that to continue our trajectory to be the amazing city that we can be we need to do two things:

1) develop our waterfront;



2) have a state of the art transportation system.

How do we finance this?

By attracting more tax paying citizens. The housing crisis in Toronto, the rise of the our arts community in Hamilton, and the increasing recognition of the desirability of walkable neighbourhoods will attract an influx of young urban tax payers. Our financial future depends on developing our urban centre and attracting young urban tax payers. Two car families and suburban living is generally not considered desirable by the under 40 age group. This is consistent with trends in Europe where LRT comfortably makes its way through architecturally interesting cities (think Dublin, Milan, Berlin, etc).

Our city is undergoing a major transformation. We seem to be a tale of two cities: urbanites and suburbanites. Urbanites are comfortable with and welcome public transportation. Suburbanites want garages for 2 cars and may not appreciate the urban sensibility. We can accommodate both kinds of thinkers. Ultimately though, we need to increase our tax base by attracting more taxpaying residents and businesses. We need to transform our urban areas from abandoned, derelict spaces to livable, walkable, desirable urban living and working spaces. We live in unique, geographically amazing city. We will ALL benefit as a community as we ride the wave of transformation. An LRT system will attract much needed urban tax payers to realize the dream of a culturally and financially rich, sustainable community. We need LRT!

Keith

Jolie

I unreservedly support the development of rapid transit in Hamilton - It will be one of the most important infrastructure projects in the history of Hamilton.



You can look a little East across the lake and find out what hesitation on transit initiatives gets you. Years of nothing and the same. Act now, leave other cities behind. Be a great city.

Joe McLaughlin The LRT will help the continuing gentrification of downtown Hamilton. It will attract investors and people to Hamilton. It will help build the city's image. It will move more people faster than buses. It is time for city councilors to stop debating about the LRT and just make the decision to build it.

Wayne Felder I work as an occupational therapist in the city of Hamilton. I would like to raise the point that an investment in well designed public transit has the ability to improve the overall health of a city. By making it easier for low income citizens to move about the city, they will have more time to engage in active leisure, and an affordable method to get to and from work. This can lead to trickle down effects such as being able to spend the saved money on groceries, or afford a sports team registration fee for their kids. All citizens will additionally see a direct health benefit from using the LRT. While it may seem small, the physical activity involved in walking a few blocks to and from the nearest station really has a significant cumulative effect when compared to getting directly in your car and walking right into a workplace. Reducing emissions from personal vehicles will have a similar impact if more people can use the LRT instead of a car. This minimizes healthcare costs and allows people to work longer without disabling health conditions. You won't see this impact in a few small case studies, but if you compare and control for large population data, you may be surprised at the impacts simple things have on our health as a society. For example, refer to the health impacts that have come from Ontario's smoking laws, even for the non smoking population. Please make sure you consider the health benefits of an investment in the LRT.

Catherine Clase I'm writing to express strong support for the LRT initiative.

Paul Grunthal I support the LRT in Hamilton to revitalize the infrastructure of our city. This will help take Hamilton to the next level as we reinforce public transit and rebuild the core. This is a smart long-term investment.



Mark	EISENBERG	<p>While it is simple to find numerous short term reasons why building the LRT will be disruptive, in the long term the benefits are overwhelmingly positive.</p> <p>If trepidation were to have won out in the past, development of all types would have ground to a halt the world over. There would be no subways, airports or public transportation of any type.</p> <p>Move forward Hamilton and show the foresight required to keep our city great and move it into a future of beauty, efficiency and prosperity.</p>
Tina	Dort	<p>We need a long term transit strategy. For years the city and stalled and blustered on public transit. This has to end. The province has offered to make an amazing investment in the future of Hamilton. Please consider future generations and accept the LRT proposal. Consider if other transit projects had been built when proposed what Hamilton would be now (subway in 60's, to the Mountain Mono-rail in 70s, Rapid ICTS in the 80s, LRT in the 90s, LRT in the 2000's LRT in the 2010s) Stop pushing off these projects and help Hamilton GROW!!!</p>
Charles	Helsdon	<p>As the Hamilton's population continues to grow, we will find our city crippled by gridlock if do not begin investing in a 21st century transit system to move all those people around. The developers support it, the BIAs support it, the experts support it as does a majority of the population. The B-line LRT would form the spine of the future city of Hamilton. I moved back to this city from Toronto excited by the of the sense of shifting attitudes of what this city could be. I bought a home here, invested in Hamilton. It's deeply saddening that some would want to keep things stagnant instead of letting the city grow to its full potential. I hope council can set their egos and ideologies aside, look at the facts, and just get on with city building. Say YES to LRT!</p>
Withheld	Withheld	<p>I cannot identify myself, but I am a ward 8 resident. My entire family resides on the mountain. The very councillors who are supposed to represent us and who are trying to thwart this opportunity need to think very hard who they think they're speaking for. It is not the 100 senior citizens who show up for a town hall at Westcliffe Mall. More of us are listening, and watching, even if we don't show up in person to the meetings. And the positions being taken are frankly very disappointing.</p>



Our city is at a crucial turning point. Do we choose progress? Are we visionary? Do we think about our city's future prosperity and the prosperity of our future residents - our babies, our nieces, nephews and grandchildren, the future newcomers of Hamilton - or do we stay stuck in the status quo, narrowly thinking in terms of only what is good for one part of the city? Fixing potholes and putting up stop signs?

A vote of confidence in LRT is a vote for enhanced investment opportunity that benefits EVERYONE across the city. The tax uplift from future investment because of the LRT is badly needed. Our taxes are currently approx. 87% weighted on our residents and about 13% commercial/industrial. Something drastic needs to be done to balance this equation and LRT is a significant catalyst in that effort. It isn't the silver bullet, just as the Red Hill was not the only answer to opening up transportation routes for better goods and people movement - but it was a huge move in the right direction. The increased investment = lower tax bill and more \$ for the City to yes, spend on those annual road repairs/huge infrastructure deficit, but also new rec centres, more parks, enhanced programs for families, etc.

Susan

Muma

I fully support the LRT. It is the only way. Yes, it will be messy, but it is long term gain for short term pain.

Councillors need to be leaders and stand up for the future of our city. I think we really need Councillors at large whose concern is the whole city, not just their own little fiefdoms.

Noda

Kouniakis

I support the LRT. Even though I would very rarely take it and probably not directly benefit from it I believe it would be good for the city and future growth and prosperity. I take the Go to Toronto for work. My wife drives to Burlington for work. But we understand a thriving core is essential for the city. I've lived in Hamilton for 10 years now and I've seen drastic improvements in the core and city in general but as far as its come it has miles to go. There are still not enough professional employment opportunities in the city and especially in the core. Its still not a desired destination to live. But we are getting there on both counts. The LRT accelerates the progress. Blocking the LRT could slow progress. Its that simple. Let stop talking and move forward.



Brie	Chauncey	Like many neighbours in our rapidly changing Central Hamilton neighbourhood, my husband and I are young professionals who moved here believing that the only direction Hamilton could move was forward. We are so saddened and disappointed to hear that City Council may reject the opportunity for LRT and a greener, cleaner Hamilton. While we love this city, rejecting LRT would send a clear message about where Hamilton is headed. We do not want to live in a city that is stuck 30 years in the past and would likely move onward and upward if this is the outcome.
Reta	Swift	Turning down willing dollars from our provincial government is short sighted, and frankly ridiculous.
Sara	D	I was shocked to find out that Hamilton City Council will be voting again on whether to proceed with the LRT at this stage of the project after years of planning and voting in favour of the LRT. Many people, including myself, have chosen to invest in Hamilton property based on our understanding that the city would be proceeding with the LRT. This is because we know that the LRT will generate economic growth and so we felt confident in our investments. But now there is uncertainty, even though the decision to proceed with the LRT was already presented to the public as a done deal. Even Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne has expressed her surprise that Hamilton City Council will be voting on the LRT again. This re-vote appears to be more about the politics between city council members rather than to do with what is in the best interest of our city. No more funny business City Council! Let's move forward and do the right thing for our city's future and vote yes on proceeding with the LRT!
Brandon	Reid	I pledge support for LRT in our city.
Nick	Turco	The project will mostly be paid for by the province. Lets stop worrying about immediate consequences and look to the future benefits LRT will provide.

randall **huffman** we need need it 100 per cent

ENRIQUE **VALLVE**
VALLORI As frequent user of public transit I support LRT

Kevin **MacKay** Public transit is widely acknowledged as the future by ecologists, urban planners and climate scientists.

The billion dollar provincial grant is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do the right thing and move forward with the progressive transformation of Hamilton.

I'm a downtown resident, business-operator and building owner, and I think it's time to get the LRT done!

James **Buffett** This is an opportunity to use these funds to drastically invest into Hamilton and improve our City

Adam **Luker** Let's use our foresight here, Hamilton. Think ahead to the future, and not stay stagnant in the past.



A major overhaul is needed if this doesn't pass. Hamilton will get left behind in the growth of the region, and that's criminal.

Angelo Berrafati Big supporter of Lrt.

Lindsay Croswell Adding value to the core of the city (where I work) will directly add value to the city's most outer limits (where my family lives). I believe in the transformative opportunity the LRT will bring to Hamilton. Please give your full support to the City's LRT plan.

Vincent Zingaro Having been a professional engineer for 40 years in Hamilton I

have learned that with large projects you never have all the answers. My suggestion is lets get the project going and ensure that Hamilton gets the 1 billion funding and an opportunity to ensure that our future as a seriously mega city. Councillors you need to do due diligent at getting information but don't kill the project. There is a lot at stake for ALL OF HAMILTON

Vernon Wayne Elshaw The offer of 1 billion dollars by the provincial government is amazing. LRT is a city-building project, that will greatly add to our city's revitalization and grow our tax base. The planned route from west to east will act as a safe, secure and reliable way for thousands of people to move around. To top it off, the vehicles will be electric, helping us move away from polluting fuels and aiding in our battle against climate change. Please act with vision for our city!

Sheila Metzger Please build the Light Rail!



I recently moved to Hamilton and knowing that Hamilton was getting light rail played a big part in my decision to pick Hamilton. Don't turn thos down ... Do it! It's good for the city.

Ania Szado

I live in Hamilton and strongly support LRT for our city.

LRT will give current and future citizens of Hamilton -- people of diverse ages, income levels, and physical mobility levels -- more equitable opportunities to access the city's businesses, resources and communities.

I respectfully urge our City of Hamilton Mayor and Councillors to proceed with the full LRT project.

Ania K.

Please vote YES for the LRT - it will help boost the downtown core which essential to any great city. We need to focus on the core so that our city can attract more business and future residents!

M Jeffrey

As a lifelong Hamiltonian, the improved quality of life afforded by LRT is essential. Reduced smog, increased accessibility for users, connectivity are just some of the benefits. If we want Hamilton to be the best place to raise a child, let's ensure the children's future through LRT.

Jason Raynor

To me the waffling on this issue all comes down to political cowardice. Councilors are more concerned about how their vote and their actions will impact their re-election than they are about the future of Hamilton.



Yes, the construction is going to be inconvenient. Yes, it is going to impact local businesses (what major urban project doesn't?) but Hamilton needs to look to the future and take any opportunity to expand economically. Unfortunately, manufacturing is no longer a reliable avenue for supporting this city. We need a more modern infrastructure to continue to attract people moving here from Toronto and other parts of Ontario. Outside investment and relocation of young professionals into Hamilton will be our path to prosperity in the next few decades.

John Vandriel Please support light rail! This investment will increase the livability of Hamilton, and attract more investment and more people to the core. The positive spinoffs of light rail investment are countless.

Ashley Tyler-Smith I support LRT, it will help to advance Hamilton as a forward thinking city, ready to handle growth and contribute to businesses along the route! The long term benefits of this investment into our city is immeasurable!

Gordon McNaughton Born and raised in Hamilton, now living in the north. My wife and I are considering moving back to Hamilton. The LRT was part of the appeal to moving back. Approve this beneficial project.

John Boddy My wife and I strongly support an LRT system in Hamilton. The initial line on King street should be seen as only the first leg of a multi-line LRT across the city and suburbs.

LRT's have been shown to have far lower costs per rider than buses, and should save the city money.

Since the province has legislated much higher population density in urban hubs such as Hamilton, we will need the LRT to accommodate this density.



LRT has been shown to work in many cities around the world - we are not the first ! Therer is no need to delay or vote against a well tried and proven transportation system.

How can the city turn down a billion dollar offer from the province, one that will help us cope with the much higher population desnity that is coming to Hamilton whether we want it or not.

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| Michael | Podlovics | I am an electrical engineering student from mcmaster. I am writing in regard to the LRT. I believe this is an extremely important project. I hope to call Hamilton my home after school to continue doing business here. As someone without a car the LRT will greatly improve the appeal of continuing to live and work in Hamilton post grad and I believe it will be well utilized. |
| George | Smith | Hamilton has the possibility of joining the big leagues with such an incredible piece of infrastructure put in place for the citizens, the environment and the economy. Hamilton Steel Railway (streetcars) were torn up by the lobbying of big oil and big auto ('Who Framed Roger Rabbit'- LA's own story of how they lost their streetcar network). LRT is even better then its forerunner- streetcars- an Hamilton will grow and prosper with this investment. Hope a 2nd line is put in as well which will service the airport on top of the escarpment- also hope the downtown gets a all-day two way GO service to downtown TO- expand the GO tunnel just West of the Hunter St (James St) GO station- that will ease congestion on the QEW for transport and business. |
| Steve | Calverley | LRT is a wonderful opportunity for Hamilton toward the achievement of our vision. Please support this initiative in every way you are able. Thank you. |
| Yann | Gagnon | To all decision makers regarding Hamilton's LRT project, |



I was considering moving my family to start a business in Hamilton. I still am (considering it), but this debate over the LRT has seriously dampened my excitement to join Hamilton's growth. Despite being an outsider, I see Hamilton's potential. I want to be part of these positive changes. LRT is part of these positive changes.

Peter Pikkert

Dear ladies and gentlemen involved in the decision to build the LRT in Hamilton,

I have never before written to a politician. However, the reopening of the debate on the LRT by the Hamilton City Council galvanized me to express disgust at those who would jeopardize this important and well-researched project at this stage.

Lisa Hind

Province has supplied the funds for this LRT project (more than once) . Will help stabilize the economy in an economically crumbling Hamilton. Will help move Hamilton forward into the 21st century. Will provide many jobs for out of work Hamiltonians. Will modernize mass transit and decrease pollution. This will mean functional adjustments but that is what is necessary for Hamilton to move forward. I fully support the initiation and on-going work for the LRT for Hamilton.

Stephanie & Robert Hilson

After 40 odd votes related to LRT, one would think council knew its own mind.

There are no guarantees on any plan a city may implement, but the courage to think beyond the immediate tenure of a counsellor is paramount.

Jon Kruithof

I have visited cities like Edinburgh in the UK that have LRT and it was an excellent visit - LRT was part of that experience. I spoke to some other riders about it - while they didn't like the time it took to implement the project, they did appreciate it (and used it more!) than they thought. I would hope that city council would have the foresight to see that short-term inconvenience, is worth it in the long run.



Petra	Zantingh	We moved back to Hamilton after living in Montreal for 4 years. In Montreal I always took public transit. It helped me develop relationships with my community and support local businesses. We need the LRT to make Hamilton more of a people culture and less of a car culture.
Zachary	Strong	Every world-class city I have ever travelled to has some kind of LRT system, and the benefits that would accrue in Hamilton have been well-documented. By making a commitment to LRT at no capital cost to the city, I believe that Hamilton will be setting itself up for continued growth and prosperity for many years in the future.
Thomas	Lorini	As a long time investor, owning several properties in the City of Hamilton, and paying taxes on each one I give my FULL support in pushing forward with the LRT. Its a long-time coming with far too much politicizing...the LRT will not only greatly improve the transportation across the city core but reduces pollution and modernizes the landscape. Now is the time for LRT. Lets get it done!
Marvin	Watson	Hamilton needs the LRT to move the city forward, and improve the face of Hamilton.Hamilton also need to have less traffic going through the down town core,by having some more highway and bridges.
Michael	Graham	I support LRT and urge Council to do the same.
John	Wilbur	Please simply reaffirm your support for the LRT and then shut up, you never seem to help much!
Cora	Muis	Even as a ward 14 resident, I understand that a healthy downtown is a healthy city. Bring on the LRT.



Joanne	McCallum	To move towards a more sustainable city and region as well as develop a vibrant core that will attract people of all ages to live, shop and play, LRT is essential. Should the city turn down this opportunity, as an architect involved with city building, and with the design of sustainable, robust environments, I will be tremendously disappointed. City building, true visionary city building requires courage and leadership to look beyond the status quo and grasp the longer term opportunities and work through the challenges. We can all work together, as citizens of this wonderful city, to solve problems, but to turn down LRT would demonstrate a complete lack of vision and seriously negate a positive future for the city.
Paul	Weinberg	I support the LRT because it will revitalize the downtown and lower city and in turn benefit the entire city of Hamilton.
Dina	D'Ermo	I can't imagine that council as a group will not support this \$1 B initiative. As we have heard and read, this initiative will boost jobs, economic development, etc. for all of Hamilton. Who would not want that!
Mary Katherine	Grant	I support the LRT for Hamilton. Please put pressure on those who are not considering the best interests for our city.
Puneet	Seth	As a physician and entrepreneur moving into Hamilton from Toronto, it is deeply disturbing to hear that the city council is having doubts on moving forward with the LRT. This is truly an opportunity to change the profile of the city and I strongly encourage the council to stand united and push forward the development of the LRT.
Gina	Fabello	I feel very strongly that Hamilton Council should support the LRT, and put Hamilton up there with other world class cities. It will bring more investors into our City to continue the great momentum that Hamilton has and it will prosper even more. Please do not stop or hold Hamilton back from becoming a world class City. I am very proud and excited for this City and I do not want the momentum to stop. It is really important that we support the LRT.

Paul Seczek As a ward 8 resident I fully support the proposed B line LRT. If we turn this down, the funds will go to another community and Hamilton will be left behind. We simply cannot afford to say no!

Michael Morgan I live on the mountain, and yet I see the real advantages that the proposed LRT line will bring to our city. Working as I have in the technology sector for the better part of the last two decades, I can say with confidence that the world has moved on, the steel industry is not coming back, that this is absolutely okay, and the success of a city is not measured in how quickly people can leave it to work in other municipalities, but in how efficiently people can move through it to local jobs without requiring an automobile. We need the LRT to put in that foundation and attract those high-tech employers for whom this is a priority as well. I can only hope that our myopic councillors will be able to move beyond their petty and pathetic self interest to see this truth as well, and understand that by clinging to the past of Hamilton all they are succeeding in doing is sacrificing the prosperity of its future.

Whether it was the proposed mass transit system that eventually went to Vancouver or the debate of the location of the stadium, Hamilton City Council has developed a real reputation for dithering and an inability to deliver on long-term strategic goals. I am unsure if this is due to an extreme cowardice on the part of our council to make firm decisions, or if it relates to a tragic ineptitude amongst our council members to manage city affairs, however, regardless of the cause, Council appears to have done their best to make our city a laughingstock amongst Ontario municipalities. I don't hold out any hope that Council will do the right thing in this instance (i.e., confirm support for LRT, a much needed enhancement to our wretched public transportation service) and lay the groundwork for a successful future, but rather suspect that it will continue to waste time in pissing contests and continue to work to the detriment of the long-term success of our entire city and the people who call it home.

Deb Caunter The LRT plan is a strong step forward for this city and it's future. Please support it.



Chris	Lucas	Just get on a built it as funded!@
Doug	Jackson	Concerns relating to a project this size is to be expected. I believe the benefits in years to come far outweigh the short term pain during the construction phase. If council scuttles this project I fear Hamilton will be the laughingstock of all Canada. One billion down the drain as well as future economic benefits of joining the 21st century.
Teresa	LaFave	Hamilton needs this LRT, we are moving towards being a city for all. Accepting this great opportunity will ensure that we keep moving in the direction that we should be going towards. We can be a great city, all of the elements are here, we just need leaders and Hamiltonians to keep our direction going forward towards the growth we are seeing and experiencing.
Rick	Raposo	I support LRT in Hamilton 100%!!!
Jane	Slote	Again, please don't miss out on this one time opportunity to keep pace with other major cities and to move Hamilton forward. As you know, the funding is for LRT ONLY and will be allocated to a more progressive city of Hamilton declines. PLEASE GET ON BOARD!!
Catherine	Rivers	I would like to see our Hamilton, a vibrant and environmentally sustainable place to live by building the LRT.
Shane	Percy	Please do not back away from better transit for Hamilton.



Stuart	Small	Please, continue the process and see the building of Hamilton's LRT, without delay and lengthy, time consuming, debate. This will be a tremendous step forward into Hamilton's future, development, and well-being. Other cities around the world have seen enormous benefit from the very same type of schemes. Please, allow the ambitious city to advance with this critical infrastructure project. Keep it on track and let's see it built!
Maureen	Barnes	Look to the future of the city, we need to always be moving forward!
Cora	Muis	As a ward 14 resident, I recognize that healthy downtowns make for healthy cities with tax savings for all in the long run. LRT will encourage corporate investment along the entire length along with residential investment and a desire to live where you can count on infrastructure to stay put and useable Bus routes can change, but an LRT route does not. When you can count on transit, you can get rid of your car.
Susan	Inch	As a mountain resident who may not directly benefit from LRT, I still feel it is essential that we go ahead with this plan. LRT is the way of the future! I would be so embarrassed to be a Hamiltonian if Council lets this opportunity slip away. It is an economy boost for the entire city, an efficient and modern transit system, and promoting a greener environment. There is no valid reason NOT to go ahead. I'm sure we can all learn to live with the inconvenience during construction. Don't be narrow-minded. Think of the future! PLEASE support LRT now!
Jason	Maclsaac	Strongly support LRT and the long term business it will bring to downtown Hamilton and surrounding area. Thanks!!
Brad	Dean	I am currently raising my family and running my home-based business on the Mountain in Hamilton. I have 2 income rentals and look to continue building more and eventually will have a "brick and mortar" location for my company.

As a mountain resident I believe that the city as a whole will benefit from this mechanism (LRT) that is sure to increase the overall downtown activity.

Though there may be short-term pain, we are all in this together for the inevitable long-term gain. All ships rise with the tide. Let's raise Hamilton's tide together.

Tanya **FILIPEK** I don't take transit very often, choosing to drive or ride a bike but council has my full support for LRT! A vibrant downtown is good for everyone!

Anna **Vermaat** Light rail transit is such an important factor that will make this city even more attractive and liveable. It is not only our children + grand children who will benefit, but seniors. Personally, we have made the decision to move to a location that has access to good public transportation, if not now, then it will be there in the next few years. Everyone has to stop driving at some point, but we still want our independence. I am not calling my family every time I need milk or bread or have to get my hair cut. Also, fewer cars=cleaner environment. It's a win win. We have lived without a car before and we look forward to that time again.

Paul **Federico** LRT - Lets be progressive and move ahead with this outstanding opportunity that will benefit both us and future Hamiltonians.

Lets make this City greater than it is !!!

Lynn **Weller** This is huge win for Hamilton and the people. Keep this momentum going and let's get this LRT to our city!! It will put Hamilton on the map for all the RIGHT reasons



Marcus	Castellani	<p>Hamilton has a long and storied history. One only has to admire the old buildings downtown to understand this. Unfortunately, the past thirty years have seen Hamilton's downtown core fall into neglect. Hamilton's city council, for reasons sometimes beyond their control, has failed to foster a sense of civic culture within the city. This has led to urban sprawl and, in the case of downtown Hamilton, urban neglect. Furthermore it has led to short-sighted infighting amongst the city's wards.</p> <p>Hamilton ought to understand that downtown development will not hurt or take from other areas of the city. The GTA/Hamilton area is projected to grow by 3.5 million people by 2040. It is important that our infrastructure can keep pace. It is important to think not only of what benefits us immediately but to think of what will benefit our children and grandchildren. It is important to think of the past, of what those that toiled to build Hamilton would think of our city would they see it today. We needed to do better thirty years ago and we failed. Our city is seen as a place with a potential never realized. This neglect led to my parents moving to suburban Burlington in the 80s. Let's have some dignity, let's show appreciation to the past and thoughtfulness to the future and move this city forward. LRT is merely a small step but in the right direction. Next we need to clean up the Bayfront.</p>
RYan	Plested	<p>Light Rail in Hamilton is essential for the retention of young talented individuals. These are the drivers of future economies and Hamilton is in a unique position to attract them. This is the only affordable, truly urban city in Ontario. This is a city that integrates seamlessly into the GTHA and can access the economic resources Toronto has to offer. As inter-regional transit improves we must be able to attract talent, not at the level of Toronto, but with a pull that is significantly stronger than other municipalities in the region.</p>
Melissa	Crawford	<p>LRT is vital for Hamilton's future.</p>
William	Mehlenbacher	<p>It's called progress climb on board that Train now it is the most economical way to go not everyday someone gives you a billion dollars</p>
Cathy	Swenson	<p>I strongly support LRT. For Hamilton to grow and thrive it needs a robust public transit system. Just say yes!</p>



William	Elliot	<p>LRT is a game changer.</p> <p>LRT is about community building.</p> <p>An investment in LRT is an investment in the whole city.</p>
Jordan	McCarter	<p>The LRT initiative is paramount to the future success of our city. Short term pain will exist for some but this is merely in exchange for the long term gain of the many.</p> <p>Please have someone get council's shit together. That group, past and present, is a big part of the reason why Hamilton has encountered it's unfortunate challenges. That someone needs to ensure that council does not let this incredible opportunity become one of those unfortunate challenges.</p>
Martha	Ronalds	<p>Please continue on with the plans for Light Rail Transit. It will mean a lot for the future of transportation and business in Hamilton.</p>
Andy	Coltman	<p>Dear Elected Officials, To be honest, I've put off writing this note over the past number of weeks simply because I can't believe I'm having to. Please stand by the multiple previous expert reviews, endorsements, and unanimous Council and community reviews that have already looked at, and endorsed, pursuing the proposed initial, and future, LRT plans for Hamilton.</p>
Jordan	Kerim	<p>Building a light rail tramway would be of major benefit to the city of Hamilton.</p>



Mike	Casarin	Would be very good for the Hamilton economy and will cut down on pollution in the city!
John	Stockton	Light Rail is a change agent for Hamilton. It will take our city from being an industrial backwater into a city where people want to live.... not just exist. Time to work together.
david	watson	When our family was considering moving to Hamilton a big draw was it's commitment to bringing LRT to the heart of the city. The planned route weighed heavily in our choice of neighbourhood, with us considering neighbourhoods both at the centre of the transit hub and at the ends of the line - but always near the planned LRT route. We knew full well that we would be impacted by construction for several years but we had the foresight to know that the short-term pain would be a longterm gain for our family It would be a shame if the city turned away a 1 Billion dollar commitment to developing the city and I would hope that council would be able to see past the hurdles of getting the project done and see the long-term benefits it brings to the residents and business' of Hamilton. Our family would be sorely disappointed if one of the big draws to Hamilton was turned away. Please say Yes to LRT!
Liz	Weaver	I don't live in downtown Hamilton but I fundamentally believe that the LRT will be transformative to the City of Hamilton and its residents.
Michel	Ray-Zarate	This is the right decision. For the future of Hamilton. Don't let an other excellent opportunity to improve our city pass us by.
William	Curley	I support the LRT



Caroline	Neufeld	<p>A successful city is a visionary and well-planned city. Hamilton has the capacity to be just that, and now has a unique opportunity to take a major step in keeping with that goal, by taking advantage of the \$1b investment offered by the province for an LRT.</p> <p>I am a mountain resident, and I look forward to the eventual improvement of east/west public transit on the mountain. I understand that this is some time off but is in the longterm transit development plan that starts with the LRT.</p> <p>It would be folly to turn down this once-in-a-lifetime offer from the province. PLEASE, Hamilton City Councillors, vote yes to LRT</p>
Bob	Mills	<p>Not everyone is going to ride the LRT but everyone is going to benefit. It will absolutely drive neighbourhood development and investment along the route and bring more visitors and shoppers into the downtown. And it will serve a generation of younger Hamiltonians who have made a choice to use alternative transportation rather than a car. It's a forward-looking vision and the time to start building it is right now.</p>
John	Hannah	<p>I live on the "mountain" and FULLY support LRT. My city will benefit and so will I.</p>
Michael	Ladouceur	<p>I believe that public transportation in the GTA is a necessary and vital part of infrastructure development, economic growth and environmental responsibility; and furthermore is inevitable regardless of any active or passive resistance.</p> <p>I wholeheartedly support the LRT plan for Hamilton put forward by Metrolinx and entrust and urge our elected politicians to facilitate and enable this progressive initiative with a long-term vision for the greater good of the region.</p>
Paula	Randazzo	<p>Recently I was talking with long time GTA friends, describing how exciting it is to see the new restuarants, cafes , galleries opening in Hamilton. How below the mountain is attracting people to move and invest in Hamilton. That's why it boggles my mind that Council would even consider NOT building the LRT.</p>



Kendyll	Woodman	I am a strong supporter of public transit of all forms. The European models were the first to which I was exposed. Being a native of Calgary, AB. I've seen the efficiency of an LRT system. I understand that there are plans to expand the LRT to other parts of the city in the future. This is an excellent plan. I believe the LRT system to be the best long term solution to transit issues and give it my full support.
Dorte	Deans	I have been excited by LRT since it was first broached ten years ago. I like the design, the convenience, and that it will get us ready for a larger city in the future. I am frustrated by the constant squabbling on council when the project is being given to us free of charge, with gift-wrapping and a big bow! It is silly to even consider refusing this and keeping our heels fully mired in the mud if the past. Move on! Move ahead! Join the 21st century!
John	Connolly	The LRT is an important piece of infrastructure for Hamilton. It will join different sections of the city together in a manner that will have economic benefits for the city and its residents. This is a statement supported by evidence from other cities in Canada, the US, and around the world. Hamilton is changing for the better and it is noticeable even in the last ten years. New construction including hotels and university buildings are replacing the previous landscapes of endless and often empty parking lots. The LRT will complement these developments and is, in fact, essential if the city is to get the full economic and social benefits of them.
Brian	H	As a resident first, and as a teacher second, I feel it is my moral prerogative to a) demonstrate sound sustainable behaviour for my students and b) advocate for a more sustainable world. In a time when we should be concerned about the safety of our streets, and the pollution spewed from our current transportation system, we have the remarkable opportunity to build a system that will move us around one part of the city and cut down on our pollution output.
Ben	Doro	Public transit is the central nervous system to any major industrialized city...or one that wishes to be one, perhaps like the Ambitious City that Hamilton states it is. This is an incredible opportunity to breathe some life in to a city that has literally regressed over the past 20 years. I have been a proud Hamiltonian all my life, and witnessed many of City Hall's debacles over that time, however if this opportunity is squandered over political stick-handling, those responsible should be held individually accountable. The housing market is finally showing signs of life, but traffic is worse than ever as it is becoming primarily a bedroom community. Public transit will not only create jobs, but perhaps foster further development in areas that have been so depressed by losses in employment opportunities. Does anyone realize that the reason for the spike in real estate activity is primarily due to the proposed advances in public transit?

Jinsong Wang 100% support Hamilton LRT. It will speed up gentrification of the city of Hamilton.

Make Downtown Hamilton attractive for living and business, it will eventually benefits to every Hamiltonian. The saved bus running cost may apply to Mountain bus which will make Mountain Hamiltonian happy too.

BARB MCKEAN Perhaps some people have lost track of the fact that they aren't building LRT for themselves or their constituents, but rather for our children and grandchildren. As the Greek proverb says, "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."

What would a visionary politician like Thomas McQuesten do if he was on Council today? He and others had a vision of Hamilton as a world-class city and so they made decisions to protect greenspace, start a botanical garden and bring a university to town - probably risky and radical investments in the day, but look at their amazing legacy and what it has meant for Hamilton. Anyone who has traveled widely in North America and Europe knows that LRT is the norm in other world-class cities, and that robust public transit systems are essential to the quality of life and sustainability in large cities. This is an essential piece of infrastructure, it has been well studied and there's money in place to make it happen so let's get on with it!

Frank M Raso Fully support the LRT.

Christine Imhoff I support LRT <3

John McBrien Catalyst. That is all I need to say.



Ryan	Strang	I am in full support of the LRT for the City of Hamilton! This is a game changer for the city.
Toby	Yull	Sending a quick note in favour of adding the Gage Park station back into the planned stops along King St for our LRT. Babies, moms, families, older people....all need access to that green oasis, without hiking over a km to get there. Events in the park draw from everywhere and a dedicated station supports that use and encourages more.
Tyler	Wright	I support Light Rail Transit in Hamilton. Don't rob our children of this opportunity.
Marc	Skulnick	I strongly support LRT for Hamilton. It will be crucial to the continued growth of the city and it would be foolhardy to reject ONE BILLION DOLLARS in sorely needed infrastructure improvements. As taxpayers, we will be paying for it regardless, so instead of letting another municipality benefit from this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, we need to seize it with both hands. I take the B-Line Express bus to work every morning and I see firsthand the packed buses and the need for improved public transit. Please, I implore you to show vision and continue to help Hamilton become the world-class big city it deserves to be. Say yes to LRT.
Patti	Encinas	The Sherman Hub Community Planning Team, sponsored and supported by the Hamilton Community Foundation and the City of Hamilton, is a group of engaged, informed and active citizens in the Hamilton community. We have hundreds of resident volunteers working to make the Sherman Hub a great place to live, work and raise a family.



We've had several discussions about the proposed LRT at our monthly planning meetings. During our meeting on June 06 2016, 25 voting members of our planning team voted unanimously to publicly express our support for the LRT initiative.

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| Duncan | O'Dell | Dear Hamilton City Council, as someone who both lives and works in Hamilton I am very excited by the prospect of LRT both as a means of transport and a lever to rejuvenate Hamilton. I ask you to give it your full support. I would like my kids to grow up in a technologically advanced, environmentally friendly and forward looking city. |
| Linda | Cole | I am new to Hamilton from Toronto and this city needs better transportation options for people. If you do not want this city to go belly up like Detroit then expand and get a LRT system here. I work in Oakville but live in Hamilton, but I am going back to Toronto due to poor transportation here in Hamilton. |
| Timothy | Knol | Go Hamilton. I believe that the successful implementation of the "LRT" will put hamilton on the map. And moreover, the catalyst that Hamilton has needed for sometime; decades. |
| Jim | Julian | Born and raised in Hamilton, and currently living in Dundas, I fully support this initiative. While the LRT plan may need a little tweaking, that's no reason to not support it. |
| Alex | Parkinson | This is a no brainer. Build this LRT. |
| Fernando | Ferreira | Accessibility for all residents of the city is essential for a prosperous city. I believe this LRT plan will do that. It will enhance the city's transportation grid. It will also attract new business, and as a result make for a better place to live. |



My vote is for LRT.

Linda Potts I fully support the LRT in Hamilton. While I'm aware of the short-term pain of the construction period and transition, I believe the long-term gain for Hamilton and its residents are well worth it.

Margaret Ferizis An LRT would increase property values all along its route. More taxes for you.

Don't make the same mistake as Scarborough councilors, most of the residents here are quite angry and look forward to the next election.

Dorte Deans I have been excited by the idea of the LRT for 8 years and can't wait to make my first trip! Please continue the work to make it happen ASAP.

Les Szamosvari Honourable Premier, Ministers, and Hamilton City Council, I have lived in several cities in Canada and Europe that have an LRT system. I traveled almost exclusively on LRT because it was fastest and easiest. I lived in Toronto long enough to see the impact that the subway lines made on business and development along their routes. I am a founding Hamilton member of Community CarShare, as I believe that we depend too much on driving cars all the time. The impact on our climate and health is ineffable. The lag effect of our transportation habits will grow even if we do make massive changes. However, the LRT would be an important investment in building a 'recyclable' city by making transit sustainable after we (hopefully) end the lag effect inherent in our past destruction of our environments.

Chris Lucas Hamilton needs this opportunity to solidify the momentum it has recently received! This project is fully funded we would be crazy to turn this down!



Jesse Peterson

My wife and I moved to Hamilton in 2015 after she accepted a job at McMaster University. Coming from Vancouver (which has an extensive train system) we were absolutely thrilled when LRT funding was announced!

We believe that the LRT would lead to huge local economic gains long-term. That is to say nothing of the huge environmental benefits, and improved quality of life that comes with a modern public transit system.

If council rejects LRT (even in favor of BRT, or otherwise) it will send a very clear signal to us that Hamilton wants to remain stuck in the past, and does not understand the wants or needs of my generation of Hamiltonians.

The provincial government will spend the money either way, so let's spend it on an LRT! Otherwise Hamilton will fall further behind, while other cities continue to move into the future by improving their public transit systems.

Thomas White

The LRT is a great idea. We have Waterloo with some great tech schools. we have Toronto with lots of money, and we have Hamilton right in the middle. As someone who works in tech, this is a great opportunity for Hamilton. Hamilton has to be looking better and better for tech companies that are sick of paying for real estate in Toronto. The LRT will do a lot of solidify this relationship.

Some small businesses may suffer during the construction of the LRT, but once it's completed I think it will only benefit the area.

As an aside, I am a young, working professional. I don't own a car. I simply prefer public transit. How easy it is for me to get around the city using public transit is a big deal.



Paul	Wilson	A future for our great city been long time coming, ty to all who's efforts that never went unnoticed. Hamilton has seen the light (rail transit)
Cameron	Cluett	<p>I am a big supporter of public transit. I don't want Hamilton to end up like Toronto, where the city becomes overdeveloped without investing in proper transit. It is a decision that needs to be made to benefit generations to come.</p> <p>One of my favourite reasons for living in Hamilton is how it does things differ from Toronto, like accessibility within the City. This is a chance to show Hamilton can be a city of the future.</p>
Chenice	Piercy	Hamilton continues to grow, as one of the biggest cities in the province. We need to accommodate for the future of the city, and see it thrive. This will speed up daily commutes, and provide faster access.
doug	maunder	this LRT is a good for the city of Hamilton so now you have commited let keep your promise .abnd let follow threw with the LRT thank you
Jake	Novis	I, along with many from the Hamilton and Stoney Creek area, feel very strongly about this LRT project. I am confident that this is an obvious decision and will in fact be implemented, as it is extremely needed.
Robert	Rodgers	Who the LRT members of the citizens jury?
Sally	Muscat	Please keep your promise. Hamilton needs this!

Monika	skarratt	Being bypassed by overcrowded buses when I have small children really limits my access to the downtown core especially in the winter months. The LRT would make it so much more convenient to visit the central library, art gallery, Jackson square, etc and it would improve our weekly routine. Anyone with a stroller, wheelchair, or walker routinely has to wait for multiple buses to have room and this makes it very difficult for young families, the elderly, and those with disabilities to get around.
Aaron	Miller	This will make Hamilton the next Toronto so to say! I think this is a beautiful idea, it makes commuting easier for students and people in general. In turn this will promote business in the downtown core.
Mathew	Cicero	I support the LRT for many reasons. The City of Hamilton is a big city and needs faster public transit. Sure the HSR has the B-line and the A-line but even those get crowded and slow at points. Hamilton needs a faster way for people to get around from Stoney Creek to Dundas or Ancaster. The city is growing at high rates and this could be the start for a great future for the city. What I don't like is the projected routes for the LRT. It says that it will close off a stretch of King street between Wellington and Catherine for the LRT only, meanwhile this is one of the busiest stretches of roadway for Hamilton. I agree with the LRT but make it like Toronto where cars can still drive on the LRT tracks.
Kelly	Greenaway	I think that this is a substantial step forward in the effort to make public transportation efficient and modern. I walk around Hamilton a lot, and see many changes, and believe that it will only improve the convenience and efficiency that public transit needs to be to allow improvements in the environment and transition to a better, robust economy. The need to invest in public transit is crucial if we wish to progress. This is an era of discouraging young people from investing in privatized automobiles and encouraging investing and using public transit systems. These systems are cost effective and environmentally friendlier than the alternatives, so it is important that we all keep this in mind and make this fantastic initiative succeed.
Timothy	Alan	Will surely put Hamilton on the map. Absolutely progressive!
brandon	munro	I believe it would make things a lot more easier for travel.

Myriam	Timmermans	Absolutely necessary for Hamilton.
Rich	Brooks	Hamilton's best (only) opportunity of developing higher-density housing hubs across the breadth of the lower city.
Christopher	Wilson	We as a voting base have made it clear that our decision is to move forward with the LRT. I'd appreciate that this decision is fulfilled without any further meandering to the few. I will continue to vote for those with foresight, as does the millennial generation. The time to act is now.
Bob	Leach	As a life long "mountain" resident of Hamilton I'm excited about the LRT project and support of one hundred percent
Barry	Diacon	The one-way near-expressway roads through the centre of Hamilton have contributed to the hollowing-out of downtown Hamilton. They belong to a time when factory workers wanted to get out of the North End as quickly as possible to get to their homes in the suburbs. Now the factories are mostly a shadow of their former selves, but they continue to cast a pall on Hamilton. The new economy depends on small-scale enterprises springing up like new shoots in the midst of the brownfield wasteland. To assist this rejuvenation process, the LRT will help bring riders TO the downtown instead of just through it. It will help tie Hamilton into the regional commuting network to the rest of the GTA so that Hamilton will participate in and contribute to the growth of the most vibrant urban centre in North America. The councillors who distrust LRT are holding on to an outmoded view of the economy when, for the good of their residents and all of Hamilton, they should be championing this transformative transit technology.
Lesia	Malanchuk-Stephens	I support LRT in Hamilton. I am a driver who also frequently uses other forms of transportation such as the bus, bike share or walking, and I welcome LRT. Hamilton needs to become a less car-dependant city, and as we have seen in other cities LRT will help make that happen.

Richard **Gelder** I live in Dundas and very much look forward to the day LRT extends as far as University Plaza.

In the mean time, I support Light Rail Transit in Hamilton as a means of strengthening the city and as an active means to fight greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

Dan **Charleton** If Hamilton city council rejects funding for LRT, they are in dereliction of duty. The city is decades behind in transportation infrastructure. No more time can be wasted. Please don't blow this (again)!

david **beer** This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Please don't let it slip away.

Deborrah **Sherman** I am a mountain resident who does not use public transportation within the city of Hamilton, but who does regularly use it to travel to my Toronto job and use transit within that city.

Despite not using Hamilton's HSR system, I am fully in favour of enhanced transit service within the city. We need LRT as well as a system of bike lanes and complete streets to make moving around Hamilton safer, more affordable, less congested and better for the environment.

My "need" to get downtown or through town quickly should not take precedence over these values, and I do not feel entitled to demand that residents in areas like Aberdeen, for example, be denied complete and safe streets so that I can speed through and endanger them in my rush to get where I want to go. I can slow down and leave a minute or two earlier.

Hamilton has already made the decisions to proceed with LRT. Please do not allow certain councilors to "derail" this the way they have delayed or stonewalled other projects, (eg the decision to create bike lanes).



Shane	Percy	Very excited for Hamilton's transformational LRT project. Please continue the LRT plan, this city needs transformation!
Grant	Ranalli	I firmly support LRT for Hamilton and sincerely hope that the Province will make good on its commitment to fund the program (\$1B). AS usual, there are always a few naysays that refuse to see the vision the province and many Hamiltonians have for the successful future of the city but support has been growing and I am looking forward to becoming involved in the design consultation process.
Lavinia	Welsh	I believe that LRT will be transformational for economic development for the city of Hamilton. It is something that we need.
Paul	Federico	Looking forward to LRT in Hamilton !!!
Joanne	Leach	Please go ahead with proposed LRT in Hamilton.
Sally	Muscat	As a new resident to Hamilton from Toronto, I know firsthand how incredibly beneficial to both residents and business owners an LRT can be and the potential for growth and attraction to Hamilton it can create. Easier access to a city's businesses and downtown core is so vital - look at how it is developing Toronto! I am very excited about Hamilton's LRT plan.
Fort	Roberto	As a resident of Ward 7 for the last 35 years, I would like to remind our newly minted Councillor, Donna Skelly, that this household fully supports the LRT. She better get on board quickly or she will not be around too long. She has already screwed up already by showing her Conservative stripe and voting against the Mayor's campaign to spend money on poverty. Having travelled to other parts of the world, we have seen the benefits of having an LRT in a city. Full steam ahead !



Tanya	Abrams	Please help support tomorrow, today.
JEANETTE	HUNTER	Hamilton is starting to be the place to live...real estate is booming...especially in the north & east end of the city...
Christopher	Hunt	The light rail project MUST proceed. Hamilton is going to be left behind BADLY if it doesn't.
Mary	Bowness	If we are to ever emerge out from under the shadow of a polluted city it will be because we're successful in increasing public and active transportation. Here, cars rule, and it is a damning indictment. We know the numbers, for not only pollution but for pedestrian death and injury. We'd like to bring people to the city, we'd like it to be inclusive, and because fewer and fewer people are choosing to drive, we need to build the infrastructure that supports a carless society. The LRT is a big step in the right direction for Hamilton.
Crystle	Numan	I support LRT in Hamilton to increase public and healthy tradition choices.
MARGERY/JAMES	MUN	We definitely support the LRT in Hamilton--
Tom	Belshaw	It's about time that this City of Hamilton enters the 21st century.The smaller City of Kitchener-Waterloo has NOW half completed their LRT WITHOUT full funding from the province....That city has to fund a third of the cost ON THEIR OWN.Their city politicians are on the ball more so than our people at Hamilton City Hall..LETS ALL GET ON BOARD & get this done NOW & not wait for a future Ontario Government to CANCEL the total funding we now have.We should NOW StART the needed new infrastructure construction(water & sewers) which must be done before any tracks are laid.....There will be a lot of disruptions of course during this massive construction process...a lot of people on the route will be upset but the result WILL BE WELL worth it....Just look at how successful the one in Calgary has become.....YES ENOUGH OF THE GAMES.....Thanks for



the opportunity to express myself.....TOM

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| William | Harvey | Just get on with the project & bring LRT to Hamilton. We all benefit from this. |
| Mark | Sarookanian | Please, let's do it! We have a chance to be proactive with a growing community. This service will be essential to us in 10-20 years time, by that point, with inflation, the cost will be even more astronomical. |
| Graeme | Luke | Hamilton needs LRT to ease congestion and make our city better |
| Nimal | Dissanayake | WE STRONGLY SUPPORT LRT |
| Trish | Vanson | I am writing to express my continued support for Light Rail Transit in Hamilton. We need to move ahead with the plan to achieve Hamilton's economic and environmental potential. |
| James | Quinn | In the past, Hamilton City Council has been reluctant to spend tax dollars on alternate transportation, preferring instead to spend on new roads and automobile infrastructure. In this day of climate change concern, I would hope that councilors recognize the importance of alternate transportation. LRT is one element in an important shift towards sustainable transportation. Please support this important venture and help make Hamilton a climate leader. It's time to build LRT. |
| Ameriga | Alonzo | I would like to take this opportunity to express how pleased we are that Light Rail is coming to Hamilton. |



Valerie	Louter	An LRT system in Hamilton will help to build a stronger and more integrated city as all residents have better access to all parts of the city. The province is on-board and we need to keep moving forward. It's time to move our transit system into this century!
Les	Szamosvari	I fully support the construction of our own LRT system. I have lived in, and visited, cities where there was a downtown line. I found that transit in these cities was efficient, even for someone who didn't know his way around. I believe that this project will help to make Hamilton a better city to live in. The disruption will be forgotten once the LRT is working. Think of Toronto when the Yonge Street subway line was being built. We can embrace this huge project.
Leslie	Falzone	We need to become a modern city, more and more young people are not buying cars or even getting their driver's licence. We need options and a good mix of transit in our city. We need to expand our public transit coverage.
Ratka	Skorucak	Actually, it was well addressed in past discussions about LRT and how it will be great for Hamilton.
Frank	Rocchi	Railways have been one of the primary engines of growth for this country, historically. This city needs this project if it is to come fully into the 21st century. Please ignore the naysayers and the wardheelers who do not share our combined vision for the future. Run the spur line all the way to the waterfront to increase both access and services.



Peter	Hill	There are many people who will object to this improvement, just as there will always be when an opportunity appears along with some short-term negatives such as construction inconvenience. Leadership means seeing beyond the near term and recognizing what the future holds and acting on the advice of those who have INFORMED opinions.
Radha	Menon	This is important for the growth and prosperity of Hamilton's citizens especially those of us who live downtown.
David	Wootton	I guess what I read about Hamilton 's council being incompetent may be true. Why would not any sane municipality be so excited about a GIFT of \$1B !!!!! I would be worried about the opposite - that the next government reneges on the announcement. I'm shocked that this is not already "sewn up" so to speak! If Hamilton is not "excited", they may find some nefarious reason to cancel it. At the moment, I am so JEALOUS of Waterloo!!!! What a way to destroy the future of Hamilton and local outlying municipalities.
Vince	Franco	I fully support the LRT! I live in an area that will be inconvenienced by years of construction, but I see the bigger picture. It's time to stop debating "IF" and start developing the transportation that appeals to businesses, pedestrians and the greater good of the city - from rural to urban. We should all be proud of a downtown that looks clean, professional and able to keep up with this progressive renewal. Anyone opposed to the LRT and its funding is just playing politics and wasting all of our time.
Brandon	Nelson	Enough dilly-dallying. Let's get moving!
Sheila	Kimmel	I am looking foward to light rail in Hamilton.
Randy	Coutts	I am excited to see Hamilton's LRT program begin. Not only will this enable people to get around the city more easily, but it will also help show that we are a city focused on technological advancement and growth. LRT will help to show we are no longer a steel town and considered a joke by many, but a vibrant, progressive community that embraces change and advancement.

Virginia **kivell** I support LRT for Hamilton !

Paul **Mitro** I fully support implementation of new LRT system. I have travelled to numerous world class cities that have LRT (eg. Melbourne, Denver) and feel that LRT would have a positive effect on the future development of Hamilton.

Matthias **Feiner** As a resident in Central Hamilton I urge you to finalize the steps needed to assure funding will be irreversibly in place for the Hamilton LRT. Hamilton LRT will be a catalyst for this city to become an attractive place to live for future generations. A modern and competitive city requires efficient and a good balance of transportation options. LRT is a win-win-win for all Hamiltonians, the city and the province as it will attract new residents, new developments and prosperity, which will result in a larger tax base, more jobs and will facilitate a transition from old industrial to a modern economy.

Mark **Poole** I have full faith that our committee will reaffirm the fact that the LRT will proceed with full steam ahead on, as intended.

The ones not on board, and from my understanding not apart of the committee, should perhaps reconsider their role as a public figure representing anything to do with our city. Maybe they can apply for a job more suited to their mentality, i dont know.. I hear there's an opening for walking in a straight line. Actually im not even sure they'd be qualified for that either.

GO LRT!!

Valerie **Warren** I support LRT in Hamilton.



Bonnie	Patterson	As a former Hamiltonian living in Vancouver, I am so very happy that Hamilton has FINALLY approved the LRT system. I'm sure you will love it. It's so fast and convenient. I look forward to using it when I visit. Could Hamilton become known as "The Ambitious City" once again --I hope so. Congratulations on a great decision!
Peter	Tracz	LRT represents a key motivation for change in Hamilton. A clear direction for better public transit and urban redevelopment cannot be understated. Local council and Provincial representatives must represent and work for a successful completion, always with the thought and intent to move forward with the LRT project. The opportunity to object and promote some other direction has passed and and such objection is a waste of time and resources. Support a successful completion of Hamilton's LRT!
Glen	Carroll	LRT please.
Anna	Vermaat	For someone who has experienced rapid travel systems or LRT in other cities,we know that it will be worth all the inconvenience for our city and it's citizens. In the past, other cities have been concerned about the same things Hamiltonians are right now - today those same cities are thriving. We look forward to the future with our very own LRT!
Nic	Schulz	as a resident of Dundas I am a non-downtowner who fully supports the building of lrt in Hamilton. Even though I believe the significant benefits of lrt will be in hamiltions east end I believe this can do nothing but help raise the lifestyle of all hamiltonians.
Dermot	Nolan	I fully support the LRT project and encourage all Councillors to firmly reaffirm Council's support for this City-changing project. If any of them are still in doubt, I urge them to travel to any world city that has I have a system (eg Amsterdam, Dublin and many many more). They will see for themselves what a transformative positive sophisticated lift it gives those cities. Please embrace the opportunity to give our rising city a comparable lift!
Ian	Fox	This is a great opportunity to help stop Hamilton's reliance on the car. We need to move into the future not stay stuck in the past.

Andrew	Maas	Completely supportive of this transformational project
Spencer	Snowling	LRT is an important move forward in the development and modernization of our public transit system. Please continue to support Hamilton's progression towards a more livable and sustainable future.
David	Maas	My property is along the proposed route and I fully support this initiative.
Laura	Cassian-Black	We live near Main and Kenilworth and are excited for better transit options to downtown, McMaster and the waterfront. It's a no-brainer!
Robert	Connolly	I support the LRT. We need to relieve the glut of automobiles in the city, which can only get worse if there is no alternative. I also prefer electric trains as the most ecologically sound choice.
Liz	Passmore	LRT in Hamilton is extremely important to me. I want to send a message to all of Hamilton city council, not just my own councillor, that LRT is something Hamiltonians want, and will benefit from.
Viv	Saunders	Would like extension to Eastgate Square

Ron	Jones	<p>Please work together, all levels of government, to bring modern transit to Hamilton!</p> <p>If you're not convinced, one visit to a similar-sized European city will show how dedicated transit infrastructure makes a city livable, walkable, and fun to visit! The green benefits are just gravy.</p>
Hudah	Azeez	<p>Hamilton light Rail should be built asap as it will not only benefit Hamilton but it will be an investment for the economy of Ontario as well because a good transit system plays a major role on urban development as well as expansion. With the light rail, Hamilton will grow in to a much bigger city which will creat jobs as well as opportunities. Also, people that love to live major urban areas might choose to live in Hamilton too where as right now, people won't consider Hamilton if they can reside in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver because they have better transit system.</p>
Elisabet	Service	<p>I strongly support this investment into the future of Hamilton. Saying NO now would be extremely embarassing as well as plain stupid, and would hardly encourage the province to offer us money in the future.</p>
Chris	Ewing-Weisz	<p>I can't believe we are still arguing about this. LRT, which cities such as Calgary have had for decades, makes all kinds of sense as a quick, clean and forward-looking way of getting people from point A to point B. Let's build it already.</p>
Anne	Warne	<p>I continue to support Hamilton LRT! Our city is gaining in popularity, is undergoing an influx of new homeowners/business owners renovating old or derelict buildings for living or working and we all need environmentally relevant transportation like LRT and not cars!</p>
Dan	Dyer	<p>I hope Hamilton can make this work :)</p>
Jennifer	Brasch	<p>LRT will bring big and positive changes for Hamilton. It will dramatically change downtown Hamilton by bringing convenient and accessible mass transit to a huge part of the city. Please support full funding for LRT in Hamilton.</p>



carrie	Elsden	It is time to make this City finally accessible to all with various modes of transportation working together and sharing the roads. LRT needs to be a major piece of that plan along with protected bike lanes, walkable streets and so on.
Elizabeth	Gray	I support the LRT project. Please continue your pledge to pursue this vital improvement to Hamilton's transit and move us toward a more livable city for all.
Wayne	Baker	Light rail transit will help Hamilton become a city in which public transit will be considered a feasible alternative to the private automobile by people who are financially able to travel by car but will voluntarily travel in the city by public transit.
Ian	Reynolds	It's time that we take Hamilton into the 21st century, and pull out of the 19th century that suburban councilors intend to keep us, ravaged by car infrastructure that the city maintains despite an overwhelming need for transit and safety and young people.
Warren	KOROL	Let's get this crucial new part of Hamilton done. It will only make a great city even greater.
Mary	Leach	I wanted to express how important I believe LRT is for Our city. Even though some members of city council are against it, they are not thinking of the city as a whole and have also been against many things that would move our downtown/city forward. Our city needs this! I am 100% on board.
Carolyn	Lehmann	I am a loyal HSR transit rider and fully support LRT in Hamilton. I commend Hamilton's City Council and city staff for their work in this regard. One negative voice on the Council has not helped our City to move ahead towards the future.
Angie	Mallory	Yes construction will be a nightmare but in the long term this is a great investment and affordable in terms of return on investment.



Stefan	Murray	LRT will be transformational. Our leadership must be the champions of this vision.
Thomas	Lorini	It is with continued support and conviction that I write and stand with those who support the building of the Hamilton LRT.
Evan	MacAlpine	As a ten year resident of Hamilton who's lived on the mountain, in the East End and the North End, I implore council to stick with the LRT initiative that's been in the works for so long. Not only will it make for a more accessible, explorable Hamilton, I believe there is a moral imperative for elected officials to stand behind a project that was big part of why many people have voted you into office. Not to do so would not only be financially irresponsible, but would also be ethically questionable; a result of politicking in it's worst form. Please vote in favour of LRT and in favour of a growing, thriving Hamilton
Phyllis	Alfano	I am in full support of the LRT. The decision has been made, DO NOT hold Hamilton back as has been the case in previous years. DO NOT let a Billion dollars slip through the hands of a regressive city council. Let us proceed with the commitment to make Hamilton the great city that it was. Don't screw this up!!!
Azher	Siddiqui	I urge you to follow through on the commitments you have already made to supporting this project, and that you get on with the work that needs to be done rather than entertain debate in attempts to sabotage the project ultimately aiming to cause it to fail, which would represent an unacceptable mistrust and mismanagement of money paid by all taxpayers in Ontario.
Janice	Carson	I fully support the LRT in Hamilton. It's about time we had a little forward thinking in this community.
Kathy	Garneau	I am thrilled that we will be getting a light rail transport line in Hamilton. Sustainable transportation is critical to planetary survival



Cheryl	Kipling	The City of Hamilton is growing so fast. We need good, reliable public transit today and in the future. We need to invest in LRT now, while we have the opportunity to do so.
KELLY	TILMA	Make it happen!
Megi	Asi	LRT is great and will WORK
Jason	Raynor	Stop, waffling on this already!! Just get it done!!
Trevor	Ydreos	The city of Hamilton should implement an array of transit options like LRT to maximize efficiency and minimize gridlock.
David	Colacci	It is time for Hamilton city council to reaffirm its commitment to a fully provincially funded LRT line. It is time to fully commit to the process and get the work underway. Stop pitting our city against itself! Do the work you have been entrusted to do, and do it with civility and professionalism.
Janet	Booy	A healthy city core requires proper city transit for all of Hamilton to benefit. Please ensure the LRT and funding to support Hamilton is embraced. It would be an enormous shame and detriment to Hamilton to bicker away this funding.
Mike	Majcher	Thank you to the province for coming through with the funding for Hamilton's LRT. If allowed to realize it's full potential, it will be one of the biggest advancements that will propel Hamilton into the future. While I'm disappointed that the system is no longer coming out my way to Eastgate Square, I am still looking forward to experiencing how this system improves all of Hamilton's transit. We've got some big challenges ahead with construction, and some big decisions to be made that will enable Hamilton to get the biggest bang for

the buck with this. But we also have some very good people on this project doing very good work and if allowed to do so, they'll steer us through successfully. I hope the politicians do not try to make this a political football creating unnecessary fear and doubt, especially with a project that can bring so much good to this city. Please let this project accomplish the right thing that will benefit ALL of Hamilton one way or another.

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| Kevin | Nourian | LRT is essential in Hamilton's transformation into a much more vibrant city. With all the new investment and development happening in downtown, it would be foolish to turn away a project as important as this to the further development of the city. We have something good going here, please don't ruin it. |
| Brian | Detlor | Hamilton needs LRT. It's an investment for the city that will spur positive economic and community benefits. Other successful LRT projects around the world are evidence of the strong return on investment that LRT brings to a city and its citizens. Let's make this happen for Hamilton. |
| Mary Anne | Ablitt-Blain | It is time that our city fathers/mothers stop procrastinating and get on with the task that the people elected you for. The LRT. This is for our future generations and it needs to be done now. Yes, there will be a few growing pains but we must stay committed and strong to this upgrade of our beautiful city for our future generations/citizens. We know that this will assist in our air quality with less vehicles running through the core. Be brave, more forward. This is a good thing. |
| Laurie | Nielsen | Councillors for the downtown core (and the Ancaster area ward), where the LRT will run, still support the project. Please keep the funding intact! |
| Evan | Pray | I was talking with my parents about our great city as we often do last night. My mom heard a great comment: Sure if you live on the mountain, Stoney Creek or Ancaster, you personally may not use LRT. But let's say you need to head into the city on occasion for a nice night out, or sporting event or a hospital visit. Yes it would be an occasion for those outside the city, but what about those who work down here and provide these services every day? Do people on the perimeter not care about how we get around, and ultimately what we want on the streets we use every day? |

I think a bigger thing to consider is the FUTURE of transit. I hear the argument that we are fine with buses. But that is for now. I love how some refer to Hamilton as "The Ambitious City". I love this and truly feel it when I am downtown. Look around the world and you should see that good transit is the foundation of a well rounded city. You often hear of gridlock and traffic woes in larger cities. Why not be ambitious and proactive and get ahead. I hate when people say 'well we are not a big city'. My simple response is 'why not'? I consistently find that our leaders tend to slow us down, while private and proactive individuals are steadily bringing us into the future. Imagine what the city could accomplish and become if council was onboard when it comes to the new and exciting opportunities?

Jackie **Levitt** Please say YES to the LRT!

Candy **Venning** I want to live in a city that invests in infrastructure, a good quality of life and great transportation options.

BettyAnn **DmyrrusKo** I fully support the LRT and believe it will be a great boost for our fair city.

Stephen **Officer** It is absolutely critical that this city moves forward with the LRT project. As a resident of the Mountain and a McMaster student, I strongly support the development of an LRT system in the downtown core starting in 2019. Get the funding secured NOW. No more beating around the bush, councillors!

Naomi **Williams** There are so many reasons why this would be a great addition to Hamilton - it is a shame it has taken so long to implement! I can't wait to proudly say that Hamilton has a wonderful LRT network.



Matthew	Madigan	Our LRT investment and greater public transport initiatives may be the most important legacy we leave to our children. It is imperative for our neighbourhoods, our city, the province and the world that more LRT projects are successfully implemented.
Andrea	Kleiner	We must take steps toward peaceful living and a healthier environment. Steps to public transit, not cars! :)
Karl	Andrus	I cannot believe the council is considering for a moment going back on the LRT. The LRT investment will create jobs across the whole city, connect communities and bring more people and money to all the business near the line. The economic benefits will be felt far outside the line itself. It increases property values, connects our communities across the east-west line. It will also cost the city nothing! We owe it to the future to begin this project. Please stop rewriting your position and think of the city as a whole and the benefits all to future citizens.
Patti	Encinas	Please bring us LRT! I'm looking forward to using public transit more and my car less.... but not without LRT.
Robyn	Sifton	Hamilton needs to be a progressive city and I firmly believe the LRT project will bring in progressive minds to the city to further economic success. This city was built around cars, but times are changing and it doesn't make sense to stick with a system that is slowly being derouted anyway. Fossil fuels are an energy source of the past and I stand alongside those pushing for a better public transportation system.
Melissa	Leaist	Any large city needs a solid transit system. LRT is an important part of Hamilton's ability to grow and modernize. Please do NOT squander this funding opportunity.
Kathryn	Enders	I support LRT and can't wait to see the great things it does for Hamilton. Thank you so much for supporting this project!

Adam	Kapheim	It's so sad to see wavering on a historic opportunity! We need strong councillors who will stand up for Hamilton and be a vehicle of change that supports our community and our image in the province. Very rarely does an influx of money from the province provide an opportunity to create a bastion of intensification and sustainable development, and provide the opportunity to replace a great deal of critical, ageing infrastructure at no cost to the municipality. That is a return on investment you can't turn your nose up at! Remember that the rejuvenation goes more than skin deep, there are water, sewer, storm, hydro, communications and gas assets that will get replaced as part of this and ensure the city continues to run smoothly well into the future! Please unite as a city, leave the NIMBY and fear of the unknown at the door and see that this kind of transformation benefits ALL of the city.
James	Johnston	Let's improve public transit and continue to re-build Hamilton into a strong city!
Andrew	Pettit	While I am momentarily concerned and disappointed in the lack of vision from the Councillor for Ward 5, I remain confident in our great city's council and community to bring this important provincial investment to life. LRT will be transformational for our entire city, near and far from the line, with improved quality of life, regional economy and pride in our city. It won't be without hardship - major construction is never easy - but we will get through it together, following the lead of our councillors and mayor.
Loren	King	LRT makes so much sense, for the entire region. A revitalized vibrant urban core is a good thing for the suburbs, and LRT is a solid start to a well-integrated economically diverse and successful region.
Seema	Narula	As someone who selected downtown Hamilton as the place I want to live, work, shop and raise a family one factor in that decision to move here 7 years ago was the potential promise of LRT. I bike, walk, drive and take public transportation, have lived carelessly and as a car owner, know many business owners downtown in the core who all support this long term plan.

Warren	Ferguson	I live in Collins ward and I support the LRT. Hamilton councillors do not screw this up or all your careers will be remembered for is keeping Hamilton in the stone age!
Joanna	Kadlubowska	<p>I fully support the development of the LRT in Hamilton. It's a much needed investment and service for those seeking accessible transit and correcting poor urban planning decisions of past.</p> <p>I moved to Hamilton in part because of the proposed project. We have invested in the future of this city. We want cleaner transportation, a walkable downtown core and accessible and reliable transit solutions. We are excited for future, and understand that with growth and progress, there are growing pains.</p>
Alistair	Morton	<p>We moved here in 2009 with the promise of LRT, over the last 7 years, we've watched the fights and eventually the promise come to fruition.</p> <p>Now it seems political infighting is threatening the chance we have as a city to progress. Please keep this project moving forward.</p>
Erin	van Hiel	I'm upset with my city councilor for his opposition to the LRT plan. We need to improve our city's infrastructure and this is the best current proposal for doing it. Stop the political posturing and get the LRT built, now while we have the money! Hamilton has had the experience several times of looking gift horses from the province in the mouth, until the province withdraws the offer - always to our own detriment. We want this. Build it already!
Tyler	Cowie	I've been a resident here for 33 years, this city has come a long way, LRT is a huge step in becoming the city that we have the potential to be. Nothing good comes easy and it will have it's challenges but I fully support LRT. I hope that this is just political posturing as I am surprised by the lack of vision on this since it was fully supported, studies completed and accepted... time to move this city forward.



Jay	Feth	I live on Stoney Creek mountain, take the Red Hill and King Street to work in downtown Hamilton every day. I'm the person who some members of Council believe should NOT support LRT because of the impact that it'll have on my commute.
Frances	Neufeld	<p>Living in Dundas it is apparent that we need to unite Metro Hamilton, and the bus lines aren't enough. This first LRT line will do this, in part, and the next investment should be towards uniting upper Hamilton with the main city with LRT. The LRT can be more efficient, easier for handicapped people, and seniors, and environmentally friendly. WHY are our councilors not embracing the huge Provincial investment, and not tying it down to our plans?</p> <p>The LRT puts our Metropolis in the 21st Century for our community, our tourist trade, our businesses. It returns our City to the stature it once had and is gaining again through its community members investments, not so much through City Council leadership..... There are a few exceptions. It is time for the Councilors to step up, and quit playing politics, but rather do what is best for our City!</p>
Arun	Jacob	An affordable and forward looking city needs to invest in its infrastructure.
Elizabeth	Seidl	Dear Mayor and City of Hamilton Councillors: LRT is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to move Hamilton forward and will better the city, by encouraging it to grow up rather than out. It would be devastatingly unwise to turn this opportunity away.
Christopher	Godwaldt	As a resident downtown, and a business owner on King Street East, I support and desire LRT for Hamilton.
Anne	Chaffee	If not now, when ... ? If not us, who ... ? I continue to strongly support Hamilton's LRT plan - and strongly urge council members to reaffirm their support for LRT on May 18. LRT is a game-changer for the city, the region and the planet.



Michael	Johnston	<p>Why is my city council playing more games with what is now a billion dollar investment in our city ?</p> <p>Stop wasting everyones time, yet again, on something that has been voted on multiple times in the past, and start doing what is actually needed, making the individual compromises necessary to implement LRT successfully.</p> <p>Now is the time to build. If we wait, traffic and congestion will only get worse. We need to start building complete, sustainable streets now.</p>
Jennifer	Kranz	<p>It's hard to believe that Hamilton City Council is so screwed up that it is still jeopardizing our LRT!</p>
John	Wilbur	<p>Hamiltonians expect City Council to be leaders and support this fully-funded plan. I find it disgusting that City Council would be willing to play games with the city's future.</p>
Dave	Minard	<p>If Hamilton is ever going to become a world class city,it must have a world class transit system and this must include the LRT.</p>
Jeff	Teal	<p>C'mon Hamilton...be a leading edge city. Be proactive and get on board.</p>
larry	sparks	<p>Transit investment is critical to attracting young workers and employers to Hamilton.</p>



Craig	Hermanson	We must invest in LRT or Hamilton will lose a generation of talented young workers to other more visionary cities. Many of their parents will follow.
		If the newer generation, professionals, attract more professional into the city, need to have a reason to stay in Hamilton and enjoy the city without eventually consider leaving. LRT is a important element, it also is a powerful check mark for invesrors of all kinds to invest in Hamilton. Just go investigate all the LRT that had been built across Canada and the benefits of growing a better city. LRT is a long term gain with perspective. It is a MUST if city of Hamilton need to have positive grow.
Hubert	Shen	It is amazingly backward that we're even debating the issue of accepting a billion dollars in infrastructure funding for LRT. Hamilton needs to shift toward more sustainable, intensified development - it can't afford not to. We have to stop dumping our money in car-focused infrastructure that is too expensive to maintain and forces us to lay more and more of the burden on too few taxpayers. We have to move toward planning and strategy that leads to better returns on our tax dollar investments and divides the burden among more people and attracts the companies of the 21st century. This should be a no brainer! Show some courage and foresight and stop thinking about appeasing the 10-15% of the electorate that gets you elected.
Andrea	Costantini	I really think that this council should really do the right thing and pass the motion of taking the money that the government is giving to them for the LRT.and dont do what they did for the stadium that they almost screwed up on .as well this should not have anything to do about what certain members on counsal what for them self saying that the lrt will not be good for the city .what are they just that interest in making city proud.the city is always saying we have to build up attract people to the down town core so why not get the LRT .and stop thinking about your selfs for once .thank you
Doug	Maunder	Modernized rapid transit is a must for a growing city. As our downtown population increases, student enrollment grows in our Colleges and Univerisites, and our neighbourhood assets develop across the city we'll need a high density rapid transit spin to provide easy access across the city that is safe and affordable. The research and planning has been done, and the investment is at the table from the Province.
Jeremy	Freiburger	Please fund the LRT in Hamilton as promised.



Savanna	Scott-Leslie	Would you please do the right thing for once?!
Allison	Branston	Hamilton used to be called the "Ambitious City". As far as a few city politicians are concerned it may be called now "THE UNAMBITIOUS CITY".....Don't smack the "Gift Horse" in the mouth.I hope after hearing from the LRT committee that all city hall people will be on board.It took 50 years to build the Linc & the Red Hill Creek highways.Let's not do the same with the LRT....The HSR hopefully will live up to that name once again.....HAMILTON STREET RAILWAY.....TOM
Tom	Belshaw	I desperately want to live in a liveable city. One which recognizes the need to facilitate alternative modes of transportation. Hamilton is very far from this ideal, but with a huge investment in a modern light rail transit system we will have a great start. Hamilton needs a downtown LRT to move people around safely and efficiently, to make the city attractive to investors and residents and as a starting point for future public transportation investments. This is an opportunity we cannot afford to miss.
Laura	Parker	City council, how many times do you have to vote on someone giving our city 1 billion dollars?
Doug	Scott	Do you really want this money going to another municipality?
		Hamilton is on the cusp of becoming a great city again. Transportation is prevalent in all great cities. We need to plan for the future and not just today's needs.
Derek	Doyle	LRT is critical for Hamilton to get to the next level of success



Let's do the math here: \$1b in funding. Thousands of Jobs. Years of work for those workers. Decades of economic development. Increased property prices, increased property taxes, more revenue for the city. Better transit that can grow with the future needs of the city.

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| David | Fernandes | We are mindblown in the motion that Sam Merulla presents. Just as we start to gain confidence in our council....then a move like this. Hamilton has long awaited this type of investment from our province and to shut it down is ridiculous. |
| Aaron | Gagnon | The LRT is vital for the City of Hamilton. As Hamilton continues to grow we will need to move people from place to place in a clean efficient mode of transportation. The LRT is the modern way of transportation. Our family live in the Suburbs and we are all in full support of this project. Hamilton city politicians should be doing what is best for the whole community. This is not the time for Concillors to be trying to seek the limelight and 15 minutes of fame by looking for headlines to distract from this history making project which will transform Hamilton. |
| Dan | Gismondi | i'm all for LRT but not with the current routing plan for the B-Line. Your having both directions go down one way part of king street then block off traffic at wellington through the two lane bottleneck to John street, like wtf? That will cause more confusion to drivers. With the way our roads are from downtown to the delta i say put eastbound on main street, north side of main is fine, that way traffic can still go through the bottleneck part of king and share a lane with the westbound LRV and no need to reroute car/truck traffic and get better coverage area. So people south of main would have to take eastbound to delta to get the eastbound. Have to do that anyways with the HSR. Thats my take on the situation, feel free to contact me if any of you councilors like to chat more about it. |
| Christopher | Strachan | This is a vital opportunity for our city and one that we will never recover from if we let is pass by. The LRT is vital for the City of Hamilton. As Hamilton continues to grow we will need to move people from place to place in a clean efficient mode of transportation. The LRT is the modern way of transportation. Our family member who live in the Suburbs are all in full support of this project. Hamilton city politicians should be doing what is best for the whole community.Take advantage of this project which will transform Hamilton! |
| Courtney | Matic | Please let Hamilton get LRT. We have The Linc which serves the mountain, but benefits all Hamiltonians. The lower city needs to get LRT to stay ahead of population growth and traffic congestion. This will also benefit all Hamiltonians. LRT works. It is not free, but getting the capital funding taken care of by other levels of government is a boon we can not ignore. |



David	Hosten	To keep our world green for the next generation, we need LRT. LRT will reduce traffic jams, save money and time loss on the highway. Using LRT is also benefit your health thanks to walking. Wake up people of Hamilton and city councilors!!! LRT is our future! Thank you!
Duc Thinh	Hoang	Hamilton needs LRT to compete with other growing cities. This an opportunity for Hamilton to show courage and move along with betterment. Just for mere votes and individual benefit counselors should fully support this move.
Diwakar	Sharma	Better public transportation is required, with lot of new construction our city is in dire need of it. We want our city to shine and be presentable and competitive with GTA and Toronto in particular.
		One of my interests in being a local history buff are the Radial Railways that connected areas which are now part of the GTHA.
Joachim	Brouwer	It is my conviction that comprehensive rail based commuter service will lead to sustainable as well as economically and socially equitable growth in our city.
		The LRT presents a once in a generation (or two) opportunity to reimagine and rebuild our urban core into a transit-oriented (rather than car-centric), dense (rather than sprawling), sustainable (rather than environmentally catastrophic), and community-oriented (rather than individualistic) city. This is an opportunity that this city can not afford to pass up.
Michael	Mercier	The returns of this investment will be enjoyed by everybody; property owners along the route and in adjacent areas will see their property values rise as businesses and residents choose to move there, and tax payers across the city will see the benefits of increased property tax revenues which will allow the city to



invest in improved transit, recreation centers, etc. across the city. Urban densification will come as a result of this project, and that will benefit everybody. A system which removes cars from the road helps keeps people and goods moving, rather than sitting on gridlock.

Please stop the political posturing and realize the opportunity we have here to make Hamilton better for everyone; decades of neglect of our urban core can begin to be rectified by making a smart decision here.

I support the LRT. Hamilton needs this, let's be proactive in bringing in an amazing public transit system. Let's not falter and hold off until it's too late. I use transit and I also drive. LRT will be good for the whole city and I'm excited to see it start happening

Very strongly support LRT and the forward-thinking Provincial Gov't that is finally moving on this overdue priority. Trust that this will not be "derailed" by parochial local councillors in Hamilton who seem determined to live in the 1970's.

What is with you people!?! Everything the council does is so short sighted. City hall and stadium fiascos ! Get the Lrt. Hamilton has had horrible city governments for about 40 years. Do something progressive for a change!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

james

Dalgetty

Please act responsibly on May 18 and reaffirm your support for LRT. Hamilton's development fell behind other cities in the region because its car-centric lay-out keeps it firmly in the 1970's. We will base our voting decision in the next election on the outcome of next Wednesday's meeting.

Theresa

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Thank you for modernizing Hamilton by supporting the LRT.



I am fully in support of the LRT build. Hamilton has got to stop our small town thinking and move forward with this transformative project. I hope council will support the building of the LRT line.

It is high time that Hamilton's City Council gather together as an entity and make decisions that will benefit Hamilton with a viable future in a post modern era. The means and tools are being offered, let us grab hold and run with the brilliant plans to unite this city through the highly successful examples displayed in Istanbul, Portland, Amsterdam, Miami, etc. The list is endless.

Implementation and installation of LRT will bring this "possibly" Great City of ours onto the World Stage:

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| Beverly | Leslie | I thought we were past this. How can our Hamilton City Councillors even think of refusing this kind of investment? What wonderful alternative do they have planned? Where would that money come from? The Province? This is the future... it's clean, green and connects the city. Why would you ever consider not moving forward enthusiastically with the LRT. |
| Al | Horzelenberg | I was discouraged as I followed recent developments in the ongoing LRT discussions. I am fully in favour of LRT for Hamilton. I recognize that there are certainly challenges and concerns as there are with any major infrastructure builds. I don't, however, think that the concerns are insurmountable. In fact, deferring such infrastructure upgrades in transit would only make future challenges and interruptions to business etc. even greater than they would be now. Transit is paramount for any world class, destination city. It is a needed investment in our city if it is to realize its potential. I am asking that it be made a priority commitment for the city of Hamilton.
100 percent support from me. Some people out there keep taking it away from this city. Please give it to hamiltonians as they need and deserve this service. |
| Kim | Newcombe | We fully support the plans for building LRT in Hamilton. This city is finally turning around on a positive note and the LRT will be a huge asset towards the transformation of Hamilton. |



Jason	McGibbon	Hamilton is in desperate need of an infrastructure overhaul. Gone are the days when every person owned a car and wished to drive everywhere. This is no longer a reality in urban centers and we need to address this as a city.
Van	Hoang	While some councilors are dragging their feet on LRT, claiming it in no way benefits their ward, the city as a whole must be considered. Transit infrastructure in the suburbs will never be a viable option as long as connections remain long or non-existent. The LRT may not directly serve any mountain routes, but it will benefit mountain transit users through improved connections and reallocation of buses from downtown to other areas.
Dave and Cathy	Cummins	It is shameful that council is showing resistance to this project after voting for it so many times, and it is particularly frustrating that councilors have all of a sudden appeared to change their long-held views on sidewalks and bike lanes to pretend as if they are cooperating with the city planning process. Issues should have long since been voiced and addressed, and it is embarrassing to me, a life-long Hamiltonian, that council holds such backward views for our city. Hamilton is the butt of so many jokes, and it will remain as such as long as this farce of a city council continues to operate.
Aaron	Strong	Yes to LRT!! this city needs to move forward with the future and not lag behind like it has always done,

We need LRT to ensure safe, clean, efficient movement of people. It has to be the first step in a long term plan to modernize transportation in Hamilton.

Dear Provincial officials, Please do not let the future of Hamilton and its public good be decided or derailed by our incompetent, cynical, petty-minded city councillors who clearly are working against the interests of our city as a whole. We the average people unfortunately need you to save us from our enemies who happen to be our "leaders". We need LRT for safer streets, economic prosperity, and a greener environment.



Gordon	Marshall	Hamilton's LRT is too important to play political games with it. It will be a key ingredient to transformation of our city. Without transformation, Hamilton will become less and less desirable to live in. Embrace the future. Vote LRT.
Michael	Pray	I would be okay with the province installing parking meters at shopping malls to pay for this. We must be weaned out of cars. We need to give up the mentality that we must build roads for the automotive industry.
Stan	Slovenski	Please vote in favor of LRT and make it a reality in helping to transform our great City.
Norman	Newbery	Please, no more looking in the rear-view mirror. This is a wonderful opportunity to move our city forward.
Peter	Malysewich	I've been living in this city now for over 5 years and the direction it is going and the rate at which it is happening is just astounding. More businesses are opening, more people are coming and the core is really coming along quite well. From that, you can see side streets starting to catch up.
Bob Mike	Hanley	Why wouldn't we want LRT? It will add more revitalization to the downtown core by allowing people to quickly travel into town. Sure there will be construction, lots of it and I can understand why this would cause concern, perhaps some road closure tests are in order to help mitigate this worry. Figure out a way to divert the traffic first before actually needing to and running into problems.
Tony	Mancini	<p>I appreciate the critical thinking you're doing about this project, thank you for that. It is better to research and ensure success before implementing a disaster. As much as I hated the fact that the vote was pushed, it actually does make sense... be prepared. But please make sure that it isn't pushed so far that we end up losing the opportunity.</p> <p>I moved to Hamilton 10 years ago and I fell in love with this city and continue to fall in love with it over and over again everyday. I am so looking forward to LRT to come and to set us up for an amazing future.</p>



Please don't blow this council. You will cause so much uprise in the city.

I am really disappointed by council's lack of vision and direction on the LRT project and on transportation on a whole within the city. The only way we will turn the city around is if we have safe streets and a working transit system. If council members want to still have their jobs after the next election, then it is about time that they started supporting great initiatives like the LRT rather than delaying and stonewalling every change for the better. Shame on them.

Ladies and Gents, it's disappointing to even be sending this email, but as a Hamilton taxpayer and citizen, I again would like to share my full support for our LRT and east end GO Station plans as outlined in the \$1.3 billion provincial announcement last year.

It's odd to see all the hoopla that surrounds a handful of jobs at a new plant in Hamilton with millions in local subsidies handed out just to get various companies to locate here. Yet it appears as though some councillors may be willing to turn down the millions in salary and great paying jobs over many years without a dime of expense to the local taxpayer?

Robert

Prouse

As someone who uses public transit, as well as a car, a bicycle, and my own two legs, I encourage you to do all in your power to facilitate the implementation of light transit. I am old enough to remember a vibrant Hamilton downtown and hope to see one return. LRT can only help.

Jason

Leach

I support LRT in Hamilton as an evidence-based means to improve the local economy, long term, and reduce sprawl in to our precious farmlands. Further, because buses that serve the current B-line will no longer be needed, they will be deployed elsewhere in the city, making it easier for someone who lives downtown (as I do) to enjoy the amenities of the suburbs (for example, movie theatres that are currently are very poorly served by transit).

Council needs to be looking to the future on this. We had the opportunity to do this 40 years ago and they were all so worried about not raising taxes that we lost the chance to make public transit great in this city.



Ron	Lariviere	To all Hamilton Councillors: Please get back "on board" and support investing in LRT to move Hamilton forward. Do not waste this time sensitive opportunity!!
Biljana	Vasilevska	We have the money given to us, why not take it? We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to have 100% funding for a billion dollar project. Why deny it?
Gillian	Varlow	As a resident of the Hamilton mountain, I see the growing need for light rail in our city. Too many times has Hamilton fallen behind in planning for the future. We are already in a dire situation when it comes to our transit as it is. Busses simply aren't going to cut it. Just look at the tens of thousands of cities across the world who are a near identical municipality and geography to that of Hamilton. We NEED to stop trying to play catch up and start planning ahead!
Jane	Slote	The LRT would enhance Hamilton's public transit. This is a step forward for our city, and will encourage people to spend time in the downtown area rather than avoid it because of traffic. The LRT only makes sense from an environmental, economic, and civic perspective. I sincerely hope that Hamilton City Council will not block this plan!
Lachlan	Holmes	Hamilton has turned down funding for rapid transit before. In 1981, the City said no to an elevated rapid transit line connecting Jackson Square to Limeridge Mall; this is the same technology used to great effect in Vancouver aka the Skytrain.
Alexander	Szlafarski	Please don't turn down this opportunity again. Not only will we be able to move more people across the city but studies show that it will attract great ridership than BRT, be cheaper to operate than BRT and increases property values along the line.
Julianna	Beckett	I absolutely support Hamilton LRT and expect city council to continue to support this project as they have for 8 years.

Peter Moore This is a big step into a better, brighter future for the city of Hamilton! Please, Premier Wynne, Mayor Eisenberger and Hamilton City Council: make this a reality.

I believe only great things can come from this investment.

Daniel Evans To fight the progressive change to downtown is to end up on the wrong side of history, why would anyone want to live in a city where the council cannot decide that we need to always improve?

Lindsay Sarte I have traveled by LRT in North

American and European Cities and have found it to be an excellent method of transit. I plead with the councilors not to turn this issue into another fiasco as you did with the stadium renovations. Let us proceed with this project with a degree of sophistication and goodwill that has not been typical of our politicians in the past.

Aaron Neal To advance our city LRT is a wise choice. Please choose wisely.

William Fulton I fully support LRT in Hamilton. I lived in a city during construction of an Lrt and used it afterwards. Well worth it.

LRT is the most critical and vital project leading to a renewal prosperity in Hamilton. All my neighbours, the neighbourhood community and my friends in Central Hamilton want this project to be implemented as soon as possible. We must defeat the Upper Hamilton councillors who have a very narrow vision and are only advancing their own interest at the expense of the benefits that the LRT would have for the entire city.



Julia	Veenstra	I've grown up in Hamilton and I plan to stay here because I see its potential to be a world class city. LRT is crucial. It's everything we need to unite this city and streamline positive development.
Simon	Mangan	The decision has already been made and now we need our leaders to step up and make it a reality. Please work as hard as you can to ensure that this important project is followed through and helps build Hamilton into a stronger and more vibrant city.
Matthias	Feiner	I fully support the LRT. I think this is a vital investment into Hamilton and it will be worth every penny. I hope the city council can agree on this project to go forward and allow this city to move forward in development.
Taylor	Heres	A fully funded LRT project in Hamilton is 100% the correct idea. Anyone on Hamilton council who opposes should be removed from their position and replaced by someone who actually cares about the city.
Michael	Muller	This is a no brainer, Billion Dollars that we will pay in taxes, regardless if LRT comes to Hamilton or not. LRT is needed for Hamilton to survive in the future, this will create so many jobs, not to mention once it is done, it will attract many corporations to move and invest in Hamilton.
Kat	Bezner	Light rail will support increased ridership.
George	MacPherson	I will get right to the point. I would like to see Hamilton move forward with the LRT. We as a city have to keep-up with our transportation needs.
Carlos	Pinho	LRT will be good for an evolving Hamilton. In the end, worth the short term pain (for affected motorists and businesses) for the long term gain of attracting more residential infill and small business growth to the lower city and downtown. We want a walkable, transit efficient, shop filled, vibrant and healthy heart for the City of Hamilton.



- Gary DePodesta** I think LRT is a great idea, and over 30 years ago, there was an idea of rapid transit in this city, but it was derailed by 1982. This time, may it not happen. Some design changes may be required, and I think it running down Main St. entirely might be the better option. Even slightly elevating some of the line could be good. I know cost is a factor, but so is the street space, especially down town. Still, may it happen. Is it possible that our elected city council members are actually waffling about whether or not to use ONE BILLION DOLLARS offered from the Ontario government for the LRT? Hamilton is growing and beginning to thrive in so many ways. Let's all do what we can to keep this trend going full blast.
- Nikola Patti** LRT works so well in so many other cities here in Canada and around the world. Let's get it done, and done right. Let's build it right out to the
- Tony Hill** Eastgate Mall - the sooner the better.
- Rudy Neufeld** Our city and our environment will be greatly improved.

I think it is incredibly important that the city council of Hamilton vote unanimously in favour of supporting the LRT. This is 1 billion dollars in capital funding that is being provided to our great city.

Council cannot squander this opportunity. This is a once in a lifetime chance to transform this city into a vibrant community with a successful sustainable downtown that does not rely on subsidies. This is a chance to provide infrastructure necessary for a diversified, vibrant economy.

Vote for LRT in Hamilton.



Ryan	Plested	<p>All in favor - must do it !! 30 yrs,. ago Hamilton turned down a Monorail up the mountain, which was offered free by Ottawa (Vancouver has it - the Skytrain - from their airport and added more lines. If we had accepted, we would have the East-West line already.</p> <p>I am totally in favour of LRT in Hamilton. The benefits, which have been made very clear in many other cities, are much needed here. The province's contribution makes it possible.</p> <p>I am 35, please make the choice for LRT for my future kids and grandchildren.</p>
Raymond	Braun	<p>LRT in Hamilton is imperative to the growth of a wonderful vibrant city. To refuse the infrastructure money would be a giant mistake. I will do everything I can to make sure that any city councilor will be voted out of office for voting against LRT.</p>
Janis	Topp	<p>It's time Hamilton City Council do what's best for the future of the City and its residents.</p>
Dave	Michal	<p>I live in Ancaster but this is good for Hamilton.</p>
Scott	Phillips	<p>I am writing to ask City Council to show unified support for a strong investment in public transportation in Hamilton.</p>
Shane	Morin-Farroway	<p>I am frustrated that I need to take the time to voice my continued support for LRT. Like many residents, I have already shown my enthusiastic support many times over - by voting for a mayor who promised to keep this issue moving forward, and by speaking with my councilor and neighbours. I was overjoyed to hear last May that the province was affirming its commitment and that project planning is underway and hoped that the hard work of planning finally begin.</p>



Rick

Michal

It is dismaying to hear that a small circle of councilors are trying to raise doubts about the project at this stage. Councilor Collins and Councilor Whitehead have each had numerous opportunities to articulate their concerns and receive direct feedback from staff. It seems wasteful to force the project planning to start over with no other reason than a small, poorly articulated desire to oppose the project in theory.

Daniel

Moore

To be clear, I am a voting resident and want to see more investments in public transportation that will make our city more livable and accessible for everyone.

Finally, I hope that the divisive tactics used by Councilor Collins and Whitehead do not reflect on all Hamiltonians. My partner and I love this city and recently decided to buy a home here because it feels like a genuine community. We know our neighbours and are active in our neighbourhood - as is almost everyone else we know. The Hamilton we cherish uses bridge building and collaboration and shared vision to get work done. This makes the recent news from City Council all the more shameful. These councilors are not representing Hamilton well.

We hope that they will decide to put their efforts into building cities, rather than barriers, after learning more about the value of this project from the people of Hamilton.

These funds are for LRT, why can't people understand this. The improved infrastructure will save the city millions, funds will be available to increase existing transit routes and development will increase along the line increasing taxes to the city.

Don't drop the ball on this great opportunity !

We have been offered an incredible opportunity to start the modernization of our transit system. In addition, we will be afforded major infrastructure improvements (sewers, resurfacing etc) with no increase in local taxes.



Gail	Berberick	This is also a fantastic opportunity to redevelop an area of the city that has been somewhat depressed for a long period of time.
Don	Hanzel	The LRT will be essential to keep traffic moving in this city!!
Bob	Berberick	This will do so much for our wonderful city! It's time for our city to shine the way it used to...the way it's meant to! Please city council, get this right!
		Nobody in their right mind would turn away 1 billion dollars on something that will benefit them. Let's all get aboard.
Shelley	Phillips	As a business owner, I feel LRT would be of huge benefit to attracting and retaining talented and productive employees for businesses in the downtown core.
Michael	Stauffer	Also as a Mac grad, I feel that if LRT had been present while I was in school, I would have gone downtown more often, and gotten to know the city better.
Ray	Love	I moved here from Burlington. Please move forward with LRT plans.
Rob	Porter	I believe this LRT project will be great for Hamilton, the 10th largest city in Canada, and allow it to grow economically and become a fantastic place to live.

I believe in the LRT.

Nathan Cervoni I also believe in the city & province working together to minimize the negative impacts of construction on affected communities and businesses.

Eric Gaydos It is time to start moving forward.

Brendan Lanigan I fully support the Provincial funding being directed to Hamilton for an LRT transit line.

There is no debate, we need this. Hamilton is going to be a major city in a few years and it's crucial that we avoid the major transportation issues cities like Toronto and Calgary are facing because they will cost 10 times as much in the future.

Good public transit is good for everyone, even those who continue to drive personal vehicles, it helps to reduce traffic and idling of vehicles.

Paul Mason I support the LRT for Hamilton - this is a way to move our city forward and make it more accessible and less reliant on cars. With funding from the provincial government, we have a once in a lifetime opportunity to put this project in motion. All great cities have accessible public transit systems, and this is our opportunity to make our city a modern place to live. Hamilton is on the rise - please don't slow us down!

Jennifer Ridge Better transit, better roads, better communities. I will be one of those people who will suffer through construction (at the end of my street, 10 houses away) BUT anticipate that the benefits to me, to my community, and to my adopted city, will be beneficial to everyone, now and for generations to come.



Daniela	Giulietti	Hamilton needs LRT for a better future.
Samantha	Daniel	This is something our city needs. We need to either piss or get off the pot. No more dicking around on this. Past council made the committment. If present council cant decide perhaps they should all resign n lets havd an early election and get people in there that has the city in their 100% best interest.
myra	Leyden	Stop playing games with the LRT and get on with building it.
Esther	Link	Light Rail Transit is crucial for the future of Hamilton and our downtown revitalization. There may be some pain to get there Hamilton, yet it will be so worth it in the end. Let's keep our young people living, working and shopping in the downtown core while providing them ways to efficiently get around! 100% support from me for LRT!!
Jeffrey	Smallwood	Efficient, low-cost public transit is an obvious public good. It promotes economic development, reduces carbon emission, and reduces inequalities by reducing the costs of access to work, shopping, and leisure. Building an LRT that is \$1billion funded by the taxes we've paid to Ontario is a no-brainer benefit to Hamiltonians of all stripes, whether or not they'll use the LRT. By increasing the city's infrastructure and promoting development, all of us will benefit by an enriched tax base. I encourage all the Hamilton City Councillors to vote YES to support the LRT.
Dave	Beynon	It defies all logic that council would still be waffling on accepting and supporting this incredibly important infrastructure project. Are we really going to sabotage this city's future? Please exhibit the leadership appropriate to your position, members of council!
Tracy	McGregor	We simply need to accept the generosity of the province and make full use of their offer for infrastructure investment to prepare Hamilton for the next decades of growth.

Tina	Fetner	Failure to act will have catastrophic consequences in the long run and will notably diminish the future of this city.
Jeffrey	Hannaford	\$1 billion invested in modern infrastructure is a major win for Hamilton. To question whether or not to take the offer is unconscionable, in my view. Let's see now, take the billion or take zero, create significant tension between Hamilton and the provincial government and fund all transit improvements through municipal taxes. It's the height of irresponsibility. It's not as if the provincial government is wanting to invest a billion in an open pit mine in Hamilton. It's modern, efficient and sustainable rapid transit. And we need it. So do our kids.
Will	Edwards	The construction will cause temporary pain, but please take the long view -- LRT will be good for our city as it has for other cities around the world. Council, this was already approved.so please just move on, better yet have it extend all the way to Eastgate. Be progressive and lead!!!
Graham	Crawford	STOP BLOCKING PROGRESS. Our council has let us down too often, dont let this happen.
Frances	Murray	LRT is a MUST for this city at this point!!!!
Doreen	Stermann	I may live in an outer Hamilton suburb but I see the business and city building case for LRT on the B line. I fully support LRT for Hamilton!



Chris	Ive	As we look to the next 10+ years it is clear that we need to not only cover the basic requirements of moving our existing population, but prepare for growth. The future of our city will be built on the back of the modern infrastructure that we choose to implement today.
Rick	Raposo	The high-tech transformation of Ontario is well underway, with hubs in Toronto and Waterloo. Though it may not seem like it, the LRT project is an essential step toward establishing ourselves as part of the vital Toronto-Hamilton-Waterloo hub, and not just yet another town bypassed along the way.
Michael	Moniz	I support LRT. It will make Hamilton a better city.
Martin	Kuplens-Ewart	I'm a young professional living in Ward 3, Hamilton, who is a strong advocate for public transit. Yes, I have a car, but I love the convenience of using the bike lanes, or hopping on the King St bus. I now own 2 properties on the proposed LRT line, and I know my tenants value public transit options now that parking in the downtown is becoming increasingly difficult. With all the new condos and population growth anticipated for the city centre, now is the time to give the millennials and other newcomers what they want- public transit! I strongly support LRT for Hamilton - and only wish that Phase 1 of the project was going to bring the LRT right to my Ward 5 neighbourhood - and the Eastgate Transit Hub. LRT is a fantastic opportunity for Hamilton's economic future, and our ability to move around sustainably (including the ability of our aging population to move around on a barrier free system!!).
Graeme	Luke	I've never seen such a transgression in Hamilton for all the years I've lived here. Thirty-one years. The downtown regions are changing, changing a lot faster than one can even adjust to. These changes are much needed. You know, I hate how Barton Street has looked for 30 years. But I have hopes that it will change.
Alysha	Main	Not going forward with the plan for LRT would hamper the developmental stages we're currently facing. We need the new infrastructure to sustain the precedented change that is currently happening.

Lynda **Lukasik** Hamilton would be crazy to pass on this.

Justin **Coombs** Hamilton will remain in the transportation dark ages, while the Kitchener-Waterloos, Brampton-Mississaugas, Ottawas, and other communities move into the 21st century.

Passing on this will send a strong message to innovative, forward-thinking business not to establish themselves in Hamilton.

Derek **Gamlem** I voted for a councillor promoting LRT

The future is now!

The LRT is needed in order to move Hamilton into the 21st century. It is short-term pain for long-term gain.

John **Treen** The LRT is an important investment in Hamilton, with money coming from the province. It would be shortsighted to turn down this opportunity!

Janice **Brown** 1..SO 5 Reasons---#1-Environment--Less cars downtown #2--Increased new business--more shopping choices---# less parking lots needed----potential for developing housing downtown---#4--More Live theatre and entertainment + fine dining--more inviting to Tourism-----#5---Increased mobility for seniors----Seniors could Live-Shop-Attend Theatres-Find services ALL in downtown within walking distance--Riding L.R.T. far superior to riding buses !



Alan Bourke The LRT is a vital piece of infrastructure to improve public transit and allow the city centre to continue its transformation that has been a loooooong time coming since I first moved here in 1978. We are so close to transforming the city back to something we can all be proud of.

Rhiana Ehara Vote YES. Get it done.

Eileen White Look to the future. Mass transit is to the advantages of all municipalities. Decisive action now!

Chris Knapp Just move on.

What is the difference between a living thing and a dead thing? In the medical world, a clinical definition of death is a body that does not change. Change is life. Stagnation is death. If you don't change, you die. It's that simple. It's that scary.

Nancy Martin LRT is important for Hamilton's future. Needs support from council.

Sean Hurley we need lrt

Light rail is a crucial step towards building a viable future for Hamilton. Short-term inconvenience is well-worth the long term benefits. Turning down this funding opportunity is saying no to a progressive future.



David	Jenkins	I support LRT and progress.
Kathleen	Beckett	Get it done.
Tom	Shea	As someone who lives, works, and raises a family downtown, I support LRT.
Julie	Densham	LRT is about more than transportation. It's about lower city revitalization, economically and socially. It's about planning for the future, for citizens with a different outlook, our young adults. It's about grabbing opportunity when it presents itself instead of leaving it for future generations to fix.
Kenneth	Raddatz	We absolutely need to build mass transit solutions in Hamilton now, while reducing vehicle traffic in the core and making the streets safer for cyclists and pedestrians. How could the city turn down \$1 billion to help us do this? It boggles the mind, really.
Taylor	Elsou	As a seven-year resident of various districts of Hamilton, who travels through it in various modalities - pedestrian, cyclist, driver and public-transport user - I have no doubt that the proposed LRT system in Hamilton will pay long term dividends to the city, the province and the country. (I am a permanent resident of Dundas, whose councillor has not been clearly supportive of LRT thus far, and will be voting with this information fully in mind at the earliest opportunity.)
Laura	Cattari	Please do not pass up this opportunity to improve our city. Have a little vision and think big for everyone's benefit.
Andrea	Douglas	I started out a nay-sayer, but over the course of this last year, I've come to see how LRT could benefit Hamilton in so many ways....not just the ease of transporting people along the King St. corridor, but also freeing up current buses to be increase transporting people east/west on the mountain, but north/south as well. Infrastructure on the King St corridor will need to be replaced in the near future, so why not let the



Prov. gov't pay for that, freeing up money to improve infrastructure on the mountain. Our council should be fighting to ensure that a good percentage of local tradespeople are being hired for this installation. They should not waste their...and our...time fighting amongst themselves. LRT can be good for not just downtown, but for all of Hamilton.

Dr. David

Ogborn

When was the last time a senior level of government gave Hamilton a billion dollars?

Robert

O'Brien

The answer is never.

Kathy

Poyner

Done properly, and connected to the mountain and suburbs with better than adequate public transportation LRT can be a game changer for this city. Those who are now raising questions are merely posturing for the next election which is regrettable but not unexpected.

doug

farraway

I hope common sense prevails and LRT moves forward because trust me, if we say no to the billion this city will be written off by the Province and we certainly can't afford that.

Take YES for an answer. Please support the LRT! Hamilton needs a comprehensive transit plan that includes the LRT.

I'm writing this to let you know that I fully support moving forward with LRT. I was filled with utter astonishment and disbelief when I learned of the actions of a few counsellors who lead the charge to embarrass this city and derail the billion dollar investment in our city. I'm not sure if anyone has told Whitehead, Collins and Skelly that their actions are embarrassing and infantile at the very least, but they should.



Please support the current LRT. It would be a poor decision to turn down 100% funding.

Sarah	Antanaitis	This is an important initiative that research shows will positively impact the economy of this city, increase access to the job market for marginalized people, and generally inoculate our cities economy from downturn. Please vote yes on this investment in our city.
Glenn	Cunningham	Please move ahead on this , make Hamilton a great city!
Matthew	Piggott	I know you all don't need another citizen preaching about the lost opportunity it will be to lose the LRT funding, but come on. Let's rip the band-aid off and move along. It will be a challenging 5-7 years ahead, but once the LRT is complete, we can allow areas that are currently efficiently inaccessible to turn into vibrant, welcoming communities. Imagine a financially advanced resident of westdale being able to seriously consider using transit to get downtown or to a Ticats game. What if students at Mac wanted to live downtown, or maybe rent a much more reasonable dwelling in central or east hamilton? Rail transit is the future and we all know it. What we don't know is wether or not council will have the courage to stand up and fight for Hamilton's future.
Timothy	Gordon	I fully support LRT in Hamilton. We need this to keep Hamilton moving forward and attract people to this great City.
Maureen	Barnes	I feel that LRT will be a very positive step for Hamilton's economic growth. There will be some hardships and inconveniences for a segment of population as well but this should not derail a vital piece of infrastructure which is being paid for by the provincial government.
Tom	Brown	I support the LRT. Let's get this thing rolling.



Christine	Roarke	Please vote to support the LRT in Hamilton.
Gordon	Leverton	As a proud Hamilton citizen for the last 13 years, I've been so impressed with the positive changes and growth that I've seen in this city. The LRT will be one of these positive changes, allowing us to take more cars off our streets, increase density in our core, and make Hamilton more accessible. Please keep the LRT!
Warren	Korol	LRT will boost downtown business. Make travel easier and more reliable. Reduce the number of cars in the lower city thus improving air quality and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.
Justin	Cook	This will make Hamilton a better city.
Rachel	Cook	I will be moving to Hamilton soon and will have to use public transit as my form of transportation, i've wanted to move to Hamilton for some time and haven't because of this.
Klaas	Walma	LRT is vital for Hamilton's progress and success on many levels. We need to begin now and waste no further time or effort. We need council and others to support this effort and not diffuse focus. Delay will result in the kind of needless damage and regression that Hamilton has struggled with in the past. LRT is not a dream; it's a necessity.
Graeme	Douglas	Hi - As Hamilton grows, it needs to become more sustainable from the perspective of moving people and good. We cannot continue to build roads and houses in the same manner as the past 50+ years. Good public transit is critical to Hamilton's success. Its good for seniors, children, business and everyone in between. City Council - stand by your decisions, your motions, and all the staff reports - do everything in your power to build Hamilton the best LRT possible.



stephanie	fortin	Get your s\$&t together. Hamilton needs LRT! Finally this city is starting to wake up and come back to life. Don't pull the plug!!
Alison	Currie	If Hamilton is to continue being the "ambitious city" we need to have an LRT to help usher us into the future. Economic growth, the social benefit of complete streets, and the health and environmental benefits are each arguments on their own for the LRT. But given that Hamilton will reap all of these benefits together, we CANNOT afford to miss out.
Graham	McNALLY	I believe that the LRT would be an important step forward in Hamilton's progressive growth.
Kevin	Kellins	We don't need a referendum, but we sure needed one when the aerotropolis was being shoved down our throats.
Ron	Collier	We need sustainable transit, fresh water and local food.
Les	Szamosvari	The lack of leadership on the part of those city councillors responsible for this mess is baffling. The only thing more devastating than the negative impact losing this investment would have on this city is the dog and pony show put on by this particular group of imbeciles that has further damaged Hamilton's reputation on a provincial scale.
Dan	MacIntyre	LRT is a no brainer - we need it to keep moving our city forward economically.



It is unfathomable to me that Council, after numerous rounds of support and allocation of City dollars towards investigation and research for LRT already, would now turn down such an amazing commitment from the Province. Those wavering appear to representing constituents that don't live in the LRT implementation area. My suggestion is to allocate dollars to a public education campaign about transit, traffic flow, sustainability, economic improvements, equitability on our roads and safe streets. I live near a hub for LRT and am very excited for the long wait ahead to opening day. My spouse and I are also scrounging up what we can to see if we can invest in commercial property along the LRT line knowing that this property will be unattainable financially after LRT completion and that the area will see drastic improvement along the corridor than what it is today. We've rode light rail in other cities, we've talked to their citizens about the before/during/after. Please say YES!

Rochelle

Martin

LRT will not only benefit the immediate surrounding areas where it is built, it will lift the entire region by brining more jobs to the region, increase property values along the route and increase mobility throughout the region. Look to Minneapolis' Hiawatha LRT for a complete (and similar) success story! Bring it on!

Heidi

VanderKwaak

As a young Hamiltonian who has committed to opening a new business in downtown Hamilton I would be devastated to know that some city officers would take it upon themselves to stop something that is so essential to the long term success of our downtown core. Please think of the future generations of our city who will rely on a safe, easy, environmentally friendly option to increase travel and business in our great city. Please vote yes!
Without LRT, Hamilton will not be able to progress forward and attract more residents. In fact, it will propogate more young people leaving.

Shelley

McKay

I travel to Hamilton about once a month. LRT would be such a great thing for the city. Say yes!



Matthew	Webber	get on with it and make it happen!
Udi	Blankstein	I can't believe this is a conversation we need to have at this point. On what earth does a city happily accept provincial funding then suddenly, not long after, find itself deeply questioning that acceptance ... for no reason at all? Hamilton: get it together.
Kevin	Cooper	Please vote YES to LRT and a future for Hamilton.
Terri	Schacher	I grew up in Hamilton and my parents still reside there. Viable public transit is much needed in a city that is beginning to really thrive.
Cameron	Kroetsch	As a resident of ward 9, I strongly support the LRT project. The LRT project is more than a transit project. It is a city building project meant to spur development and investment in Hamilton. If we want to lower the burden on residential taxes, we have to seize this opportunity.
Patti	McLeod	More importantly, we are planning for a Hamilton that will benefit our children and our grandchildren. Let's show our children that we can make bold decisions that transform this city into a future our children can be proud of.
Jenny	Cohen	Please please please
Allan	Curry	This transit is important for Hamilton's progress. I look forward to it.



It would be absolutely ridiculous for the city Hamilton to not utilize this opportunity to have infrastructure added to the city of Hamilton especially with all of the PROS of implementing the LRT as it's been proven over and over again in other cities and towns in North America.

Cornelia	Peckart	Enough is enough. There is a billion dollars on the table for LRT. Hamiltonians from all over the city, through their Council asked for this funding. Repeatedly. Get on with building our future and please try to think 20 years into the future, not just one election cycle.
Tyler	Marr	Hamilton needs this. No more feet dragging, let's go!
matt	hope	Hamilton is a growing city, that needs LRT as a better way to move people across the city, and to facilitate smart growth in our city.
Mike	Belmore	An investment in rapid public transit is an investment in a progressive, healthy city.
Suzanne	Zandbergen	Would love to have light rail in da hammer.
David	Scott	LRT is a step along the way to improving transit in Hamilton. Let's take YES for an answer and begin to get transit to where it needs to be. The whole city will benefit from the economic activity!
Kris	Gadjanski	Hamilton needs LRT to attract additional investment and be competitive. No LRT means no MONEY - so let's not fear the difficult process and work together to achieve LRT benefits for the whole city.



Kevin McNally We've already agreed to do this, why all the flip-flopping now? City councillors need to stop playing petty regional politics and finally do what's best for this city, and what's best for this city is light rail!
Good morning!

James Carter I am writing to express support for the LRT project in Hamilton. This project would be a huge step forward for someone like me who doesn't own a car and likes to cycle and take public transit.

Thomas Cassidy don't be the nervous bride who never makes it to the alter and therefor lives a life of regret of what could have been. hamilton needs to stand behind it's word. anything else will be a lifetime of shame!

This ought ta be a no brainer ! I support the LRT and the fact that both Main and King St.'s should be two way.

Good day and thank you for reading this. I think it would be an act of self-harm for Hamilton to now reject \$1B of FREE investment (that we already accepted!) which will increase economic development in both business and housing sectors, improve and increase use of transit as well as reduce traffic, and increase population density along the LRT route (delivering services to dense areas is less expensive/population so it makes good \$ sense to grow #HamOnt that way). The resulting increase in new taxes collected due to LRT implementation can be enjoyed by all Hamiltonians. I do not object to funds being spent on improvement in urban/rural parts of Hamilton that don't seem to affect me or my ward. I am so disappointed in Hamilton council and how this is (not) being handled and in the misinformation certain council members are spreading.

barbara quinn Please vote yes to taking this free money to make our city better.



Erin	Davis	I support the light rail project.
Jon	Hodge	Be forward looking and get off the North American fascination with the car. Make the city livable. Allow people to get around without a car and in a less polluting manner. Not all people own a car, want to own or drive a car, and there are those who can not afford a car.
Cassidy	Daniel	<p>Please reaffirm your commitment to the LRT. We, the citizens of Hamilton are counting on you to do the right thing by putting your support behind the motion on May 18.</p> <p>Outside councillors have been a stumbling block to the unavoidable and determined re-invigoration of the downtown core for far too long. How does one NOT vote "yes" for this infrastructure investment? Stop fighting what's good and get on this train. (Literally AND figuratively).</p> <p>I support LRT.</p>
Svava	Juliusson	As small business owners I see this as essential for this city to grow to its potential! Please focus on brining new transportation methods to this city rather than spending our money on updating new ones. Technology is growing faster and faster as the years go on. It is smarter for this city to be ahead of the curve, rather than behind it.
Dave	Hamilton	No worthwhile changes ever come without short term cost. Our children will thank us.
Joseph	DiBenedetto	Come on folks, get it together! This and the ongoing West Harbour GO debacle are shameful. So close, but so far away!!!



Diana	Chetcuti	Please make this happen!! We have the funding and made all the necessary plans and time to initiate this potential growth.
Alicia	Looyenga	Council is infatuated with the idea of Hamilton being an 'up and coming city' and an underdog within Ontario.
Michael	Brown	When it's time to pay the piper however, we shake in our boots?
Steve	MacIntyre	Time to grow up and stop being so indecisive about something that is backed by research and statistics.

You've got to crack a few eggs to make an omelette.

Hamilton can no longer afford to sit still, if we plan to flourish as a city we must accept our role in a much bigger picture. It is no longer acceptable to not think of large scale because whether you like it or not we will grow in population with or without LRT. I for one can't see myself using the LRT other than occasionally getting to the waterfront in the summer months although my children will find it in valuable and the economic benefits to be able to create sustainable jobs in a vacant downtown can only be achieved through mass transit. Buses (even bus lanes) can't do it as part of a traffic system. Light Rail is the only answer the city can afford, it's too late in urban planning for a subway.

This investment in LRT will prove to be instrumental in Hamilton's Economic Development moving forward. It will provide safe, reliable transit options for people in all stages/statuses of life. As a father of twins, i feel that this investment is critical for the future of our city for people from all walks of life.



I fully support this project and trust our politicians will make the right decision.

Jeremy

Williams

Please don't let shortsightedness and ideology spoil Hamilton's chance to have a funded LRT.

Hans

Stief

Council needs to lead us into the future, not kowtow to those selfish few who believe their "right to speed" trumps a city's rights to efficient public transit.

Are you kidding, we need this lets get more cars off the road. People need options. Let's head in the right direction.

Debra

Scott

I am a ward 14 resident who commutes by car to an office downtown. Hamilton needs to replace the auto-centric king and main corridor with a more human solution for the health of the downtown core and the citizens who live within it. Help my fellow citizens park their cars and move about the city.

Paul

Trebilcock

Years of divestment and car-first policies have cut the downtown in two - an approach with affordable housing and transit is the only way forward.

bryan

poetz

Embrace the future... reject those who would rather live in the past. Change is never easy but there is a reason the province decided to invest in Hamilton's future. Our city is considered a key economic driver for the future prosperity of the province. If we reject this investment, in a way we are telling the current government and any future governments that we're not interested in being considered among those communities who will lead Ontario's future.

Please implement the entire B.L.A.S.T. plan as soon as possible, so we can get on with planning additional transit improvements. I would like to see the base BLAST system completed within fifteen years.



Do not let go of this opportunity. LRT is an integral building block for community development in Hamilton. Reliable, RAPID transit is key to connecting people, places, and JOBS. Don't delay. Don't deflect. Support LRT NOW.

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| Mark | Cripps | Please say YES to the \$1 billion dollar funding and LRT project. |
| Ben | Babcock | This is a pivotal point in Hamilton's Renaissance. Decisions made now around implementing key public transit infrastructure will make a difference between Hamilton being a world class city and Hamilton being an example of failed municipal growth. |
| Erin | Fotheringham | Please, I implore you to consider the major leap forward we could be taking here. I fully support LRT plans for Hamilton. |
| Steve | Newberry | I live in ward 3 and I am in favour of light rail transit for Hamilton. |
| Susan | Littleton | Please see this through in spite of it not being as popular with suburban voters. |
| Christopher | Heyd | It's absolute madness that we are potentially going to not build transit. |



Catherine	Ahern	Yes there are potential issues with the LRT, but all of those can be rectified and dealt with.
Ian	Borsuk	Having experienced the LRT in Portland, Oregon, my wife and I are convinced this is a needed and beneficial asset for generations to come in the City of Hamilton. I love LRT. It will only make Hamilton a better place to live. As a recent MBA graduate, and young professional currently planning a move to Hamilton from Toronto, I whole heartedly support this LRT investment. The future growth of this amazing city depends on a solid foundation of public transportation infrastructure. Looking forward to making #hamont my home.
Gene	wasik	Transit makes cities more livable, get on with it already!
Margot	Corbin	As a citizen of Hamilton I support the LRT plan and the provincial funding being offered towards the project. I call on all councillors to show their support for this project which is in the best interest of all residents of and visitors to the city.
Jacob	Stief	It would be foolish to leave this money on the table, considering how innovative Hamilton has been in other social spaces.
Dina	Harrow	If Hamilton hopes to continue to grow, if it hopes to become a world-class city, it will say yes to LRT. Otherwise, current council will be ruining a perfect opportunity for future generations. One of the reasons I left Toronto because it's transportation infrastructure is a disaster and showed lack of forethought in the past, which it is now paying for in spades. Hamilton, don't make the same very foolish mistake.



Melissa	Neil	I believe Hamilton can forge ahead with this plan as we have done in the past with other City initiatives.
Anthony	Easton	I support the LRT as I believe it will be short term pain for long term gain. I live in Ward 9, and the BLAST network would definitely help the generations to come by providing safe, reliable, efficient, and affordable public transit to all. This \$1 billion is only being given for rapid transit, and cannot be used in other ways. Let's use it people! I hope the Councillors in the other Wards will drop the politicking and fear-mongering and look to the future and how we can bring Hamilton to its greatest potential for all!
Matias	Rozenberg	As a former Toronto resident, I couldn't be happier to be living in Hamilton. I love everything about it and believe it's on the cutting edge of so many aspects of a vibrant city. Except when it comes to transit. A light rail is essential to the continued boom Hamilton has been experiencing. If we want to keep up, we need this. Let's keep Hamilton moving forward!!
Rick	MacLeod	I'm a taxpayer and I support this!!
Umer	Siddiqui	Please do the right thing for the City and move us towards better public transit--more inclusive (not a mode 'for the poor' and those who can't afford a car, but for all residents), more efficient (we know light rail is more efficient at people moving than buses), more congruent with safe streets, pedestrian and cycling mobility (we can re-design our streets along with this project to better accommodate people, not just cars), and with smarter urban development (more intensification and mixed use will grow along the corridor)! Please stop stalling and backtracking and wavering, putting the wants of certain interests ahead of what is best for the City to move into the modern age!
Kristen	Hodges	I am a homeowner and resident of Ward 3 in Hamilton. Although I commute to work in Cambridge by car, my family frequently uses the transit system along the B-line corridor, travelling downtown often to shop or dine.
Mia	Macdonald	I strongly urge Hamilton city council to reaffirm its support for LRT. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity that will help continue the revitalization of Hamilton's core and help mold it into a place that is livable and accessible to all.



Abram **Bergen** I realize that construction of the LRT will cause disruption in my neighbourhood and to my daily commute. However I will gladly accept this disruption because the overall benefits to our city as a whole greatly outweigh any of these issues.

Tony **Spithoff** LRT will not solve all of our problems, but it is a large piece of the puzzle that we cannot afford to reject. We need our city council to make decisions that reflect visionary, long term, big picture thinking.

The money is ours, we need this, why would they turn it down? Make the right decision, people!

LRT is good for the WHOLE city. It being more tax dollars in for all of us. Please do not be swayed by the politics of division. Hamiltonians are hamiltonians. Let's bring our amazing city into the 21st century and not blow this fabulous opportunity for much needed infrastructure spending.

We need LRT? Why? Because it is 2016 and 2016 is about planning for smart growth and not continuing with unaffordable suburbia. City council please work together to make Hamilton great again.

Lindsey **Jacobs** Having learned about the other 11 LRT lines being planned and built across Canada, it makes sense on many, many levels to move forward with this. There are so many wonderful outcomes in the other cities to copy and learn from. Billions of dollars of both public and private investment has happened, and will happen. Why would we, as a city, chose to be left behind all these other cities and eny ourselves such investments?

Philippa **Heritage** Having all of our aging sewer and water lines and roads replaced with brand new infrastructure all along the miles of the B-Line corridor alone is a HUGE savings for us municipal taxpayers.

Mike **Waddington** So many local jobs to be created for years as well as procurement from local business will be a big boost for Hamilton.



Yes, there are concerns like business disruptions, and it is important to mitigate that as best as possible, but we can see that the benefits far outweigh the concerns.

I respectfully urge council to be ambitious and look towards our future.

Support LRT

I live along the proposed LRT line on King St E. I have a baby and am eagerly awaiting safer streets for us to cross while enjoying the convenience of rail based public transit. I used to live close to two streetcars in Toronto and used them daily to commute to work, run errands and to visit friends. It made living in the city more enjoyable while also allowing me to have a positive impact on the environment by driving less. Driving less also meant being one fewer driver contesting roadways as well.

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I cannot understand why any councilor would try to revoke \$1B in allocated funding towards this much needed traffic/transit solution that will help my end of town connect better to the downtown core. LRT lines help revitalize economic dead zones and bring much needed local jobs along their corridor. Hamilton deserves real solutions that bring lasting legacy to our city while also catapulting our city into one prepared for future generations.

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Please do the right thing and make the Hamilton LRT happen. Stop backtracking and help this city move forward!



As an ex-Torontonian constantly frustrated by the lack of better public transit options, I cannot fathom any good reason to delay or deny an LRT line in Hamilton. Especially when \$1B has been pledged by the province. It's never 'the wrong time' to create more economical and environmentally conscious commuting options and it's certainly the best time to continue the growing reputation of Hamilton as a provincial and national leader. It's an amazing city, let's keep progressing!
I visit Hamilton frequently and do so by car. I would happily leave my car at home and off of Hamilton's streets if public transit were better.

If we want to be an ambitious city we need modern public transport. Commuting to the west end to the east end by bus is an arduous process. light rail would link our great city and would bring prosperity to central and East with positive impact felt city wide.

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| Kurt | Wicklund | PLEASE don't set Hamilton back by blocking this important initiative. This is such an important piece of the city's growth and revitalization. |
| Michael | Aylward | I'm troubled to hear that there is even the remotest threat that council will reject \$1-Billion in provincial funding to build a LRT system in Hamilton. I implore you to suspend your doubts and follow through with this to the end. To turn this down would be a punch in the gut to a Hamilton that is transforming into the vibrant city it once was. I know this technology (and higher order transit in general) is new to Hamilton, but please look to other jurisdictions around the world that have incorporated LRT into their transportation mix with enormous success. |
| Elisha | Stam | Please proceed with the LRT. It will help our city grow and improve. |
| Andrea | Cooke | We need a LRT in Hamilton to help us lift areas of this city out of extreme poverty |



Nick	Shaw	I think the LRT will be a great addition to this city and I look forward to using it. We live close to the proposed James St N spur line and I think it will be really useful to use. Please support this motion!
Matthew	de Zoete	There should be no question about whether Hamilton should invest in transit - of course we should! Please vote Yes!
Cathy	McPherson	I strongly encourage Council to move forward with Metrolinx in the construction of a provincially-funded light rail transit system for Hamilton. The B-Line will be the solid foundation on which a complete system servicing the entire city will be built. It seems likely that if we turn away now there won't be another chance to secure this level of funding for Hamilton Transit.
Rochelle	Rumney	It would be a huge mistake for city council to turn down the funding offered for LRT to modernize the city.
Katherine	Hollands	How can we turn down 1B \$, and all the jobs that comes with it.
Jeff	Tessier	Hamilton needs LRT! It would be very foolish to walk away from this tremendous opportunity.
Kathleen	Kennedy	We have the money. Build it!
robert	twiss	Please don't be shortsighted. LRT will lead this city into the future.



Kevin	O'Neill	I would like to see LRT go ahead so that I have transit options to get across the city efficiently. I want my children to have access to decent transit. I want LRT in hamilton!
John	Smith	This is the best opportunity to invest in Hamilton's vibrant downtown core and to support the entire city.
Joanne	Edmiston	It's time for council to make a commitment to serious transit in this city. It's been too long that we've depended on cars and catered our downtown to them. It will be a challenging transition but ultimately worth it if we hope to grow as a modern city.
jane	mcnally	I moved to hamilton 8 years ago and am so pleased with the slow but steady increase if communication about the diversity and issues within our city. Commuting throughout the city can improve. Hamilton has an opportunity to become a world class city. Increased public transit (without more buses) is an important part of connecting all the wards within the area. LRT is a must.
marilyn	nazar	(So are two way streets, bike lanes, and sidewalks. Another direction that should be looked at next- up and down the 'mountain', north to south: why arent there gondolas yet too!?)
Daniel	Peacock	Let's get this done. No more delays in positive growth for the city.
Lesley	Ashton	<p>To consider turning down a \$1B gift is beyond absurd. Not only will the construction create jobs, the economic spinoff of the permanent transit line will create wealth for all of Hamilton through increased property values and a sustainable commercial/residential tax base in the inner city. This is the only way to save our local economy.</p> <p>Growing up in the east end, and gradually moving to the west, there has always been a great need among myself and my peers (university students, young professionals, and families) for alternative transit. The need has not ceased, it never will, and now is the time when we have a great opportunity to invest in our city.</p>

Mark Birstein With respect to Hamilton's city councillors, it is absolutely imperative that you do you not waver on your support for the province's \$1 billion dollar gift to Hamilton.

David Premi 20 years from now we will be looked upon with derision if we fail in this capital project. A little pain for business and commuters in the short term will yield long term prosperity that Hamilton desperately needs. Coupled with GO and other services we can once again become a thriving hub of the Golden Horseshoe.



Richard	Kranstz	I've lived in Hamilton for 8 years and have never taken public transit here. I support this initiative not because I will personally benefit directly, but because I want to live in a city that makes this type of investment a priority.
Amber	Edgar	Please accept the provincial funding to bring an LRT to Hamilton.
Sean	Gadoury	I am a huge supporter of increasing transit infrastructure in Hamilton. Future citizens will only be able to use effective transit if it is built now!
Rafael	Ferreira	Only way to make the transit system in this city attractive to:
Justine	Ritchie	I take the number one king bus every morning to work and it is PACKED every morning, which on one hand is a good thing because lots of people are taking transit but on the other hand is a bit annoying first thing in the morning. the need for something like this is definitely there.
Martin	Zarate	I've lived in Hamilton my whole life and I haven't been excited about its future until today. LRT can let Hamilton live up to the potential we've seen unrealized, waiting for decades. I want my kids and grandkids to grow up here, but without real investment and intensification, Hamilton will just be another decaying suburb they'll move away from like so many of my classmates did.
Kevin	Makins	Hamilton is on the rise, and SO MANY of the people who are moving here, investing their lives in and shaping our city desire an option for non-car transit. We don't need to get rid of cars, but we need to bring a balance to our streets, and one that will allow us to move into the future as a progressive, healthy, diverse city!
Tammy	Heidbuurt	Hamilton is making great gains in development, investment, and community involvement. Its location and it's renaissance makes the need for LRT pivotal for its continued growth and success. Accessible cities are attractive for everyone - visitor and citizen alike. If we want to attract, we need to make our streets/city accessible...



Malcolm	Forbes	The City of Hamilton like much of urban Ontario is a generation behind public transportation infrastructure. An LRT line will be a start to bringing us into the 21st century. We can not do this without help from other levels of government.
Agata	Mancini	We absolutely cannot miss the opportunity for a fully funded LRT! There really shouldn't even be a question. In fact, I'm finding it hard to find something to say because it's just so obviously the next step for Hamilton.
Greg	Sinclair	LRT will only improve Hamilton as the best city in the GTHA! Go for it!
Dave	Hamilton	I know, in politics, the decision that makes sense is rarely the decision that's made, but.....we need it.....and it's paid for.
Shelley	Anderson-White	It is so important to me and my family to have reliable transit to take us to work, daycare, schools, and appointments. Often buses are too full and have to pass me and other passengers by. It would mean a great deal to me and my family if we could travel without fear that we'll have to wait in inclement weather while an overly full bus passes us by!
Tina	Tongana	Hamilton is a city on the cusp of greatness but needs the tools to help reach its full potential. The LRT helps provide essential transportation services to the residents of Hamilton and those visiting our fair city. We want the LRT!
Jordan	Burgsma	LRT is a huge opportunity for our city to be part of something new and progressive, that contributes to growth, and(most importantly) will show that the status quo is no longer good enough for Hamilton. We need to move forward in the best interest of our city's core.

Andrew	Hibma	Efficient, affordable and accessible transportation is my business. As the manager of a charitable cycling initiative called new hope community bikes, I promote these goals through cycling, but recognize that a coordinated multi faceted transit strategy is needed. LRT will meet the needs of our city now and fuel future growth, opening up new areas of the city to urban renewal.
heather	miller	As someone who now lives half of the time in Europe (Stockholm Sweden) I can see just how much good public transport can change a city for the better. Hamilton deserves to move forward and get modernized.
Alissa	Kooiman	As a transit user in this city I fully support LRT as a more effective means to get around our city.
Joanne	Hudspith	<p>I believe we need to plan for the future with environmental and economic realities in mind. The reality is that driving is becoming more and more expensive, and is bad for the environment. Let's follow the lead of other great cities who have made transit the more convenient and less expensive way of getting around.</p> <p>Fewer people sitting in cars also means more people walking to and from transit stops, and a healthier population that will draw less on publicly funded health care.</p> <p>This is not just a transit issue, but a quality of life issue.</p>
Deb	Hazlewood	I am a born and raised Hamilton, and would like to express my strong opinion that light rail transit has a place in our city. Having read the Metrolinx case study, as well as other reports confirming that uplifting and improving the B-Line corridor would be beneficial to the city, I would like to press our city council, and other regional representatives, to move forward with planning and on to actual 'shovels in the ground' to get this light rail initiative truly going.

Jimmy	Bender	Please bring LRT to our city. Not only will it help make this city better for all, but it will benefit those families without a car or who choose a carless lifestyle.
Meagan	Tutti	this would be one of the major steps to becoming a city that is accessible for everyone to everyone. Downtown needs some relief from traffic
Diego	Benavides	As a former resident and frequent visitor of the Hamilton region, and being well aware of how important fast, efficient, reliable and economical public transit options are, I am strongly urging the province to do their part in facilitating this development.
Shawn	Groen	Admittedly, I own a car. But I also regularly use the public transit to get to work. I happen to have the luxury of choosing which mode of transit to use.
Howard	Lee	Thousands of people in Hamilton don't have the luxury of choosing their mode of transit and depend on slow and inefficient busses. It is crucial for everyone to provide equal access and opportunity for those who rely on public transportation. We need to support LRT for those whose voices are already marginalized by their socio-economic status. They deserve dependable and speedy transit as much as the motorists screaming through our urban core. This is single most important factor for Hamilton to rise to fame again.
Oliver	Knutton	the city of hamilton is in dire need of an LRT system. i fully support this initiative.
Christina	Karney	We really need to get more progressive with transit in the City. The momentum that has begun to build in the city is part of what makes it crucial and more viable to the city. Let's not miss this opportunity!



Candy Venning Having lived in a city that has LRT running right alongside buildings that were built in the 1600's (Nice) I can vouch for what a pleasure it was to ride (imagine tourist and residents alike actually wanting to use it!) I think we should jump into the future of public transit and embrace this chance wholeheartedly!

Mary Bowness We need this. We need a fast, convenient, efficient alternative to single vehicle transportation... LRT is the solution.

Sara Radcliffe I am a thesis student at the University of Waterloo School of Architecture, and currently doing a great deal of research and design work regarding the planned LRT route in Waterloo Region. I think this is an amazing endeavour, and one that midsize cities need to embrace in order for economic growth to occur. This will also increase livability for locals and encourage more tourism throughout the Great Lakes Megaregion. Another great step would be to add GO connections between more of these communities, making Hamilton and the surrounding areas, like Guelph and Waterloo Region more connected. Someday soon, I will be a licensed architect, and hope to take on issues similar to this in the Great Lakes area.

Tracy McGregor As this city grows, we will need this more than ever.

I am in full support of LRT!

Steven Sauve Transit of any kind is the way of the future. Cities that do not embrace this notion wholeheartedly now will be paying a huge price down the line.

Radha Menon Public transportation is crucial



Brad	Stapleton	City Council seems to be mired in the status-quo. This city needs progression. Please build on the initiatives your citizens have invested into this city. James Street revitalization, Ottawa Street, Locke Street, Pearl Company, Because Beer Festival, Art Crawl, 541 Eatery, Canon Street bike lane. These are all causes thst yiur citizens chamoioned long before council had the backbone to support. City Council can't create jobs, but they can create a municipal infrastructure conducive to such initiatives. This is another chance to show some vision. Please do so.
Taylor	Marchand	All forward for LRT in Hamilton Ontario because it will bring are population up and more Jobs in this city
Craig	Logue	I moved to Hamilton from Toronto to become part of this city's revitalization - something about which I am very excited. However, I believe that efficient, effective rapid transit is key to this revitalization. I, for one, coming from Toronto, do not own a car and do not want one. An LRT (or, better yet, a network of LRTs) would play a large role in making Hamilton a first-class city. If Kitchener-Waterloo can do it, why can't we?
Emma	Fenton	As a student who has always called Hamilton home, I believe LRT would be an amazingly effective and accessible way of getting around this city. I really hope to see it happen!
Andrew	Cashin	It would make living in the east end of Hamilton and working in Toronto actually doable!
Greg	Reader	Efficient public transit is essential for productive urban life. By enabling more people to move around our city quickly and easily, we open up untapped economic and creative possibilities. It's time to remove the barriers to the flourishing of our city.
Dave	Capan	I support the Light Rail in Hamilton. I hope that the province is behind public transit!
Peter	Tracz	The growing size and geography of Hamilton supports the need for enhanced transit services such as LRT. Issues of traffic congestion and parking costs make a reliable light rail service attractive to both existing and potential transit users.

Raymond	Braun	<p>Over the past 3 yrs. I have written several letters to Ed</p> <p>in 3 papers and I am all in favour of an LRT. It seems Hamilton is way behind - 30 yrs. ago we rejected a monorail from Dtn to the mountain - and here Waterloo is building one. I was in Germany and Austria last year (as other times) and cities size of Hamilton, like Halle, Stuttgart, Hannover, Linz, Graz all have up to 7 such lines and they work wonderful !!! Mind you I am a railway fan, or streetcar-fan, it is a pleasure to ride them in those places and in so many others in Europe (and Japan) we just are falling behind and I think we will never build one.....</p> <p>Might send a photo later. Raymond Braun, Dundas</p>
Majid	Risman Kar Zadeh	<p>Hamilton as a major city in Ontario must have a convenience and rapid transportation system. for sure it will help to have more investment in other areas in this city which have a great potential for a prompt growth.</p>
Ron	Jones	<p>Please get this LRT under way it makes sense in every way.</p>
Hamad	Hanan	<p>This project can change Hamilton's negative image and essentially put it on the map. Hamilton is home to one of the best internationally recognized universities in Canada (McMaster) and I think it deserves to be in a modern city with an upto date light rail transit system.</p>
Collin	Polos	<p>We should seriously consider shortening the LRT and using the money we'd save by expanding HSR service in the suburbs. We could be using the city-owned properties at the Queenston Circle and the beautiful and historic Auchmar at Fennel & West 5th as Transit Terminals between the LRT and an upgraded suburban HSR system. This seems to be a balanced approach that will bring an Urban LRT line to Hamilton as well as an expanded and upgraded suburban HSR system at no extra costs. This will provide more service to more people!</p>



Bob	Leach	I think it's very important at this time that we do nothing to jeopardize LRT or receiving money the provincial government has shown they are more than willing to invest in Hamilton
Pheroze	Jeejeebhoy	Downtown is booming with new developments. How will we move all those people without an ambitious transit plan? Please keep the vision alive so we do not repeat the mistakes of other municipalities.
MJ	kirouac	This city could be great, if council would look to the future. We have young professionals and entrepreneurs. If this city is serious in keeping them here...LRT!
MARGERY	MUNN	We are in support of LRT

We do NOT SUPPORT the newest strategy being proposed which has had NO TAXPAYER INPUT

Please listen to the councillors who are FOR LRT and help Hamilton move into this century



WE USED TO BE KNOWN AS THE AMBITIOUS CITY!

JIM and MARNIE MUNN

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Bill Kemp I think The City of Hamilton politicians had better take a long hard look at cities that have had LRT for several years such as Vancouver BC and cities that are about to have LRT such as Waterloo. In the case of Waterloo where LRT is not in place as yet, say they already see benefits. Vancouver is now a thriving city mostly due to there LRT system which includes the Vancouver airport.
Hamilton's East West LRT is important, but consideration is needed to include a LRT to the Hamilton Airport as well as perhaps a private investor to construct a Hotel at the airport.

The future is in the decision that is made today. Good Luck

Sameeya Clayton With the growing population of Hamilton; I believe this to be a great answer to population growth, traffic issues, pollution and convenience for commuters.

Rick Calder Lately I've been seeing a number of news reports on Hamilton's growth. A report last week about the number of condominiums the city has and that supply can't keep up with demand. A report just this morning about the rising and outrageous housing costs in Toronto and how that's impacting Hamilton's growth.



This is the time for council to understand that Hamilton is not a steel town any more and we're on the cusp of becoming a truly great city. Don't handcuff us with terrible transit. More loud, uncomfortable and environmentally unfriendly buses is not the solution.

- James Quinn** Light rail will support increased ridership. It will get folks that would not normally get out of their cars to use transit. This is necessary for the future as we try to avert disastrous climate change. The difference between buses and light rail means the difference between status quo leading to increased pollution and climate change and a new Hamilton with a vigorous light rail line with growing businesses, reduced congestion on the roads and in nasal passages, and participation in environmental improvements.
- KELLY TILMA** Why can't you follow KW who are doing it right. I see growth and revitalization to the downtown core in a very short time with the LRT proceeding there. Such backward thinking in Hamilton. Glad to see some shake up happening at City Hall. Might allow some positive changes for the community. The community are no longer sitting back. They are participating.
- Jane Slote** DON'T SQUANDER THE PROVINCE'S EARMARKED FUNDS FOR RAPID TRANSIT - A MISSED OPPORTUNITY IS A LOST OPPORTUNITY.
- Doug Scott** Please stick with the original Council decision of a few years ago and don't let all those provincial dollars go to another municipality. We are just as good as anyone else and deserve light rail in our city.
- Dennis Goldsberry** I live in Ward 2. I think the LRT must be in the planning for Hamilton transit that is part of a larger plan that turns the streets back to the people and thus creates healthy neighbourhoods. Without LRT, we are car bound and living in a past era that is no longer sustainable.
- Rob V** Wake up Hamilton, the City of Waterloo is actually building something while Hamilton continues to throw the topic around in circles. We need politicians who are bold enough to look beyond the next election and make some actual decisions. We need politicians that understand what citizens expect going forward. We need LRT.
- Jim Dalgetty** There is an obvious need for rapid transit in the city. The out of towners moving to the city aren't interested in living on the mountain. The LRT is a wise choice for many reasons. One of which is the reduction of pollution. Besides the cleaner air itself it would be a plus in counteracting the smog image Hamilton has. The LRT is quieter. A big reason for the LRT is for the morale of the city. For decades the council has taken the uninspired



road. The almost invisible art gallery, incredibly out of date city hall, stadium placement etc. The citizens of Hamilton need something they can be proud of.

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| David | Ramon | Please support LRT and do not rush into supporting other strategies! |
| Richard | Gelder | Transit is a priority. But don't allow any request to the province in support of the Ten-Year strategy supplant the need for support of LRT. |
| carolyn | lehmann | I ride the HSR every day, and have used public transit all my life in cities around the world from NYC to Santiago, Chile. Hamilton needs LRT for the future and for all her citizens. City Council must consult with us if they are to veer away from LRT plans. |
| Jamie | Allen | To support continued investment in the core, we need initial investment in the core. LRT will bring the city together for generations. |
| Deborrah | Sherman | I'm not sure whether I am entirely "for" LRT but am leaning that way. The province got too many mixed messages when our former mayor ignored council and unilaterally presented different positions than the ones decided upon. Now we have staff following that example and going off on tangents of their own. Council needs to take control of this issue, instruct staff on what information is needed, READ the damned reports, CONSULT the public, make some decisions and once they are made, those who were outvoted need to accept whatever the vote was and stop trying to block the action. |
| Ron | Blenkhorn | This council should stop striving to return to the 1960's and look ahead to the potential of this great city, and what an important part transit will play in its future. |



Gloria	Geller	It would be great if the City Council of Hamilton took leadership in ensuring that Hamilton has the best transit system possible. Pursue this matter with enthusiasm and passion and make the only right decision for everyone in Hamilton.
Sarah	Truman	LRTs are fabulous. Hamilton could be fabulous if we invested in forward looking infrastructure. More busses is not the answer.
Stefanie	Pelon	This is needed!!!!!!
david	arnold	to me it is of the utmost importance to go full ahead with the LRT. hamilton needs to be a city that is ready to put its resources into long term solutions. the LRT is just that and i strongly support the initiative.
Ron	Lariviere	Please do everything you can to give Hamilton the best transit system possible, for the ridership, for the economy, for the environment.
ashleigh	davis	Help us to transform the city and make transit easier!
troy	Bush	Start building the LRT before it's too expensive to do so
Tanya	Fathieh	Hamilton is in dire need of the LRT to connect our city! Our city is seperated and disconnected because we don't have adequate and convenient transportation to connect us!



Alexander	Johnston	A light rail system would be great for the city of Hamilton. This would be a great change from the bus system as it would be cleaner and from my understanding more accessible.
John	Treen	Light Rail is the only way to go for progress in Hamilton.
Kyle	Rozoski	<p>Many European cities have light rail, and the citizens find it essential. On this continent, I point to the success, and revitalization of Portland OR. Hamilton would benefit greatly from LRT.</p> <p>LRT is an integral part of many large cities' and needs to be a part of ours. Let's stop putting the needs of the car culture in front of the needs of the city as a whole.</p>
myra	Leyden	<p>Vision takes courage. LRT is visionary. It looks to the future of this city and ensures that all citizens benefit from a public transit system that seeks to provide something for everyone.</p> <p>Be courageous! Your children and their children will thank you, along with tens of thousands of current Hamiltonian voters.</p>
Jochen	Bezner	This is the time for all parties involved to honour the agreements made around the Hamilton LRT. City Council you voted in favour of the LRT vision and now it is time to implement it! A constant back and forth after something has already been decided will not get you anywhere but backwards in time...
Dave	Beynon	Lets get moving with the LRT in Hamilton. Stop studying and start building.



Michael	Pray	Please look intelligently at all the facts, please look at what is best for our city, please allow Hamilton to access the financial resources we deserve.
Carolyn	Kinsley	<p>I am in favour of light rail transit in Hamilton. I attended the talk by Waterloo Regional Chair Ken Seiling on March 3 and was very impressed by their imaginative engagement of citizens and their long-term planning (not only to build the system but to maintain it over decades). The certainty of their plan has led to an impressive amount of development already taking place along the corridor before the system has even been built.</p> <p>A firm plan for LRT from east to west in Hamilton will give all of the city an economic boost even before the system is finished, as Waterloo's experience is demonstrating.</p>
Hans	Stief	Hamilton is a fantastic city with a rich history, and a bright future. We need to stop selling ourselves short and commit to what so many studies have shown would be a positive thing for city building here. The pro's far out-way the con's and if we are going to consider building this in the future, why not build it now so we can stay ahead of the curve and make this city a greater place to live. Highway capacity is often increased to alleviate congestion when it is really this is just a short term fix and doesn't result in long term benefits. We need to revert to building this town around the person, not the automobile. Building an LRT system now would open up more buses to improve transit in underserviced zones within Hamilton. It makes so much sense... Please support LRT and let Hamilton take the huge leap forward it deserves!
John	Neary	Turning down \$800M of provincial funding for LRT in favor of a possibility of \$300M for local transit expansion will reinforce Hamilton's slide into irrelevance. We don't have to choose between rapid transit and local transit expansion. We can have both. But first we have to choose to ask for our fair share of transit capital funding rather than asking for our tax dollars to be invested in other cities.
David	Fernandes	I sincerely don't get it.

Sean	Hurley	Council ought to reject the ten year transit strategy that strays from existing plans and that puts at risk the province's commitment to capital funding of rapid transit.
Mmabatho	Seete	For an "Ambitious City" Council's stance on the LRT lacks ambition. Not to be ageist, but one can't help wonder if age has something to do with the non-progressive thinking and flat-footed posture from our leaders. Come on!
Peter	Moore	Please, please, please don't destroy this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity Hamilton has.
		Yes, LRT is a serious investment but it is one which will certainly pay dividends in terms of both ridership and real estate investment (i.e. > tax base).
Gary	DePOdesta	To get right to the point more money needs to be spent on the HSR, but council should think twice about spending all this money, because we are going to be left out once again concerning LRT. You have my support with LRT. coming to Hamilton
bob	hanley	Look forward. Public transit is the way of the future. We can't continue to build new and wider roads. Light Rail will happen sooner or later. Let's make it sooner while financial help is available.
Ana	Da Silva	As a long time Hamilton resident, I am forever hopeful that our city council members will decide to follow through on their original commitment to LRT.

To create real change, you have to be visionaries, please allow Hamilton to continue its transformation into a world class city. Opportunities like this do not come around often, you can't simply look at what is but you must also consider what our city will be and plan for those changes now.

Jacklyn Campbell Please follow through on the past decisions and promises made by municipal and provincial elected officials to build a LRT system in Hamilton. The time is NOW to begin building for the future of this city. An LRT system would transform this city in so many positive ways. Hamilton residents do not want to see the almost \$1 billion, which the province has promised, go to another municipality. Voters elected you based on your decisions and promises - please fulfill them.

David Barhouma This really must happen....once experienced in any current city that has it...you cant say no it LRT especially with funding available.

Any City that is on the rise (or wishing to rise) has implemented LRT for a foundation through key transportation areas...Portland...Salt Lake City, Utah...Calgary etc...progressive small steps Hamilton...you can do it!

Jim Ruxton I moved to Hamilton from Toronto 3 years ago excited to hear that it was getting a rapid transit system. 3 years later and it feels like the possibility of Hamilton adopting rapid transit is further from realization than when I arrived. I moved here because I was excited by how progressive Hamilton appeared with it's flourishing cultural and software industries and imminent LRT. Please Hamilton we need to keep things moving to become a truly world class city. Moving people efficiently is an essential element in becoming that city. Hamiltonians don't want to see the \$1 billion, which the province has promised, go somewhere else. Hamilton has earned it and deserves it. Hamilton voted in it's local government to do what is best for Hamilton. Please move forward in adopting LRT

Hans Vermaat We've travelled LRT in Europe and the US. What an absolute pleasure. In all cases we were delighted to leave the car parked even when it was available to us. I keep hearing that we can't afford it. When it comes to our future I feel we can't afford NOT to have it.



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- Loraina Fitzsimmons** We need to implement sustainable and forward looking transit strategies at this crucial time in the development of our rapidly changing city - fund LRT!
- Anna Chatterton** I moved to Hamilton from Toronto three years ago excited to hear that it was getting a rapid transit system. Now it is three years later, and we have a three year old daughter and it feels like the possibility of Hamilton adopting rapid transit is further from realization than when I arrived. I moved here because I was excited by how progressive Hamilton appeared with its flourishing cultural industries and imminent LRT. I want my daughter to live in a world class city. Please Hamilton we need to keep things moving. Moving people efficiently is an essential element in becoming that city.
Hamiltonians don't want to see the \$1 billion, which the province has promised, go somewhere else. Hamilton has earned it and deserves it. Hamilton voted in its local government to do what is best for Hamilton. Please move forward in adopting LRT.
- Gavin Shantz** This needs to be part of the ever growing community of Hamilton. This would allow many walkers and explorers to see all the smaller communities of Westdale, James Street North and many more, in a timely fashion! Being a student at McMaster University as well as a lifetime resident, it is increasingly clear that LRT would benefit newcomers and locals in seeing all that Hamilton has to offer. I would love to see it happen in the near future!
- Simon Carroll** LRT is essential to continuing the trajectory of this City of Hamilton. It is crucial that this Council stay the course on the original plan to request the funding for LRT.

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| Ian | Fox | Please support the LRT in Hamilton. It may be costly but it is something that will help the city for future generations by providing reliable transportation across the city. I want Hamilton to be a leader and not a city who just gives up on bold ideas. |
| Karin | Treff | Don't be a drag on Hamilton's future. Instead, let's drag Hamilton into the future. We need LRT! No more talking, no more studies, no more endless delays. We need action and we need it now. |
| Richard | Kranstz | I've never been on the public transit in Hamilton (although a number of friends do regularly), and that's not likely to change in the immediate future. I DO however think it's vitally important that the investment I've made in Hamilton over the past 10 years is supported by a system that grows with us. Turning away from this significant opportunity at this critical time would be foolish and completely at odds with my hopes for a blended, functional city. |
| Michael | Dufour | I am in support of the LRT is an inevitable need as immigration increases and populations increase accordingly, we will need a better public transit system so BRAVO for those who have the insight of looking into our future with clear vision. |
| Steve | Newberry | I live, work, and raise my family downtown. I enjoy every aspect of it (except trying to cross King or Main St. with my 3-year-old) but would enjoy it much more with a fully implemented LRT. |

I've also lived and worked in Japan and Europe, and can assure you that the current Hamilton 'model' of transportation (cars + cars + cars + cars + a few busses) is an anomaly, and will surely not hold up as the city grows.



I urge you to prioritize the LRT.

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| Larry | Pattison | My children will care about transit. If it isn't there, this will not be the place they want to live, work and raise a family. |
| Alexandre | Legault | I am a relatively new resident to Hamilton, but as a young professional have made myself at home downtown, close to the arts and food scene that makes this city unique. The overwhelmingly prominent downside with living in downtown Hamilton is that this is a city designed for single-occupant cars. LRT gives us the opportunity let people flow across the city with a hundredth of the footprint, easing the lives of everyone around the city and within it. Please don't give up on the future of this city, it is growing into a wonderful, creative community and I would hate to see it choke and die from a lack of vision. |
| Mark | Sarookanian | I'd rather Hamilton be proactive than reactive. With costs being covered, why not? What else can prepare us for growth for the next generation? |
| Anna | Vermaat | LRT is the future for Hamilton. All progressive cities have a transit systems that makes it possible to leave cars at home and reduce the volume of traffic and the cost of on-going maintenance on highways. We desperately need this. |
| David | Boda | Hamilton's city council needs to wake up! We have been squandering opportunities to enter the 21st Century of transportation. Do we want to be a city of parking lots, that serves people who want to live on the peripheries of our city, or do we want to be a city connected by arteries of transportation, encouraging growth in centralized locations within our city? I for one do not appreciate things happening behind closed doors or for the city's government being allowed to make decisions without first consulting the people they serve. We have lost out on a velodrome, almost lost out on having a new stadium, heck we almost lost one of our major sports teams because of poor decision making. Do not screw up the opportunity to make a step in the right direction for this city! We need all the help we can get! City Council do not go against the will of the people who elected you in the first place! |

Kevin	MacKay	Hamilton needs this, and now is the time to get it done! This is a great opportunity for the provincial government to prove that it supports Ontario's major cities.
Nicole	Smith	This is long overdue. Please give us in Hamilton your assistance and support so we may bring it at long last to fruition. Thank you!
GARY	BARWIN	With a strong public transportation infrastructure (including LRT), Hamilton will be a much more dynamic city, with the suburbs and the core better integrated.
Joshua	Stewart	I rely on public transportation and our current infrastructure isn't reliable and I am often late for work, school and many other important events. I would love for our city to have something we can be proud of and rely on without stress.
Amardeep	singh	I cannot believe that the public still need to push governments to make progressive and commonsensical decision like this one. We elect you to do what is in the public interest for all - not only those who's voices come with power and privilege.
Les	Szamosvari	I believe that an LRT system would make a viable connection to tie Hamilton's neighbourhoods closer together as our city grows in this time of economic blooming.
Christina	Paradela	Public transportation is an essential aspect of a city. Planning and IMPLEMENTING it with an eco-justice perspective is indicative of a community oriented city.
Boris	Brott	Public transportation both local and regular rapid transit by train between Hamilton and Toronto is vital to the growth and development of Hamilton and to allow the city to achieve its full potential.

Rod Latner Please fund our light rail...our city needs this

myra Leyden The problem with many engaged in modern politics is a tendency toward shortsightedness, cowering to the minority power-elite, and ensuring the continued disenfranchisement of the working class majority.

It seems that the majority on Hamilton's city council suffer from a lack of courageous vision and the LRT is its most recent victim. I won't be surprised that those wishing to move out of the GTA will choose Kitchener/Waterloo over Hamilton, in part because of KW's public transit vision.

Pheroze Jeejeebhoy I am writing this email as Hamilton is at crossroads. City council has asked for a substantial investment for public transit. This investment will transform Hamilton and move it beyond its current state. Please support Hamilton. Hamilton can become a truly vibrant, livable and dynamic urban center with your support!

Dave Capan It is ridiculous that this province does not have more transit, we need to be progressive. There are way too many buses and cars on the road, everything would be much better with trains linking all of us together via public transit and getting more vehicles off the road. However, for some reason everybody loves their car. I'm included, I love the convenience of driving wherever I want to go. However, if I had the option and it was easily accessible and convenient I would much rather take public transit. For this reason, we need to have LRT in Hamilton not a bus station!

walter furlan We need LRT or our future. Please engage the current politicians here in Hamilton and guide them through the process of implementing LRT.



William	Harvey	Just get on building the Lrt in Hamilton. Same with Scarborough. Forget building a subway there. Not warranted. Hamilton needs this for future growth. No more delays.
neil	gowan	I live within Ward 2 in hamilton downtown. LRT is a fantastic way for me to travel to and from different locations in Hamilton. I would use it for shopping, getting to family members houses and other appointments access hamilton. We need to build a sophisticated public transportation system to attract more professionals and young generations like mine to the core. It would be an attractive option for commuters like my wife, and lighten the traffic on city streets while decreasing the need for parking in the core. The HSR alone does not achieve this. Please help us build for the future. Hamilton deserves it.
Rudy	Neufeld	Recently on visits to Dublin and Istanbul I experienced LRT at work. It seems to be a no-brainer for us to build the same here in greater Hamilton, if only we had leaders with vision and drive to get it done.
John	Wilbur	We are fed up with the City's failure to move forward with the LRT.
Karin	Treff	Hamilton needs LRT. The city has suffered hard times economically and needs a boost. I'm a senior and not fond of the bus. I need a dependable, smooth, and fast way to travel to theatres, shops, restaurants, etc. and Hamilton needs to be brought into the 21st century. Please support LRT for Hamilton.
John	Treen	We need improved bus service AND LRT. Please support the Ambitious City.
Kim	Newcombe	Our government should embrace this opportunity to make a lasting positive investment in Hamilton. The LRT is not and cannot be all things to all people. It is, however, an essential step toward a revitalized Hamilton which will benefit everyone.



The LRT requires vision and like the Water front trail... it will be appreciated and valued by those who use it. But its strength is in its ability to change peoples perceptions about what Hamilton is and can be.

Kevin Miller I live and work along the planned path for LRT and have been excited from day one to see it happen. The bus system can not support the current ridership let alone what it will grow to in the future. LRT will meet a current need and facilitate future growth in Hamilton. I wish that the city leadership would see that and support it.

James King Stop faffing about and build the LRT in Hamilton.

Daniel Roos Please, don't let a major Ontario city fall behind in growing trend of modern public transit. Economically, environmentally, and ethically our city need this.

Edward Harris I believe that Hamilton is ready to grow beyond the boundaries of roads and cars. Approving the rapid ready transit plan sets Hamilton on the right path to create a sustainable transit system that is not dependant on cars and roads. The reality for Ontario municipalities is that of, road maintenance will far exceed the fututre tax levies due to urban sprawl. The best chance we as citizens have is to focus on densification and decrease maintenance costs of roads. It's time to get cars off roads and get people on to the streets. Hamiltons future is dependant on a sustainable mass transit system LRT. I choose to live in te urban dense core. I choose to use mass transit. I choose to live in Th Cory of Hamilton. I could drive a car. I could move to another city. I could live in suburban communities that reduce our available infrastructure. Help me and many more citizens choose to work towards benefiting the provine and municipalities by choosing urban dense living and access to transit over large space lots and personal vehicles.

Dan Gismondi Hamilton is a city that desperately needs LRT. For the city to prosper for employment there must be a way for them to get to their employment. Public transportation in Hamilton must be improved immediately. We have talked about this issue long enough. Please build the LRT



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| Don | Hanzel | I don't want to pay all the taxes that comes with driving the government has made that to expensive time to give me a better alternative !!!!! |
| Larry | Berberick | I attended public meetings in 2008 for planning Hamilton's LRT. I fully expected it be built (or close to completion) by now. PLEASE...Look to the future, and start building NOW!!! |
| Sean | Gadoury | Hamilton needs to wake up and step into the future! We need to make these investments in transit now! |
| Debbie | Avetissian | Hamilton is a jewel in Southwestern Ontario that has not yet lived up to its potential. |

By investing in LRT and other convenient rapid transit options Hamilton's tax base will be boosted, businesses will be attracted here and our downtown will flourish to the benefit of the entire city.

Please see through the mire that has been created by some in the city and allow us to be what we can be - a thriving, successful city. Thank you.

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| Wayne | Elshaw | What a boon this would be for Hamilton-reliable transit with ancillary new development. The immediate positive on the downtown would be quickly visible. An LRT would put the entire city on the map. Increased tax revenues from new development would benefit all parts of Hamilton, especially the suburbs who would gain better transit service. Councillors, please think of the big picture. |
| Adriana | Harris | A solid public transit system is necessary for a large urban community. Please take a moment to hear the citizens of Hamilton and our desire for fast, efficient public transportation in our city. Council has let us down...I only know of ONE councillor who accepted and successfully completed a challenge to ride public transit to work every day for a week (Matt Green). |



Enough with the love affair with the car. There is a huge population of us that support alternate transportation - cycling, bus, train (all day GO service also a big deal, don't get me started!) and hopefully LRT.

Please look seriously at this investment into our growing, Ambitious City

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| Phyllis | Alfano | Please save the citizens of Hamilton from a short sighted Council. Hamilton needs LRT!!! Please fulfill your commitments to Hamilton and fund our LRT. |
| Robyn | Sifton | I love my city. I love exploring my city. Hamilton is beautiful and has so many different cultural pockets in many different areas around the landscape. By ignoring the lrt project, it not only dissolves the image of Hamilton as a popular and even tourist city, it puts us behind cities that have already transitioned into better transportational services. I've used hsr all my life. Increasing fares for users without justification is kind of sly. If increasing the fare is mandatory, I would love to see where the money is actually going. If we had more drivers, or more frequent buses, improved bus shelters, the list goes on- maybe I would endorse paying more. However, I digress, improving hsr is only a fragment of what should be done for Hamilton. It makes me wonder if things get shut down in Hamilton because of internal interests, or if city councillors just don't want to see Hamilton get ahead. |
| Michel | Dufour | The LRT project is a natural progression to a city that is quickly becoming an attractive place to set up house hold for new canadian and immigrant families alike. We don't have to be geniuses to recognize and realize the future needs of our great community. Stop the political arrogance and move this project ahead. Buying million dollars worth of new buses in the wake of the LRT is counter productive and shear incompetence. |
| Megan | Lessard | I am a full supporter of Hamilton LRT. I think with our booming housing market and growing downtown core it is imperative that we as a city combat the already growing congestion and build LRT. Let's please finally be the city council who votes to no longer delay in building an effective public transit system that will move people across the city effectively. I live in the west end and would utilize such a system and fully believe it's a direction our city needs to move in. I call upon my MPP to please vote in favour of LRT and not support the 10-year transit plan. |
| Ross | Ricupero | Don't waste another decade waffling on upgrading our transit infrastructure. Hamilton deserves and needs a high-quality LRT system to stitch our city together. |



Jeff Taylor Let's get this city moving, ignore the fife-building councillors who only think of where the next vote will come from.....

As the old saying goes "You snooze, you loose", lets get this thing going!

Thomas Lorini As the owner of several homes in Hamilton, the implementation of the LRT is CRITICAL to the future of this great city.

KELLY TILMA I believe in support of the LRT for investment in the future. The short sightedness of our City Council has amazed me since moving here from the Waterloo Region. Self serving agenda that does not represent the best interest of the community.

David Colacci Please support the community building LRT in Hamilton. The provincial government has been on the record in committing to covering the capital costs of this most important project and I would urge you to fulfill this promise.

David Wootton I want the province to respect its commitment to Hamilton for free funding of the LRT within the city. Furthermore, I am upset that Toronto gets free LRT again at my expense!!! Toronto got my money to fund the Pan Am games in their city. The housing developments there to host the Pan Am games could have been built in Hamilton along the west bay area. Frankly, I'm tired of this government's favoring Toronto financially over the rest of the province. It's time for LRT in Hamilton along with a lot of other provincial initiatives!!!

Carolyn Kinsley Downtown Hamilton needs light-rail transit. The rest of the city needs improved bus transit. The two should not be pitted against each other. Obviously improved bus transit could be up and running faster than constructing LRT, but LRT needs a firm route and funding commitment ASAP to provide certainty to developers interested in the corridor. Hamilton needs the kind of economic boost demonstrated by LRT in the Region of Waterloo, and certainty is key.



Sandra	Emery	The b-line LRT is a critical investment in the future of this city and province. I am so disappointed that our elected representatives do not have the vision and foresight to get this project moving. Efficient public transit, that people need and want to use, will transform this city. It is the hallmark of every world class city. Growth begets growth!
Miles	Davren	Hamilton is in a transition phase. It is very important to pave the path, and guide the city to it's future identity. LRT will be the answer to downtown revitalization.
Bob	Hanley	Think forward. Think LRT
david	marshall	Our city council already faced enormous and worsening challenges in maintaining city assets, so any new growth initiatives need to use provincial or federal infrastructure programs.
		Please consider that as an important non-bedroom hub in the GTA we need to transition our living and working communities into more flexible and modern villages, interconnected with public transport to help the non-car residents progress personally.
Patricia	Reid	I strongly support the LRT. We have to make public transit fast, efficient, convenient and cost effective. We can no longer be dependent on the automobile to shuttle one or two people from point A to point B. The automobile is not a sustainable solution for people movement in an urban setting.
Barry	Diacon	I am very supportive of the building of LRT in Hamilton. Every day I ride an HSR bus to get to my work at McMaster University. I see first hand the high numbers of people travelling along this King Street route. Many is the time that a full bus passes by our stop at Queen St. without stopping because it is already full to overflowing. Meanwhile I see enrolment of students dropping in our downtown schools while new housing continues to be built in the far reaches of the City, creating the pressure to build new sewers, roads, schools, etc. All of this density could be easily accommodated within the lower City of Hamilton. Building the LRT will encourage the development of this density that will increase the overall efficiency of our economy and the financial stability of Hamilton.



Richard	Rudy	As a small business owner I believe the city and the province needs to invest more heavily in more wholistic transpiration strategies instead lof sticking with the status quo
Peter	Malysewich	It would be great if this council showed some foresight rather than pander to the automobile.
Richard	Zuccolo	Please fund Hamilton's Ten Year Strategy and most importantly the Rapid Ready LRT plan.
Dan	Evans	I believe in this city and I want the province and council to show they believe in it as well. Fund the LRT and see the amazing growth it will bring for this deserving city. Allow us to reach our full potential by thinking forward.
Brandon	Nelson	Please work together, all levels of government, to bring modern transit to Hamilton!
Bonnie	Patterson	I supported an LRT system in Hamilton when I lived there (my hometown) and I still do offer my support. My daughter and many others I know living there would appreciate the LRT System.
Jacklyn	Campbell	This is a plea to the provincial government: I am writing to ask for your continued support of an LRT system for Hamilton, and to ask that you fulfill your earlier commitments to fund this initiative. It is puzzling, and frustrating, that Hamilton City Council seems to have great difficulty reaching a decision and, once it has been reached, adhering to that decision. The LRT is a prime example of our city's short-sighted nature. Please save Hamiltonians from further frustration and announce full funding for a Hamilton LRT system. The people of Hamilton want an



LRT system, and the economic development it will facilitate.

Erin van Hiel We needed this fifteen years ago and we need it more every day. Help Hamilton grow!

Matthias Feiner LRT is a very part of an upgrade much needed to connect east and west Hamilton efficiently. Transportation routes through Central Hamilton should primarily benefit the people of Central Hamilton and attractive public transit is an important part of it. Currently the downtown corridor is used as major transit route for commuting car and truck traffic coming from the mountain and other parts of of Hamilton. Commuting traffic from the Mountain should not go through the downtown, it should be directed to the express highways such as Red hill Parkway, Linc, QEW or the 403. This would free up room for an LRT along the King Corridor. The Future for a Hamilton with LRT is much brighter, especially for younger people, who depend on an efficient transit system

Patty Clydesdale We need LRT in Hamilton to help stimulate economic development

Brandon Curtas The recent trends of Hamilton city council have been both exhausting and disappointing to watch. The actions by many city councillors representing a small percentage of the population has resulted in a stagnation of transit progress in the City of Hamilton. Their attempts to mis-inform, skew, and even deny what those with the technical background and education have concluded (that Hamilton needs LRT) while providing false dichotomies along the way is in abhorration to the process of lifting the city up through better transit programs. Please do not let the actions of a select few representing an even more few (relative to the population size) prevent you from funding LRT to its fullest extent.

Patrick Reed I am all for the Lrt system i think having a faster means through the city will be a much easier idea



Dave	Knox	<p>I believe LRT is the right choice for Hamilton as we continue to grow and evolve into a world class city. Not only would an LRT system benefit tens of thousands of residents in the city by providing an efficient and modern mode of transportation, but it would also contribute immensely to the city's image.</p> <p>Hamilton has gained so much momentum in recent years, and there is no reason that I can see that we wouldn't make this investment for both our city and its citizens.</p>
Ryan	Plestid	<p>My name is Ryan Plestid and I am a graduate students at McMaster university. It is critical for the province of Ontario to invest in a functional GTHA and outside of Toronto it is my opinion that no project is of greater importance than the Hamilton LRT.</p>
Norm	Newbery	<p>The need to upgrade Hamilton's Transit system to make it fast, efficient, frequent,timely and affordable is a must have.</p> <p>The existing B Line and other buses that operate on King and Main Streets in the Undermount region of Hamilton are already overloaded during peak times...and the only way to efficiently handle this is by building an LRT. In addition bus lines need to be re-routed so that east-west transit service in this area can be taken over by the LRT.</p>
Andrea	Torchia	<p>We need an LRT and to update our city. This would attract more businesses and commuters to the downtown core! It can only mean improvement on all levels!</p>
DINA	D'ERMO	<p>This is an appeal to the province regarding funding requests for Hamilton, Ontario transit requirements. I would like to join the many Hamilton taxpayers in asking the province to fund both the Ten Year Strategy and the Rapid Ready LRT plan. It is many years in the making and many of us have been heavily involved in making the LRT initiative happen which would be an incredible boost to the economy and beautification goal of the City.</p>



Peter	Graham	I would like you to know that as a resident of Hamilton I strongly support the LRT proposal and would like to urge council and the province to give that proposal priority over other transit options for the city.
Lia	Bronsard	The LRT in Hamilton is the perfect way to continue the delicate process of revitalizing downtown Hamilton, the heart of Hamilton. The LRT will transform the current "highway" system crossing downtown Hamilton without appreciation, to a comfortable transit system allowing people to profit of downtown Hamilton and showing our interest in attracting investment, residents and employers to Hamilton.
Shelley	Rempel	LRT is a very important initiative for Hamilton to facilitate sustainable growth and preserve natural areas.
Jennifer	Walton	As a user of transit in Hamilton, I urge you to fund LRT as well as the ten year transit strategy. Hamilton desperately needs a transit system that is fast, efficient, user-friendly, and modern. The city of Hamilton needs and deserves a better transit system!
Sean	Botham	We need better public transit to serve our great city. Buses are not enough, we need lrt. It will bring new investment to the city and greatly increase mobility.
Robert	Cekan	If Hamilton is to live up to its motto of being the ambitious city, the call for provincial assistance to fund LRT has never been greater. Without LRT, growth in Hamilton will stagnate once again. Help us build a better, ambitious city!
Catherine	Rivers	We need to make sure we are being proactive in making transportation accessible and protecting our environment.
Cory	Serratore	As a recent migrant from suburbia (Burlington), and a previous resident of Calgary, a city that has benefitted from LRT, I request funding the Ten Year Strategy and the Rapid Ready LRT plan. The status quo car-oriented suburban development plan is not a sustainable strategy for a city on the cusp of urban renewal. An investment in a modern urban transit initiative is essential to the development of Hamilton as a city center and viable counter point to the unmitigated Toronto suburban sprawl. The economic and lifestyle benefits will extend to the entire



golden horseshoe.

Wait for a bus on King from 11 AM to 2 PM. You'll see two king buses back to back. At one point I even saw _four_ buses back to back because of traffic.

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| Adam | Morris | The light rail system is the way to move the city forward with clean, rapid transit. Councillors bickering over disputed 'facts' is ruining opportunities for all of us. Major cities across the US with comparable populations to Hamilton have used light rail and trams to great affect. DO IT. NOW. |
| Dan | B | Hamilton like Pittsburgh is moving away from steel. Our city is beautiful- are traffic flows thanks to are wide one way streets (4 lanes). Our escarpment and waterfalls make hamilton a diamond in the rough. People think hamilton they only see dofasco and stelco coming from the skyway bridge. Light rail insures so many positives for the city listed on the website. With a new stadium go trains added hamilton will boom more. We have lot of condos starting good restraints on James n Locke street. The trails and amount of green seen from the top of the escarpment makes you see hamilton I'm a different light! Light rail is essential for downtown. Invest in our city make us a Pittsburgh of Canada. Cities are strapped its up to provincials and federal to help are debited cities. I believe the time is right for light rail. Even a sleek car goin up the escarpment would be a nice view of our city. We had one long time ago near the wentworth stairs that got people up and down the mountain. Not being from hamilton you probably have no idea but if some quick research and you will see the good part of our city. Thanks for taken the time on some of my quick thoughts. |
| Lachlan | Holmes | I have to feel left out of the picture when it comes to LRT. Living downtown, congestion is bad. Intact I was hit by a driver not looking for pedestrians. LRT will allow me and my family to get to any end of the city. Stop the bus facility. Invest in LRT. |
| Chelsea | Zylstra | Hamilton needs a strong transit plan, including light rail transit. It should have been initiated years ago so the city could be benefiting from it now. Please don't push it further into the future. The lost opportunity will only cost the city more in terms of quality of life for residents and economic vibrancy for the region. |



Anna Vermaat LRT is the life line that Hamilton requires for the future. Please do not put it on the back burner. Please keep the 2007 promise to our city. So many progressive cities in North America and Europe have incredibly convenient transit systems, our family simply does not understand why there is any hesitation. We truly need to get cars off the road. Reliable, convenient public transit is the answer.

walter furlan Let's do the sensible thing for the future of Hamilton, its people and the environment.

LRT that is affordable to all the people.

Frances Neufeld Hamilton is evolving from a Steel City to a City celebrating Waterfalls, Arts and Artists, athletes. diverse education opportunities supported by growing economic centres. Greater Hamilton has exceptional community Centres,- Dundas, Ancaster, Stoney Creek, and Waterdown, that are vital to our successful City Centre development. This continued Hamilton City Centre success is contingent on better and more efficient travel throughout our City. LRT is the answer to this need. LRT will help Hamilton become the destination City we deserve to be!

Gaynor Low I strongly support LRT for the city of Hamilton.A recent article in the Hamilton Spectator on the city of Portland showed what can be accomplished with forward thinking politicians. It made me groan with envy. Portland has several LRT lines that have been transformational for the city. We have visited many European cities and seen firsthand how LRT connects people and places efficiently and economically. What a shame if Hamilton misses out!Don't lose this opportunity

paul smith As a lifelong Hamilton resident, I am concerned by the lack of support city hall is showing for LRT. Anyone who has used public transit to commute along the east/west corridor (where LRT has been proposed) knows that the current bus system is completely inadequate, and that a mass transit system is desperately needed in the lower city. Unfortunately, almost 100% of those in a position to decide the future of transit in Hamilton NEVER use the HSR. The same is true for the most vocal opponents of the LRT proposal; they simply don't use public transit and have no interest in investing in it's future. Too long this city has catered only to automobiles, and too long has this contributed to the decay of our urban core and increased the tax burden of residents who must pay to support



the massive automobile-related infrastructure. Please rescue our city from the short-sightedness of our political leaders. Transit users are long overdue for a significant infrastructure investment in this city.

nick **policelli** LRT will modernize our city. Good transit will improve everything. Other cities have done it We need this asap.

Robert **Connolly** I believe an LRT system in the downtown area would improve the city socially and environmentally Also, having lived here for almost 50 years, I have always wondered why there is no cable car system or aerial tram service like in Portland, Oregon. Wouldn't this be the obvious way to bring upper and lower Hamilton into closer contact and thus contribute to the vitality of the city as a whole?

Theresa **McCuaig** Premier Wynne, please fund the Ten Year Strategy and the Rapid Ready LRT plan for Hamilton, Ontario. Climate change in the Great Lakes is a reality. Lake Ontario may warm 2 hardiness zones by 2050 if our present course goes unchecked, so we need to take action to abate car pollution NOW. Thank you for forward thinking.

stefan **murray** I wanted to take the opportunity to reach out as a Hamilton citizen regarding the implementation of rapid transit in municipalities across Ontario.

I believe that Hamilton needs fully-funded rapid transit in the form of LRT and it must be made a priority for our city to grow and reach its full potential.

Candy **Venning** The most progressive cities with the best quality of life plan ahead for great public transport - it's a wonderful cycle.



Margaret	Shkimba	We need better transit, we need LRT.
James	Fyshe	I recently moved from Hamilton to Edmonton to be with my family. One of the first things I noticed in Edmonton was the forward thinking municipal government. The cornerstone of the City development plan is an LRT system. This system has now been well received by City residents. It has relieved traffic congestion and encouraged sustainable development, such as the new downtown hockey arena and the associated entertainment district. LRT is vital to health municipal life for cities like Edmonton and Hamilton. As a long time Hamilton resident, a community which I love dearly, I am disappointed by the lack of vision in its City government and its failure to seize the moment for future transportation development.
Sean	Roberts	Please do not let the short-sightedness of suburban city councillors determine the future of our downtown core. I know you can see beyond an anti-transit bias, even if they can't. Car culture cannot last forever, and it cannot rebuild a city.
Mike	Borrelli	As a down-towner and a multi-service transit user for nearly a decade, I know how badly Hamilton needs to invest in an east-west transit line with high capacity and frequency to prepare for future growth. We need to act now. If our council won't make it clear enough, we residents are telling the Province that we need the full, promised investment in a Hamilton LRT now to build a prosperous tax base for tomorrow.
Anne	Warne	Please fund Hamilton's LRT plan! It's vital to the economic and social progression of our city. Please honor your promise to fund LRT and start construction. Please don't pass the buck so you don't have to make a decision now. Please let Hamilton fulfill the promise it shows and become the city it can be. Before moving here 5 years ago this is what we knew of city council.....ineffective, dithering, non-visionary.....please don't continue past traditions and let this viable transit system die.



Be brave, lean forward!

- Dan Gismondi** Please move forward immediately on the LRT. The funding is in place. Leaders make decisions and cowards don't. Our city politicians were elected to make decisions so let's get on with this. Hamilton needs to move forward. Our city politicians can no longer harm Hamilton's progress by fooling around. The status quo is not good enough. We are on the cusp of being a relevant Canadian city again. GET ON WITH THE LRT NOW!!!!!!!
- Susan Masterman** Hamilton's population and economy are growing, and arguably on the cusp of a major boom, as Torontonians in particular, are finding more affordable housing options further west, in Hamilton.

Public transit is a key element of an efficient city. LRT should be planned for now, at the beginning of this boom, not as an after thought when gridlock chokes the area.

- Anthony Cal** I don't even live in Hamilton but would use LRT when commuting throughout Hamilton quite often (park car, go to mall, visit family etc).
- Ameriga Alonzo** Please stand up for Light Rail1
- Jonathan Fernandez** LRT would be a great boost for the community. It definitely would increase ridership for public transit. And remove people's reliance on the auto. All great cities invest in public transportation it seems Hamilton is falling further and further behind. In order to be a great city. We need the LRT
- Rudy Neufeld** The recent Hamilton Spectator article on Portland, Oregon, shows convincingly how THAT city reinvented itself. We need leadership with vision, courage, and the political will to do similar things here in Hamilton. LRT would a fantastic help to the overall renewal of our city that we all want and need.



Stephen Mac Intyre PLEASE GIVE US LRT

Linda Godin I support LRT for Hamilton

Matthew de Zoete Dear folks in government, planning, transit, and so on:

I'm writing to voice my support for LRT in Hamilton. Improving public transit by pursuing LRT would be a practical way to support the businesses, culture, and communities that are flourishing in this city and helping to make it a great place to live.

Sincerely,



Matthew de Zoete

Grant **Ranalli** I believe that the province should act on their commitment to fully funding the LRT that the City has unanimously endorsed. IT will help to alleviate Hamilton's overcrowded buses system and also provide a catalyst for further growth,development and urban infill that will help to boos Hamilton's economy. Further assessment will ease the burden on taxpayers and also help the Provincial government with more tax revenue.
We all contribute to provincial taxes - it is time the 2nd largest City in the province was the recipient of some transit funding.

Hans **Vermaat** I firmly believe in the future of LRT and have stated before in the past. I believe that the provincial government needs to be open and concise on what we believe is 100% funding. It is time to stop the vague

rhetoric and acknowledge to Hamilton that transit issues are not just for the GTA area.

HV

Stephanie **Robinson** Please work to ensure the Ontario government's promise to fully fund Light Rail Transit for Hamilton. As part of the Greater Toronto-Hamilton Area, our city is seeing an influx of Torontonians who can afford to buy housing here. With increased population - and more importantly, with increasing signs of climate change - we need to get out of our cars and into mass transit that is convenient and less polluting. Hamilton's air quality is already compromised in the older parts of the city,and that will spread to the newer developments if people feel they



have no choice but to drive cars.

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| Jason | McGibbon | I consider LRT a vital step in the continued growth and healthy development of the city of Hamilton. Please ensure that LRT be a top priority in any consideration of transit for Hamilton's future and that promises regarding its funding be kept. |
| chris | Cotoi | I really believe LRT will be beneficial for Hamilton area and therefore I fully support it. |
| Amber | Edgar | Please fund both the Ten Year Strategy and the Rapid Ready LRT plan. We need LRT in Hamilton! I'm a young professional who stays out of debt by using public transit and car sharing rather than buying and maintaining an expensive vehicle. Not only would LRT be a dream come true in terms of convenient transport options – it would reduce emissions significantly. |
| Matthias | Feiner | Please consider my strong opinion that LRT is the best option to improve transit in Hamilton. Hamilton city council does not have the expertise to make transit decisions for the future of transit users. (Majority being young urban professionals). Most councillors are car drivers and live in a suburban setting.

Sincerely Matthias Feiner |
| Randell | Neudorf | From the first moment I heard of the possibility of Light Rail in Hamilton, I have supported this initiative. It is an effective way to move people around the city and to reduce people's dependency on cars. Please make this happen for our City. |
| Umer | Siddiqui | Please please please keep your promises |



Anita	Kuehn	I am expressing my support for funding of the LRT in Hamilton. Please keep your promise to support this for the benefit of Hamilton, & all surrounding areas.
Mike	Christie	Hamilton is a perfect candidate for LRT - the right density, the right scale, and the right cost for moving a mid to large sized city. With its inevitable growth in the GTA, we will continually need better transit options to serve all Hamiltonians.
Patricia	Reid	It is imperative to have LRT here in Hamilton as traffic is becoming more and more congested with only one person in the vehicle. We can no longer afford to delay this infrastructure build as time passes it will become more and more expensive. I guess Hamilton needs to experience daily grid lock before they wake up to the need.
Peter	McCutcheon	I am a regular transit user and look forward to the expansion of the transit system in Hamilton via the construction of a LRT. This is really the direction needed to get more citizens and city councilors to view transit as a sensible, attractive option for all citizens ,not just the poor.
Michael	Champain	I am going to be honest and give you my selfish motives. I just bought a house at Barton and Wellington and am having trouble attracting quality renters, i.e. people with jobs or serious students or dignified retirees. Instead I am swamped with ODSP drug addicted psychopath bums, Ontario Works Bums, and OW Baby Mommas. I want the neighborhood to increase in value and I want McMaster students to seriously consider renting my rooms. Why should Hamilton Shoulder the burden of every Insane or disabled person on Ontario?? Let them move go to Forest Hill. Also it is not just students that will use it, I regularly bop around between my house and center Mall. Why don't you put it on Barton Street and give people access to Center Mall and the General Hospital??
Robert	Bowers	Please fund the LRT. It will make a huge difference to the viability of Hamilton!
Peter	Hill	I fully support the efforts to bring modern, efficient local transportation to Hamilton. We need to build this part of our infrastructure BEFORE we need it so that we can grow our economy more effectively and by design rather than by happenstance. We DO NOT want to be in the position that Toronto is in right now - trying to play catch up having been overtaken by independent travel options which have created chaos in clogged roads, disrupting construction and other manifestations.



We can also take some pressure off Toronto by encouraging development here, reducing the QEW traffic situation.

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| Van | Hoang | I saw LRT in Hongkong, in Los Angeles and in Seattle. The local people i know there talked highly about these LRT in their city and their families has been using it every day! |
| Tom | Ciancone | Weighing all the arguments for and against, I have come to believe that the LRT will be a good thing for Hamilton. There may be short term pain during the construction phase, but we would have to accept that as necessary for a long term benefit. By the way, I live on the mountain. So even if I may not take advantage of the initial B-line, at least it's a start. |
| Ozkan | Caliskan | I believe that both the North-South A line and the East-West B lines are key for Hamilton's growth. |
| Mike | Majcher | I am a Hamiltonian who supports an LRT system for this city. Of all the options I've read about it seems this one makes the most sense in the long run. With the growth that is planned for this area we'll have to be able to move a lot of people around in an efficient manner or the traffic will be crippling..just as we're seeing in Toronto today. It makes the most sense to be out in front of this issue and make the right decision now. Please help Hamilton be an effective part of the overall inter-regional transit solution. |
| Rommel | Garcia | Hamilton will look modern if they implement an LRT system, and it will promote more economic growth. |
| Kathy | Pipe | I believe Hamilton must continue the goal of pursuing LRT for the city It is necessary to modernize a transit system that is falling behind those of other cities. |

Lena

Scholman

Hamilton can be a great city. Right now, it's not a united city. It's a hodgepodge of different citizens with different priorities.

It doesn't have to be this way.

Hamilton can be a connected city. A vibrant city. A city where people can be mobile and feel they belong in any neighbourhood- because they can easily get there.

It starts with an east-west, but it shouldn't end there. Citizens in this city need to be able to quickly and easily travel up and down and around the mountain.

Without a modern public transit plan, this city will continue to become an inflated bedroom community- with no connecting arteries.

Keep LRT alive, keep Hamilton alive.

Wayne

Baker

I want to see my hometown, Hamilton, prosper and be the best that it can be.



Light rail transit would improve transit service in the city for the benefit of everyone.

Joe Gauthier LRT in Hamilton will transform the city into a world class place to live.

With today's economic realities it needs to be done in logical financially responsible phases over the upcoming years.

Kaitlin Walsh This would be a great way to encourage commerce between Provinces, and between the U.S. and Canada.

Michael Byford I will support (with my vote) whoever will support the Hamilton LRT.

T. S. I live in Ottawa and I will be moving to Hamilton shortly. Ottawa city council made the mistake of scrapping a light rail plan in 2006, which cost the city millions in lawsuits. Ottawa should have had light rail 10 years ago. The city created a new plan and began the construction a couple years ago. With the increased population, the construction is a nightmare. Having a bus only transportation system is archaic. Every city that can support a light rail system needs to begin planning for one. It is the way of the future and better for the environment. Sticking to a bus only system will be detrimental. Look around the world, cities every where have a successful light rail system. Canadian cities need to look to the future and in my humble opinion, that is light rail.

ALI ASAD PIRZADA I think having LRT system in Hamilton will ease commute and will benefit business in long run also bring revenue to city.



- Christopher Strachan** Hamilton streets are starting to be as congested as Toronto. I believe that a LRT line from eastgate square to McMaster will help reduce the amount of vehicles on the roads.
- Simon MacDougall Sadava** LRT is an obvious choice when looking towards the future of transit planning. The capacity that LRT will provide to the city will help it continue to grow. Please take this opportunity of Hamilton becoming a hot spot by giving residents every reason to believe the people running it plan to keep it a hot spot for decades to come!
- Michael Champagne** Please don't sideline this program. Be truely progressive, Toronto is bursting and broken with over population and under infrastructure. Hamilton is poised to become a global megalopolis with the spill over from Toronto. Be proactive and invite the torrent of frustrated Torontonians with an ahead of the game approach to rapid transit. Buses are not comfortable, the bang crash, bump on every pothole with their stiff suspension, the windows clang and clatter with every bump or breeze, you get whiplash every time they pull over to pick someone up. Trains are beautiful to ride on and beautiful to see.
- ryan m** this is crucial for getting young urbanists to invest in living in hamilton, the city needs people who have jobs, families, and want to change the image of the city. this is amazing!
- Dan B** This will greatly boost Hamilton's downtown. It will also connect the Go trains making travel much more efficient in S. Ontario. Like Pittsburgh, Hamilton is losing its steel industry but is gaining new economic developments. This light rail will encourage more businesses, infrastructure projects, and housing to being developed.
- Michael Hulleman** I live without an official address in my view, but home is a feeling. I know this is right.

LRT for Hamilton. If we don't get it, we'll push you over for it. I would.

Don't be an ass. Give us LRT.

Jake **Tyler-Smith** I love what this will do for are city!!!! And I am 150% behind it . Thank you so much for fighting for this!!

Michael **Podlovics** I believe that the transit will bring many jobs to our city and the added connectivity will allow for clearer roadways and a system for which generations to come can use! Invest in the future.

Tony **Tucci** I remember going to McMaster from Grays & King in 1978 and it was a journey of 3 or even 4 buses, and up to almost 2 hours each way. I was ecstatic when the King trolley buses made it to Fiesta Mall quite a few years later, although my Mac days were long gone. We can see how sprawl is hurting the city, and we can see how the downtown renaissance is concentrating jobs and bringing people to live there. The high cost of bus transport can't be sustained. The LRT will create economic and social benefits well beyond what the planners have projected, if other cities' experiences are any indication. Let's do this!

kam **kamran** It would be great for the community, for the people and above all for Hamilton



- Michael Pigott** This is a huge opportunity for the greater Hamilton area, but the planned route needs to be re-thought. I have a plan that would make Hamilton the envy of every city in southern Ontario, and would love to share it. A visionary idea deserves a visionary plan. Lets make this city into what it could be.
- Wendy Owens** I just moved to the Hamilton area, and when I drive in the city, I feel like this place has so much unrealized potential. I think good, safe and affordable alternatives to automobile dependence are so important to the health and economy of any city. I think people just want to distance themselves from the problems because they believe trying to solve them is futile. I would love to see transit here that people would actually want to use, and that inspires a better relationship between the commuter culture on the mountain and the urban inhabitants below.
- Frank DeC** This is one of the smartest things the province and City of Hamilton can do...

With Toronto becoming completely over populated and unaffordable this allows Hamilton to grow into the city it needs to be.....

- Florence Roulet** I came from France about 11 years ago to live in Hamilton. In my hometown, Nantes, when I was a student they re-opened an old LRT line (existing from my Grand'ma's times) and build an additional new line. At the same time city made a point on making the city centre a real nightmare for cars (one way streets, european record for number of roundabouts, etc.) which at first everybody (including me) complained about. Ten years later, people in Nantes are so proud of their LRT system (tramway) that is the most convenient, fastest, cheapest way to travel to the city center. My GrandMa now 95 takes it for her daily groceries. A tram is coming every 3 minutes and you never have to wait or find a completely filled train at rush hour. Much more efficient than bus and much more environmental friendly too. I have witnessed and experienced this change. It has been taking place in other cities in France such as Bordeaux and now Dijon. Hamilton is a great city and should definitively go this (LRT) way.
- Jonathan Van Egmond** As a long-time Hamilton resident who commutes around the city, and to other cities via GO, I believe the current provincial funding is a golden opportunity to develop our transit along with the rest of Ontario.

Lets join Ottawa, Kitchener/Waterloo, Toronto in equipping ourselves with an LRT system for the decades ahead. Lets not go sideways and miss the opportunity, like Brampton is at risk of doing.

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| Tom | Belshaw | It's About time Hamilton has entered the 21st century.I remember riding the street cars in Hamilton in the 50's It's time to bring them back with efficient, clean transportation.....The smaller city of Kitchener/Waterloo has beat us on this one.The shovels are already in the ground.Their city politicians were on the ball with this, unlike our wavering guys at OUR city hall.Hamilton is one of the best keep secrets in Canada with our unique setting at the Western head of Lake Ontario between Toronto & Niagara.Our City Hall people MUST embrace this REALITY if we are to move forward into the future....Finally people are begining to discover what a beautiful, liveable area this is.The new modern LRT will be there for it's people to enjoy....I hope they start on this project immediately before the government changes hands.....TOM |
| rita | daved | Hamilton is a booming city and needs improvement with transit. I support this |
| nick | kynoch | I'm going to be attending post secondary and I wish to have the convenience of am lrt |
| Marvin | Watson | I support This 100%, this will change the face of Hamilton for the better.I Hope construction will start soon. |



Harrison	Cruikshank	<p>Light rail transit not only increases the efficiency of our public transportation, it encourages its use. By giving people the choice to use a transit system that provides a fast and efficient method of travel you are truly providing an incentive to leave the car at home. Currently, the choice to commute to the Hamilton mountain from my Dundas home by either a 1-2 hour transit commute or a 20 minute car commute is no choice at all. Light rail can help decrease this travel-time discrepancy and make public transit a true alternative to privately owned vehicle use.</p>
Derek	Sahota	<p>Hamilton is a city of half a million people with the ideal pre-existing corridors for light rail transit. On top of that our bus ridership on the route is already extremely high (as evidenced by the many packed buses which pass me by in the morning). Its time that we as a city band together and get the transit system we need and deserve.</p> <p>As a property owner who moved to Hamilton from the Metro Vancouver area, I've witnessed how a well planned transit system can transform a region. 15 years ago Vancouver also wallowed in the shadows of supposedly better cities, always unsure of itself. Hamilton also clearly has a self image problem, but there's really no justification for it. Its time we stop being a city of "can't be done" and start being a city of "Yes we can!"</p> <p>Let's not pass up an opportunity to build our city for another generation. Instead let's work together and build a Hamilton that attracts people from across Canada. Together, we can.</p>
bruce	mowat	<p>Get a commitment in writing with a start date for construction..... before the election. Otherwise all your tax money goes to Toronto's transit system.</p>
Jim	Quinn	<p>Establishing light rail is critical to the restoration of the downtown core and the light rail corridor and to growth of alternative transportation. As transportation needs shift as a function of increasing fuel costs, Hamilton will be ahead of the game if we move on this initiative.</p>
Christopher	Wilson	<p>i grew up in Hamilton and moved away for nearly 6 years for school and work. I've recently moved back to Hamilton and i am in awe of some of the wonderful changes in development and restoration that have taken place. the lightrail system would be exactly what the city needs for encouraged enthusiasm to development within the cities core. its a step in the right direction to a</p>



bright future for hamiltonians and Im excited Im back living in Hamilton to be a part of it!!!

Michael

Wright

Hamilton needs light rail transit. In a city that is so spread out we must be able to rely on more than buses for public transportation. This is an important step for Hamilton and Canada, as infrastructure like this must be implemented in ALL major cities for both the environment and economic development.

Carly Mary

McLeod

My name is Carly Mary McLeod. I am McMaster University undergrad student, born and raised in Hamilton. Contrary to popular belief, especially around McMaster, I love Hamilton and have loved this city my entire life. I have history here, and so does my family. I see the potential in the city and wish that others would just do the same. Light Rail or Rapid Transit would change this city forever. It would be environmentally sustainable for the generations and it would be an investment that would unite this city. From someone who cares about this city and who wants to continue to be a part of it in the future, LR would make my life and the lives of community members across this city so much better! Please consider strengthening our community and ensuring we continue to be a sustainable city.

PETER

HILL

Politicians need to be visionary and decisive in their actions. Too often they follow loud-mouthed and uninformed fools to the detriment of their constituents and communities. They need to be brave and do what's right, not what's expedient.

The LRT in Hamilton is visionary. A decisive action is needed. Poorly informed people are out there making noise and should not be listened to. Community improvement will occur and personal success for politicians will follow if they do the right thing.

Maurice

LaBorde

This opportunity will change not only the perceptions of the residents of Hamilton, but Ontario's perception of Hamilton. Its time to make a broad statement to the growth of Hamilton.

Erika

Shaker

Please take this opportunity to recognize Hamilton's potential as a sustainable, innovative, world class city that prioritizes responsible, effective and efficient transportation. Support LRT!



Richard	Pascoe	<p>I'm a former Hamiltonian now living in Waterloo. Waterloo Region recently agreed to proceed with light rail transit in K-W. Most here think this is very progressive thinking on the part of our elected Regional council.</p> <p>Hamilton must do the same. As I see it, knowing both cities (K-W & Hamilton) if LRT is good for us here in Waterloo, it will be even more beneficial for Hamilton.</p>
Elaine	McSevney	We need to be a progressive city! In order to be the best city we can the LRT is a necessity!
Christine	Roarke	Hamilton needs a LRT system. With the demise of manufacturing jobs in this city, Hamilton needs some innovation in order to attract and retain people, especially young people. Time to start thinking about our new reality, one that doesn't revolve around a car.
Conrad	Daigle	Im showing my suport for the LTR cuz it will show something that this city needs big time ... and show some of Hamiltonians what a rising city should look like :)
Claudia	Leduc	LRT for the city of Hamilton is necessary in the pursuit of revitalizing the downtown core. The viability studies have been done and the citizens of Hamilton support this please restate your commitment to this important project. I have traveled extensively in cities with LRT, where it has proven to revitalize the core while providing clean, efficient, safe, affordable, mass transit. It is the future of our city!!
steve	scott	We need a LRT east west line in Hamilton.
Matej	Glavac	Hamilton is on the move - ranked the top city in Ontario for real estate investment, second in corporate investment. The construction of an LTR system in Hamilton will only bring more investment and put Hamilton on the map as THE city in Ontario to live and invest in!
Darren	Widenmaier	Please proceed with LRT plans in Hamilton. The province and the city should both be moving forward with LRT. LRT would be transformative for Hamilton--an excellent economic stimulus with high long-term ROI. I shouldn't have to rehash all the well-documented arguments, this project should simply proceed. I realize the timeline for ROI is beyond that of a typical political cycle, and the electorate is often short-sighted. Use your position to explain and promote the project. Make a bold move, leaders are supposed to lead.



David	Ramon	Please renew our city's commitment for Light Rail Transit. This is Hamilton's opportunity and will make a positive and bold statement in the direction we would like to take.
Grethe	Johnson	The LRT will improve the economy of Hamilton drastically by allowing people more accessibility to potential employers in the areas. Hamilton has so much potential and I look forward to the day that the province commits to improving the lives of Hamiltonians.
Peter	Karrys	Please move forward with the LRT & help Hamilton grow to its deserved potential.
Anita	Kuehn	I'd like to endorse my support for the Hamilton LRT -- it will do great things for the City of Hamilton, & the sooner things get moving on this, the better for Hamilton
Stephen	Martin	As a former Torontonian who loves living in Hamilton, I believe that an LRT would revitalize the downtown. It would give people an excuse to get out of their cars, and to go downtown more often for shopping and entertainment.
Stephanie	Ross	Hamilton must make the kind of investments now that will make for a sustainable city in the future. We must find ways to have effective transit that reduces dependence on individual cars. We must have ways to connect parts of Hamilton to each other, and not just Hamilton to the Greater Toronto Area: we are more than a bedroom community. I strongly believe that politicians must have the courage to make these forward-thinking investments now.
Ross	Englefield	Light rail would be a boon to our city with the potential to create immediate jobs in construction, maintenance, operation and other capacities. It is also very likely to boost business opportunities along the serviced route through direct contact with transit riders as well as increasing the attractiveness of Hamilton as a business destination.
Kelly	Foyle	Hamilton is in desperate need of improvements in its public transportation. As a person who semi-regularly takes the bus, the LRT would be a huge improvement to this city. Many cities of Hamilton's size have greatly profited from an LRT. Not only the users of the LRT, but also businesses along the route would profit.



Larry	Berberick	I am a property owner in Hamilton and have fully supported Light RAIL Transit from day one and attended several public meetings. PLEASE get on with building the B-Line. I look forward to the future transition it will bring to our great city of Hamilton!
Ron	Blenkhorn	<p>This city needs to show progress in order to become a more attractive place to live for people who are running out of affordable housing in nearby cities.</p> <p>We somehow stopped progressing many years ago. Copps Coliseum was the last true example of Hamilton's ambition. An ambition that we used to display to show hope for our future. Sometimes, like Copps your plans don't work out quite as well as you had hoped, but that's not reason to stop looking ahead. You don't stop trying to make a better place for your kids, and their kids.</p>
Dina	D'Ermo	I have been involved in community workshops and City of Hamilton planning presentations and have offered individual comments about the advantages of Light Rail Transit for Hamilton. Hamilton councillors, the mayor and senior bureaucrats must make this a priority for those of all of us and our children. This might be the way for our youth to remain in Hamilton, with an opportunity for the City to become more vibrant, attracting developers to continue to grow this City into what it can become in the future.
Robert	Veldhuis	The LRT will bring a renewal to the Hamilton core. I cannot believe our leaders have so little vision to the benefits this system will bring to our community.
Larry	sicinski	I'm 65 years old. I may never get to use this marvelous facility that brings Hamilton into the 21st century, but I'm excited about the fact my children, grandchildren and those that follow will have that option.
Harriet	Sloan	Hamilton is ripe and ready. Let's continue to move forward toward building and implementing an LRT system that will benefit our community and the entire Greater Golden Horseshoe. Metrolinx has stated publicly that it is "bullish" on the Hamilton LRT project. Our elected and non-elected community leaders (at all levels!) must get behind this project to make it a reality. We're in a good position. Let's not squander this opportunity!

Wayne	Elshaw	LRT is a great idea! It will improve the public transit option, cut down on use of cars, improve the environment, link the city, promote development and create employment. Don't let this opportunity pass us by.
Bryce	Anderson	I believe that the LRT is the right way to go, As mayor and our prime minister, neither of them sit on a bus for 2 hrs a day, fully loaded most of the time. The Lrt would make commuting from one side of the city to the next probably much quicker, hopefully with more space than a less than 50 seater bus. I AGREE TO BULD IT. PLEASE
Anna	Davey	Hamilton is a big, vibrant city with a big, vibrant future. We need to plan for that future, not maintain the status quo of today. The province has committed to two light rail lines in Hamilton. Two rails that will attract investment, new riders, reduce pollution and thereby improve Hamilton's infamous air quality and grow with Hamilton as we continue to develop as a world-class city. LRT is a priority. It is a priority for our future.
Jennifer	Roberts	If we as a community, city and region want to make a name for ourselves globally, a step towards the future of transit is imperative. We are already so behind many other regions worldwide. LRT for Hamilton is a way for us to change our image, change how we attract business to our economy, and promote us as a tourist destination. Time for us to step up and set the standard. You want to revitalize the downtown core? Dusting off old buildings isn't the only way to do it.
Shwaan	Hutton	The studies have been done and public opinion is in....LRT just makes sense for Hamilton. It would be short sighted and irresponsible, at all levels of government, to not capitalize on this opportunity. With rising fuel prices, environmental degradation and a downtown on the rise, Hamilton's economy, reputation, citizens and generations to come have the potential to thrive as a result of such an investment. The benefits will pay for the initial cost several times over and a healthier, happier community is priceless. Let's make this happen!
NICK	HUTTON	My family has lived in the Hamilton area since the first Loyalist settlers arrived over 200 years ago. The decline of our once great city core is painful to experience. I strongly believe that no single act could more positively affect Hamilton more than light rail. It is therefore the clear duty of any elected official to strongly and effectively champion a Hamilton Light Rail line. Any elected official that chooses not to does not deserve to be considered for re- election.



Catherine	Roberts	Public Transit is the glue for a successful Hamilton. Perhaps this is the incentive needed to start improving the downtown core! And, new small businesses might be encouraged to invest where there are major stops.
TROY	BUSH	I think this will be of great benefit to the city.
Maya	March	Adding light rail transit will greatly reduce the disparity between economic classes within this city. I strongly support the project and know it will contribute to the vision that forward thinking Hamiltonians have for our city in the coming generations.
Ania	Ksiazek	LRT and the GO Service at James Street North are both important developments in aiding the gentrification and growth of Hamilton to its full potential. Accessibility is the key. I work in Toronto but love living in Hamilton. The GO needs to provide fast service to Toronto- otherwise, people will just continue to commute.
Rebecca	Hammond	As a young professional who has chosen to make Hamilton my home, one of the deciding factors in choosing to buy a house in Hamilton last year were plans for an ambitious and necessary Light Rail system. This investment is essential in raising the national and international profile of the city to make it competitive in the emerging economies of the 21st century. Please do not turn your backs on taking this bold step to realize our bright, creative, future. The expenses are significant, no doubt, but the benefits will be reaped ten-fold in the coming years as we see this city as the true hub of the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
Eric	Gillis	The need for LRT in Hamilton is undeniable. Buses alone are consistently proving themselves incapable of providing the population of Hamilton with fast & reliable service-- which is something Hamilton desperately needs as our city grows and develops. Full-day GO train service is a step in the right direction. But that's it, just a step, we've many more to take after that.
Shawn	Boecker	Let's look and build for the future. The key is to build strong dense cities, not sprawl. Less worrying about commuting to Toronto, and more about keeping our residents in our city
Lia	Bronsard	Light rail is fast, does not pollute and is silent. It is technically advanced and will create jobs. It will make Hamilton more advanced than other cities.



Yvonne	Alama	Buses are noisy, ugly, impatient, and polluting. While Tram's are fast, requires more educated people, and chic!
MARNIE(MARGERY)	MUNN	<p>I AM DEFINITELY IN FAVOUR OF HAMILTON PURSUING LRT</p> <p>IT WOULD BE REFRESHING TO SEE THE CITY COUNCIL TAKE UP A PROJECT THAT LOOKS TO THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY--UNITING THE OUTSKIRTS WITH THE CENTER AND WITH OPPOSITE ENDS--SO RESIDENTS WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH WORKING, GOING TO SCHOOL AND SHOPPING WITH EASE AS THIS WOULD MAKE US MORE OF A COHESIVE UNIT. OUR PRESENT ARRANGEMENT SEEMS TO FRAGMENT US INTO OUR VARIOUS OLD COMMUNITIES OF DUNDAS, STONEY CREEK --THE MOUNTAIN ETC-- -LET'S SHOW SOME INITIATIVE--AND LIVE UP TO OUR 'AMITIOUS' CITY SLOGAN--</p>
Fraser	Pollock	I am a Transportation Planning Consultant living in Ottawa, originally from Toronto. I have always firmly believed in the transformative power of transit including, rail based transit.
Paul	Terpstra	<p>People living in Hamilton know it is a great place to live. People that don't live here need to see positive things, like LRT happening in order to convince them Hamilton is a great place to live. People in the city also need to see decisive action and see things get done to spur on more development and investment. The ball is rolling. Please let it gain momentum rather than stop it. Getting the ball started after it has stopped is an unnecessary delay that wastes time and money. Decisive action can get this project moving through to completion so that you can spend your valuable time working on the next set off challenges you face. Thank you for your time.</p>
Andy	Wong	<p>It may not be evident just by performing a feasibility study whether the LRT would bring in significant business and have sufficient ridership. A previous study already showed the ridership projections in Hamilton. What is more important is the fact that many individuals like myself are choosing cities further away from Toronto as a primary residence because of the high cost of living in Toronto. Hamilton presents as an excellent alternative but is deterrent to some because of its dismal downtown core and lack of transit options and inaccessibility to key areas of town - McMaster, Westdale, Dundas, St. Joe's, General Hospital. What you need to realize is that the LRT system will bring in more business to the Hamilton core and change the current downtown scene. There have been some new developments in Hamilton - investment by New Horizon Homes, the construction of the McMaster health facility downtown, renewal of the HPL and St Lawrence</p>

Market, a number of Chinese restaurants, Mexican grocery stores, Korean institutions - but the process is still a very slow one. The LRT has excellent potential to be catalytic to this process. A number of foreign investors, new immigrants with graduate degrees have built new families here, beginning a wealth of culture manifested in restaurants, retail stores and community services. There is sufficient evidence from these developments to indicate that Hamilton is in a position to begin very rapid growth. At a time of such escalating potential, there is hope for an increasing rate of immigration. You really need to be in the centre of the city to realize this. Because the jurisdiction lacks the ability to track migration statistics, particularly with the lack of response in a large number of those who do immigrate, the best way to assess this situation is by surveying the immediate communities around us. Many of those who move here live in apartments. Most of the time, the registered occupant by the city of Hamilton to these apartments remains some previous owner many years back. There has not been any formal process for many apartments to require re-registration of new occupants. In fact, I have been living in Hamilton for the last 8 years and it has only been this year that the City has acknowledged my presence - and it was only because I went to vote here and registered my name (though by doing so I'm still not sure if you know I exist). My point is, many of us are here and are interested in the idea of the LRT since it carries with it a lot of hope and potential prosperity. I urge you to carefully consider its importance and priority in light of additional opportunities such as the Pan Am games that can leverage from this business-building strategy.

Daniella	Cisternino	DO IT
Dustin	William	It's time we evolve from the bus. This in my opinion will change the city for the good.
Jonathan	Therien	A durable, cost efficient, and attractive public transit system is a necessity to all cities. LRT is a chance to achieve these goals
matt	holmes	Build the LRT! Hamilton is 8th largest metro areas in Canada and does not have a subway/lrt? Let's not cheap out and do this right. Make it part of the greaeter transit system conecting all of the golden horseshoe. If you could add high speed rail to Toronto too that would be great.
Vladimir	Smiljanic	I have lived in Hamilton since I was I was 6 years. My parents decided to pick up everything and leave from Europe and come to Canada. They left everything to start over here in Hamilton. Hamilton provided them with jobs and tools to give us the life we have today and for that I am



forever grateful. Though I don't live in the city anymore (my parents are still there...my dad works in East Hamilton) I still care what happens to my hometown.

Being a recent graduate from University of Waterloo Planning program I know the unbelievable benefits Light Rail Transit provides a community and a city. The initial investment is tremendous but the future economic gains are exponential. You don't have to leave the continent to see it's success. Just look at a city like Portland, Oregon which has embraced light rail transit and has used it as the main transportation infrastructure in it's city.

I care about Hamilton and want it to prosper. The cities location in this part of the continent gives it enormous potential for economic success. The city needs to start taking hold of these opportunities to give future families the same opportunities my family was lucky to receive.

Andreas	Link	The province needs a strong urban centre in Hamilton. It is a no brainer that an LRT would be transformative for a city with the heritage and building stock as Hamilton. It will drive investment back into the core and re-create another great city in Ontario. This is not a conflicted transit choice like many in other parts of the GTA, the City, the businesses, Chamber of Commerce, Unions, NGOs, residents are all on side. The decision will be a golden legacy for all who work to move it forward. It would not be an overstatement to say it would change people's lives. The large immigrant community, the under-employed community, the seniors would all benefit greatly. It would re-build a transit culture in Hamilton, a city slowly taking back its identity. I appreciate your time, but look forward to this moving ahead. Sincerely, Andreas
Richard	Shin	We absolutely need LRT for the future of this city.
Connor	Allaby	Most major cities have some type of rapid transit system, be it subways or LRT. An investment in LRT shows that we are committed to maximizing public benefit and reducing our environmental impact. Also, we should operate our public transit for free, but one step at a time I guess.
Laura	Cattari	We have done the studies. We have the Hamilton Real Estate Board supporting this, awaiting confirmation. Not only is this a long term investment in economic growth in Hamilton but it provides a viable way to traverse our city. I have waited close to an hour as 3, filled, B Line route



buses passed me by on a cold Sunday afternoon. Please stop dithering and send a clear message to our provincial government that this is what we want.

ROBERT

CONNOLLY

There is no valid reason why LRT should not be a priority. All studies have said that it is the right thing to do. Not to do this is to condemn Hamilton to the status of second class city for the foreseeable future because we see ourselves as incapable of thinking big. Isn't this supposed to be the "Ambitious City"?

Jane

Slote

much needed

Stephen

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My Dad's company was going make investments in Hamilton - they're OFF THE TABLE as long as there's no stable future plan.

Jeremy

Parsons

Please consider this for the future of our city!

Alexis

Nizzero

As a student at McMaster, I depend on public transit to get me to and from school, as well as various volunteering positions around the city. Having an LRT system would make getting around immeasurably easier.

Megan

Wood

the buses are always late and i can never go anywhere fun in hamilton other than main street! this will get me to encourage people to come to mcmaster or mohawk and enjoy hamilton!

chris

cotoi

I really believe that LRT will help the renaissance of the down town Hamilton. LRT will also decrease the pollution.

Evelyn

DiFrancesco

I believe that light rail transit will do wonders to revitalize the downtown core, and to bring business back to the community. It will increase pedestrian traffic, and attract people who want to live in urban centres without having to have a car. People who live in Hamilton, will be able to move across the city with greater ease, and it will give those people that do drive a car another option to leave their cars at home, reducing car congestion on streets and reducing carbon pollution. There is already the population and ridership to support LRT. By having LRT in Hamilton this will put Hamilton on a competitive playing field with regards to other developing and growing cities and communities.



Raymond	Lawlor	Honoured government representatives - Hamilton, Ontario has been starved of infrastructure for too long and it is time to push hard for the introduction of a modern light rail transit system to this city. I support the introduction of higher-order transit in Hamilton as a key component of the urban renewal process. For too long, there has been precious little initiative, funding or vision for the city of Hamilton and a light rail transit system is a good example of a project that could be a lynchpin in turning this around. Please show your support for this process by advocating for funding for light rail in Hamilton!
doug	farraway	Council needs to move on this whether the Mayor wants to be a champion of this initiative or not. this is big time money for a city that does not get it's fair share of big time money from Ottawa or Toronto. Do it!!!!
Conrad	Daigle	LRT is the ONE thing that Hamilton is missing. Please don't lose this chance to make a difference in the Hammer!
Jeffrey	Wong	As a McMaster student, I understand Hamilton's need for a light rail system in order to better the transportation of both students and Hamiltonians.
Steve	St. Jean	Hamilton needs the LRT. Give us something.
Dillon	Donison	I very much support the idea of light rail service in Hamilton
Mirian	Cisneros	I personally believe that introducing a LRT to the city of Hamilton would be absolutely amazing. Dont get me wrong, the HSR is great but it takes so long in the morning and it isnt very reliable at times. Escpecially for a student like myself. If there is one thing I could ask for in the building of the LRT is to make it run later times and on weekends. its very difficult to find transportation on weekends- that is if you dont drive.
Shawn	McGuire	Get LRT in Hamilton. It will benefit our city greatly and will help make our city a better and greener place.
Kelly	Kotulak	The LRT would greatly benefit the city of Hamilton. This is an opportunity to make the city more accessible and reduce the amount of buses (and cars) we have on the roads. Not only would it make the city more eco-friendly, but it would give the city a positive image instead of the steel city



image it has today. The LRT is definitely the next step in the right direction.

EDSON	TIBURCIO	HI I LIVE IN MISSISSAUGA AND FOR A FEW YEARS NOW I'VE BEEN LOOKING TO MOVE TO HAMILTON. I SUPPORT THE LRT IN HAMILTON.
Hugh	Lindsay	It's time for Hamilton to ride shotgun, we have been taking the back seat for to long. Do something for Hamilton, make this project a priority, and give the people of Hamilton this valuable tool. It will help to bring people to the city, and help the city to continue to prosper.
Kim	Haworth	As a disabled person I would really welcome transit that travels on rails. I get tired of being jostled around on those buses and I feel pretty unsafe!
Diwakar	Sharma	LRT is a must for bringing back the lost glory of Hamilton.
megan	rausch	great idea! the buses need their own lane, some of the drivers drive crazy on the roads! speeding and slamming on the breaks; almost hiting other cars...i think it would make a big difference.
Sameera	Prematilake	I had to move from the Hamilton mountain (my parent's house) to a place close to McMaster University because the travel time was too long for University student like me.
Evan	Neal	I live on the mountain and work downtown. The buses are great but it would help me get places that I would otherwise not have time to get to in the a day. Such as grocery stores or my parents. It will also open up more realistic job opportunities for me.
Lianne	MacIntosh	I believe that the city should step forward and give the residents of Hamilton what they were promised, and what is needed. There is no sense in continuing to waste money on more studies when the work and research has already been done. Increasing public transit is an essential thing which need to be occur in the city to improve the quality of life and environment. Spending money on vital transportation needs will help achieve the city's goal.
Daniel	Evans	The time for modern transit is now and light rail is the best option for our city. It is vital that we act now to keep the momentum of the renewal going.



Amber	Miller	Citizens of Hamilton and across the GTA should be encouraged to forego fossil-fuel burning vehicles in favour of a less expensive, more environmenally friendly mode of transporation. LRT is the perfect way to do this!
Rich	Zuc	Build the LRT in Hamilton.
John	Wilbur	Building the B-Line LRT is essential to the future of Hamilton, poverty reduction, social justice and fighting Code Red.
Aleksa	Cenic	Just moved from Calgary. The LRT in Calgary is a superb transportation system. Let's make Hamilton superb too!
david	wootton	As an Ontario taxpayer, I'm tired of all my tax money going to support Toronto. Now they want my money to build a casino in Toronto which will further destroy the economy of the Niagara region. It is long past due that this government spent some money in the rest of Ontario. I had to leave Ontario twice in my life to find employment and my son had to emigrate to New Zealand four years ago for the same reason. We need a government that will stimulate Hamilton's economy and I can't think of a better way than improving our transportation system by building LRT in Hamilton. Simultaneously, the government should be connecting all of our metropolitan areas with GO transit. It is absolutely ridiculous that the center of a metropolitan area of nearly 800 000 is no longer connected to the outside world by rail. 60 years ago as a child, I remember taking the train out of Hamilton.
Teri	Lub.	look at the HSR buses! that amount of traffic is EVERYONE BEGGING of right rail
Dawn	Mcilmoyl	Why are we even talking about this? Because it is for Hamilton *proper* and not for Ancaster and Stoney Creek? Stop screwing over the central city in favor of the 'burbs!
James	Michener	An LRT system will help revitalize the downtown!
Kevin	Harper	I think that Hamilton would benefit greatly from an LRT system and that it would be urban renewal and economic growth to the region.



Stephen	Woodruff	Light Rail in Hamilton would bring great benefits to a forgotten urban gem including greatly increasing worker portability, slashed transit trip times, greater system simplicity and more urban density along it's route. These are all issues that I constantly hear politicians of all levels talking about. How about some concrete action in an area that is almost perfectly suited to reap the benefits of Light Rail Transit? It is time now to build this for the future of Hamilton.
Dave	Minard	All the bickering needs to be set aside and all involved need to get this done ASAP for the sake of Hamilton and its people.
Kim	Haworth	As a person with disabilities I can tell you how wonderful it would be to have a train ride on smooth rails instead of being thrown back and forth on a bus. The slippery seats on the bus certainly don't make things any easier.
Russell	Ibbotson	I travel for work and pleasure and have seen succesful LRT from Edinburgh to Calgary. I live in Hamilton and love the potential of our downtown. LRT is a key peice of the puzzle to revitalize and realize the potential of our beautiful city. Give Hamilton the opportunity to shine!
Joe	Magueta	In every city I've ever been to the light rail, street cars, etc are the life of the city. We would hit the population of 1.5 million the mayor thinks is necessary much faster. If people thought like the mayor, there would never be any growth.
Eric	Qiu	I believe That The Light Rail Transit System for Hamilton Would Be Extremely Beneficial for The City downtown, mountain, and other areas and i think it will be much more efficient than the hamilton street railways' current operating of the A and B Lines
erich	bertussi	Streetcars are key to the abolishment of one way streets stopping urban sprawl and the renaissance of downtown Hamilton...
Tony	Hill	I really think LRT is needed in this city,sooner than later.In 1992,the HSR discontinued trolley bus service,and they had diesel motors installed in the 7800's,so they were really the first hybrids before the current crop of them.These are a good step in the right direction,but would be even better if through a deal with the city's eating establishments,biodiesel,100%,could be obtained.It would be great to see pure electric vehicles return to the city.

Michael	Attard	Light rail is a sustainable, efficient and responsible solution that will allow a large number of people to effectively move through the city in a practical manner. It will reduce traffic and increase the overall quality of living in Hamilton. It will allow greater access to shopping areas which I feel is one of the key components to rejuvenating the downtown area. It can also potentially allow people from outlying areas (i.e. Binbrook) a practical option to use public transit and travel into the core of the city in a reasonable timeframe .. this is valuable since this area has no public transit service currently.
David	Linton	Cautiously optimistic about the recent progress. LRT is an all-around winner for Hamilton. Make it happen!
Anthony	van Osch	We are considering moving back to Hamilton after nearly 20 years in B.C. and a light rail system would make the decision easier. I heard it would be designed from a European point of view rather than the standard, one-size-fits-all North American mindset. This is very encouraging. I lived in Hamilton during the debates on whether to eliminate or expand the trolley bus network. Unfortunately, the trolleys were abandoned largely for political reasons despite Hamiltonians' desire to keep and even extend the system. Hamilton was diminished as a result. The building of a light rail line in Hamilton would be a wonderful step toward redeeming some of the mistakes of the past.
Curtis	Thompson	If Hamilton moves forward and builds this LRT network it will strengthen and improve the quality of life for Hamiltonian's and improve the economic stability of the city. Not to mention, it is way more cost effective than bus rapid transit. It is also a much more luxurious form of transportation. My point: Ask anybody if they are embarassed or feel awkward to stand at a bus stop on a busy intersection and mostly everyone will say "yes". however the TRAM system is much more comfortable of an environment to be in. With fewer stops with more riders at each respective stop in more manicured stopping junctions. The ridership will speak for itself in a couple of years unlike the bus system.
Adrian	Solyom	LRT can be a game changer when it comes to economic growth and the increase in transit use. Having used light rail in Helsinki, the capital of Finland and a city of similar size to Hamilton, I can say that it is both far more convenient and comfortable than bus transit.



Implementing LRT has consistently shown not only to be feasible, but also more efficient and cost effective than the current solution. It is the single biggest factor that can jump start the growth and development of Hamilton.

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I agree..LRT is one of the most cost effective solutions for most public transit issues in North America and certainly for Hamilton.The important distinctive is that the LRT needs to have its own allocated Right of WAY. JB Wiebe

Christine

Kinahan

My name is Christine Kinahan, and in September I will be entering into my second year of studies transportation engineering technology at Mohawk College. I'm originally from Toronto, but I've lived in 6 different cities in southern Ontario over the past 9 years. I can honestly say I've seen amazing and I've seen terrible examples of public transportation, and it really baffles me. Bringing this line to Hamilton would be a major boost for the city. We'd be a leader for rail in Canada, it would be quite the learning opportunity for us students, and it would be exceptionally functional. Please help us out!

Jason

Barr

Anyone who will turn down funding for LRT anywhere in Ontario obviously does not have the best interests for Ontario in mind. LRT will allow for communities to be connected in the future, promoting economic growth and reduced carbon emissions from vehicles. My plea to the Liberal government: do something right for the first time since you have been in office; fund this project!

Pheroze

Jeejeebhoy

I moved to Hamilton 5 years ago from Toronto. I have always valued walking in the city that I live in. But, in that time I have become very aware that Hamilton does not perceive its transit as accessible. The Ti-Cats slogan for the new stadium of a "driveway to driveway experience" reflected the lack of effective public transit in Hamilton. Sadly, the lack of convenient transit prevents people from experiencing their neighbourhoods. Hamilton has so many gems but they are isolated by expances of one way streets that wisk people through neighbourhoods. The result is a lifestyle that exists in two pockets: home and work. A more convient transit system would knit the varous neighbourhoods together. Prosperity would develop along the lines and not just in isolated pockets. The city should work hard to make public transit the rope that binds the city together, making the whole city a better place to live.



Orazio	Caltagirone	LRT will benefit commuters to and within Hamilton.
Neil	Gowan	PLEASE go forward with LRT. Hamilton deserves it. I am a young professional that would love to make downtown Hamilton home, as I see it has a lot of potential. Investments like LRT will encourage more people like myself to live and invest downtown. Hamilton needs to help place people like myself in the core, LRT is a great step.
Jeff	Smith	Without the addition of the LRT, Hamilton will remain in the shadow of too many other cities - Hamilton needs this to come to pass in order to fully step forward into the future suit it is destined to wear as well as to revitalize the magnificent splendour it once had in the downtown through a renaissance. Hamilton's rebirth needs this, the people need this, and investors need this to bring property values to where they need to be. Put Hamilton where it deserves to be - at the forefront!
Spencer	Fredson	I think that bringing LRT to Hamilton is an incredible idea!
Ryan	Janssen	I believe that LRT in Hamilton will contribute to the growth of the city. It is a development that has many advantages for all populations within the city.
Abbey	Le	Do what you said! Go Hamilton
Andy	Fok	Please built an LRT. There is just simply too much pollution from the factories and vehicles.
Ben	Heikoop	I believe the city of Hamilton transit LRT plan is a very important part of the Hamilton's goal to become a sustainable city. We have had a very difficult few decades but if you beleive we have a future as a great modern city please show us that by funding the LRT. It is an important step to getting Hamilton back on track.
Amir	shafi	LRT, should become part of Hamilton, so it can grow , prosper like many other US cities and european cities. Current bus system is not up the mark as far as the transit times are concerned.

Sean	Kirk	Hamilton is waiting for a catalyst like LRT. Studies show LRT can work, and we've seen success in other cities. Imagine the impact this has not only on Hamilton but the whole surrounding region
Thomas	Eagles	I fully support this idea and am excited to hear the final proposal. As a lifetime citizen of Hamilton I have always said we need better transit for the city to thrive and this is the first step in the right direction.
Doug	Robbins	Hamilton's city council in the mid 1980's missed the opportunity to have a high speed monorail installed from the CNR station in Hamilton's north end to the Mountain and ultimately to the airport generated a lot on nonsense reasons like it will cast a shadow, the city needs light rail, not just east west but north south as well.
Laure	Ampilhac	I am in favour of the Light Rail. Great idea.
Stavros	Rougas	To invest in Hamilton long term investment is needed. While I will use LRT as public transit for me it is a project that will allow me and other to invest our cash as it displays long term planning and investment.
pete	harding	I support light rail transit for Hamilton because I believe in a livable lower city. The city needs efficient, economical public transit. Buses and other automobiles clog the main east/west arteries, threaten pedestrians and other drivers, and create a great deal of pollution. If the light rail system were in place I would utilize public transit more often and leave my truck at home.
Amber	Edgar	The bus system doesn't cut it - Hamilton deserves LRT funding NOW!
Jason	raynor	Please make Light Rail Transit a priority in Hamilton. I see it as a significant factor in renewing the prosperity of Main St. between the downtown core and Stoney Creek. This entire stretch of Hamilton will benefit substantially from the business it will bring back to this corridor and the surrounding neighbourhoods.
Jake	Clark	It would be a shame if this never gets put in place, Hamilton needs an LRT system along with many other projects, but this can revitalize many existing infrastructures.



Gabriela	Vasileva	Light Rail Transit will not only revitalize Hamilton's economy by creating new jobs; but it will also encourage more urban development, and contribute to a more sustainable environment. LRT is the right choice.
Paul	Raun	The proposed LRT line is a much needed baby step to address the issue of Peak Oil, i.e. the end of cheap energy. The fact that we are tapping into the Tar Sands and Oil Shale in the Prairies, forms of Extreme Oil(Oil that involves much higher extraction and production costs, as well as yielding a markedly lower level of net energy than once abundant and now increasingly scarce sweet light crude)gives a clear indicator of facing Peak Oil. Building an extensive network of light rail across cities in Southern Ontario will help to reduce our dependence on oil, along with encouraging the development of a more compact yet aesthetically interesting and liveable urban form. As a longer term move, it is crucial to build a branch line for light rail out from the centre of Hamilton along York and Plains Road into Burlington, perhaps to the Appleby GO Station.
Stephen	Hayes	Time to move forward and invest in public transit. We are decades behind countries in Europe and Asia. Waterloo,Toronto, and Missisauga are getting funding-we should too:)
Michael	Brigham	Light Rail is not only a green solution because of its electric use, but it will also move more people in a single momment than a bus will. It will help Hamilton grow as a city, and will enourage more people to take public transit.
Hernan	Ugalde	<p>The most liveable cities in the world share one thing in common: walking friendly neighbourhoods that can be easily accessed via efficient transit.</p> <p>Unfortunately in Canada (with the exception of possibly Ottawa) we have been quite dormant in respect to efficient transit systems. We only need to look at the dismal state of transit of Toronto, where 6M people have 2 subway lines and an insanely old streetcar fleet, while the city is busy playing political games and there is no real plan ahead.</p> <p>Here in Hamilton we have everything we need to build an even better city: liveable neighbourhoods, a good size city (not too large, not too small), but we really need a more efficient transit system. having Lightrail would definitely improve the quality of life and would set an example for the rest of Canada and North America.</p>



Jesse	Newton	Hello. I am a civil engineering graduate about to complete my Master of Applied Science degree at McMaster University. I am a regular commuter, traveling by both the HSR and my bicycle. I am a Hamiltonian, and I support the Light Rail Transit initiative in Hamilton.
michelle	Pagliari	It's Hamilton's time! Keep your promise.
Lachlan	holmes	Ever since the first time i heard about LRT coming to Hamilton, i was a supporter. Now seeing it's success in other city's around the globe i am routeing Hamilton to get it. I will be at the Public meeting at the art gallery of Hamilton, february 12, 6-8 pm
Arlene	Charters	It is time to become a world class city with less cars in the city because there exists a fast efficient alternative to driving. It is an environmentally sound idea that needs to be implemented ASAP.
Matthew	Madigan	Please consider this question and answer thruthfully: would you choose to live, work, shop, dine, walk, or spend any significant amount of time alongside a highway? That is how it feels to do any of these day to day things along Main Street in Hamilton. It's fast, it's dangerous, and it's not a place that Hamiltonians like to linger. Light Rail Transit could change the way our Main Street works for the city. Along with generous sidewalks, bicycle lanes, street trees and reducing the driving speed limit, the addition of LRT refocusses Main Street back to the pedestrian realm, putting people firt, not cars. LRT would facilitate a more livable space, one that citizens and visitors alike would want to spend time in and enjoy. This would encourage economic development making restaurants, stores, offices and housing initiatives viable options. Lets take back our Main Street and create an alternative to the current highway that slices through the heart of our community. Light Rail Transit is that alternative. Help us make Main Street work for the city of Hamilton again.
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Brent	Ross	I support this 110%
Harley	Mount	I Fully support this initiative it will give Hamilton a boost in many ways.
Madelin	Blacha	As Hamilton is an evolving urban and economic centre, it is important that we invest in the transportation infrastructure now to accommodate future growth.
Azher	Siddiqui	Don't break your promises. You are answerable to the people, and the people want LRT!!!
S	Matthews	It's time to start investing in this city instead of letting it go to the wayside
Steve	A	I support LRT in Hamilton. I think that the initial system should not go to Eastgate. Instead, it should go from Mac, to the downtown where it will branch off into a loop, then head up the mountain. The LRT needs to go by the current population centres on the Mountain to work. Additionally, people need to demand the Province fund this, and not put it on Hamilton's shoulders. The province funded all of Toronto's transit initiatives in the last few years, now they want a city less capable of affording it, to pay for LRT ourselves. That's ridiculous.
John	Thompson	I support LRT for the McMaster - Eastgate Square Corridor, provided potential patronage justifies the undertaking. The actual cost should be kept as low as possible and should not include the total cost of utilities relocation as this is work that would have to be done ultimately in any case. If a decision is made in the next few months, millions could be saved by adding the vehicle order onto that of Toronto and Kitchener with the supplier, Bombardier. Since the city already owns the land



where she yard/shop would be built, that land cost need not be included. Although it would cost significantly more, the line should be tunnelled into the middle of the McMaster campus, rather than simply terminating in the middle of Main Street. Also, the eastbound and westbound tracks should be split between King and Main Streets in the downtown; King is too narrow at this point for double track, given that the tracks will be off limits to auto traffic, unlike the former streetcar line.

Jamie	Brow	I am looking to invest in real estate in Hamilton; improved public transportation will make Hamilton look even more attractive as an investment.
Robyn	Sifton	As I have lived in Hamilton all my life, I have a respectful amount of experience with our current public transportation. Not only do I support the LRT concept socially but financially and mentally as well.
Kyle	Place	As a University student, I know how much public transportation is an asset. Being a regular passenger of the HSR, I constantly see the bus drive by people due to the capacity limit and for the lucky ones that get on, it is packed. Implementing a LRT would un-congest the streets and be a more efficient for getting from point A to B across our wonderful city of Hamilton
Sarah	T	Say yes to light rail and no to casinos!
Taien	Ng-Chan	We currently live in Montreal but we are planning to move to Hamilton this summer, the city where my husband grew up. We are both in the arts, and we believe in the future of Hamilton as a creative, sustainable, walkable, lively city, and the LRT is definitely a part of that vision. Please stick to your promised plans and make it happen!
Marcello	Perri	We are looking forward to this transportation becoming a reality in the near future. It would be good for the city and the economy of Hamilton.
nader	anis	plan to relocate to hamilton wuld give our family fast trasportation access

Timothy	Cushnie	Lets get this done asap.
Renato	Radjenovic	I SUPPORT THIS CAUSE. I believe this will be extremely beneficial to the city. tsl Consulting & Design Group LTD. supports the LRT.
Jason	Yang	Hey, keep your promise, that what makes this city more attractive and more sustainable.
Mark	Robbins	As a proud Hamiltonian, it makes me sad to see the city falling behind in adopting a modern and attractive transportation option. LRT may not be Hamilton's silver bullet, but it is certainly an important step in attaining a transit system appropriate to the size and aspirations of the city.
Greg	Borys	I support this project.
Azher	Siddiqui	LRT would do wonders for economic development and subsequent alleviation of poverty and social problems in Hamilton. Please fulfill your committment by making this project a reality.
Annette	Toulouse	I am a transit operator for the Burlington system. I also travel a fair amount and rely on transit on vacation to get me where I need to go. In your presentation, we noticed that you have Zurich, Switzerland as one of your examples, and I've had the pleasure of riding that system multiple times. Most people rely on transit there, it is very quick and you can get from point A to point B quicker with transit then you can with your own car. If done properly, the system would get tons of cars off the road therefore saving on road repairs and also the pollution caused by idling cars especially in the downtown core. What would be very beneficial is to see a light rail system connecting Hamilton to Burlington and possibly further in the future. As I see it, it can not fail unless the fares are out of reach. If kept at a reasonable price for the passengers, they will take it. East to West of Hamilton is a great start, but also look at the big picture and start connecting cities, tons of people commute, and our Highways and city streets are over crowded especially at rush hours. Time to move ahead .

Colette	Ob	I will support any form of public transportation in order to reduce pollution all over the World, to free those parking spaces that could be tranform into communities gardens, affordable housing and any non destroying activities.
Deborah	Serravalle	I believe LRT in Hamilton will have a positive impact on the urban development of our city's core. That benefits all of us, not just those of us living here. Certainly, there are costs involved but can we afford not to invest? Inaction also has consequences. Conversely, LRT could be a catalyst for positive social, environmental change. That's a sound investment. One long overdue.
hudah	Azeez	I am a new resident of Hamilton I came from Toronto and I was pretty disappointed to know that there isn't a subway system like there is in Toronto considering the fact that I am student and my university is in Toronto. So hopefully the city does decide to build one while I am in Hamilton though I am sure by then I will have my own car.
Shiona	Mackenzie	I spent a decade living and working in Asia, where the population densities of major cities are massive and where owning a vehicle is a costly luxury for individuals, as well as ecologically... Lesson learned: LRT is a superior choice for the long term, for the health and safety of all residents; for the environment; for economic success. A bright future for Hamilton hinges upon light, rapid transformation. Tomorrow flows from today. Yes, LRT.
Amy-Lynn	Vautour	As a citizen who believes in doing what is best for our environment, reducing the stress and unsafe conditions for those who must commute during rush hours, and promoting a stronger sense of community through actual human interaction, I strongly support the LRT idea. I have been hoping for something like this for a long time. I am an avid user of public transit, but have found it slow, unreliable, and confusing (at best). Oftentimes it takes me 1 1/2 to 2 hours to get from my home in Dundas to a destination on the East Hamilton Mountain for an appointment. This is unacceptable, as I would be able to drive Oshawa in that amount of time. Please get back on track with this project. The ever-expanding population of Hamilton plus its Never-expanding public transit system are making things very difficult for the commuters in this city.
Tom	Shepherd	Invest in LRT for the future generations of this city who will not rely on cars as their primary mode of transportation.

Spencer	Snowling	I fully support the implementation of an B-Line LRT system. I would be a much-needed, and sustainable step forward for Hamilton.
Kimberley	McGibbon	The research and the studies have been done. Extensive consultation with the citizens of our city has been conducted. The collective result was and still is overwhelming support for LRT. All that remains is for our elected officials to honour their promises for funding and to initiate the construction. Please keep your promises to the people of our city . Let's move forward today!
Andrea	Costantini	After living in Toronto for a decade our decision to move to Hamilton (and into the neighbourhood we've purchased a home) was influenced by the promise of an LRT in downtown Hamilton. Its impact on the value of our home investment would be tremendous. Its impact on the city as a whole would be transformative. I therefore strongly support provincial and municipal development of the LRT and if that means we have to pay more taxes or create less sprawl - then so be it. It is time to push Hamilton forward as a city and LRT is part of that push.
R.	Janssen	In order to adequately prepare for the future, cities in Ontario must stop relying on single-occupant vehicles for the bulk of public transport. Reliable, sustainable, cost-efficient modes of transit are imperative if this is to happen. Hamilton's LRT is an investment with short AND long term benefits.
Peter	Taplay	I support LRT in Hamilton. I am a lifetime resident of Hamilton who commutes by bike, drives a car and pays taxes... this will be a positive step for our city. Its been discussed enough. Please make it happen.
James	Arlen	I have previously made public statements as part of the Hamilton Light Rail Initiative as well as in other public forums - my support of the Hamilton LRT has not wavered.
Rick	Calder	The studies have been done, the economic impact alone is reason to get this done sooner rather than later. The environmental impact is just a bonus. Since this is going to politicians I just want to make it clear that my votes in local elections will be strongly swayed by how you handle this situation.
Cameron	Kowalchuk	LRT would be such a welcome addition to Hamilton. It would spur new business development across the city and provide easier access to all the city has to offer by people from all walks of life.



Debbie	Avetissian	I truly hope that Hamilton is successful in being awarded funding to implement the LRT in our city. What an amazing potential for growth and prosperity it could prove to be. All the legwork has been done - let's get on with it!!
Azher	Siddiqui	I believe LRT is a necessity, primarily because it will help curb reliance on cars and subsequent air pollution, and secondarily because it will help generate much needed economic development in the core. Please make the ethically right decision for today and for generations to come.
Matt	Horner	One of the main reasons why I moved to Hamilton within the past few years was the remarkable transformation occurring downtown. The prospect of adding an LRT line to connect the lower city and speed up renewal is a tremendous opportunity that cannot be wasted. With Hamilton competing with other cities like Waterloo and Mississauga for jobs and talent we simply cannot afford NOT to build the LRT.
Martin	Eckart	I support the creation of an East-West Hamilton LRT system for better public transit and investment along the corridor.
Victor	North	A strong investment in transit is not only a tremendous opportunity for the city of Hamilton, it has become essential.
myra	leyden	Horrible to live through the construction phase? Definitely. Worth the disruption in the long run? Most certainly. Our collective health and the prospect of a more livable city makes it a no-brainer.
Matthew	Sweet	The potential return on investment for light rail justifies the investment of full capital funding from the province. Hamilton is already trending up. Light rail will be a crucial addition to what is already an increasingly positive mix of factors making Hamilton a diverse and thriving urban economy.
Chris	White	Please get the LRT project underway. Its pointless to drag our feet. Hamilton needs integrated transit for its downtown core to thrive and compete as an active city in southern Ontario. You and your office have the responsibility to provide conditions for a city that is accessible to all of its residents, not simply for those who can drive cars. Automotive mobility is only one way of traversing a city, but residents of Hamilton need more ways to travel between neighbourhoods efficiently. Let's develop a transit system that allows for this to be a reality, and I believe LRT is a step in the right direction.

David	Capizzano	It's time that the province held true to its promise to fund LRT in Hamilton. So many parts of our city could benefit from the B-Line rail, and it's a shame to see them waiting stagnant for something to happen.
Dave	Beynon	Looking forward to moving our city forward with the LRT.
Bartholomew	Huizinga	I live in Ward 9 and believe that building LRT is the best way to move our city forward. The economic potential of LRT is extraordinary, and when combined with zoning and property tax changes, will create an amazing opportunity to build our city.
Jason	Diller	I can't think of another initiative that would bring more improvement and growth to the core and thus to the city as a whole. It's time for the city to be bold and make a leap forward.
Craig	Hermanson	The arguments for LRT in Hamilton are overwhelming. Our city's future viability is nothing short of dependent on new and increased assessment and continued revitalization in the downtown core. LRT along the B-Line is essential to attracting continued investment, residents and employers as neighbouring cities implement their own LRT systems. #IStandForLRT #HamOnt
Michael	Majcher	While there is no silver bullet that will get Hamilton back up and running to its full potential, the implementation of the planned LRT will probably be the closest thing to it. There is already a strong call for just such service in this community, particularly by those who have vision and a sincere interest in wanting Hamilton to progress and attract all that comes with that. The actual need for better transit is not going to wane. Hamilton's LRT plan is a big contributor to the larger vision that is possible for this city. While the organic growth is already very evident here, the LRT will allow things to progress to the next level. Please let Hamilton take advantage of this one time only offer to propel itself towards actually reaching it's full potential.
Alex	M	LRT is needed. Complete streets are needed. The era of the gas automobile is fading, it's time to look at the bigger picture and consider our future as a progressive society. Enough time has been wasted, enough fear-mongering has been had - WE WANT LRT!
Steve	Dykstra	Stay the course. Recognize the clear economic and environmental benefits. Demonstrate a willingness to invest in this city's success.

Dave	Hanley	We need clarity and assurance from both our Municipal and Provincial governments that this project is still a priority for Hamilton. I'm no fan of megaprojects that claim to transform the City over night- but this project will have true economic and transportational benefits to the City as a whole, and is exactly the kind of infrastructural investment Hamiltonians deserve. Build LRT NOW!
Brian	Henley	The reasons for LRT that Hamilton City Council considered and voted unanimously in favour of are the same today as they were on the day of the vote. The benefits of LRT will spread all across the City of Hamilton as investments along the line and at each hub will be substantial leading to increased property tax revenue will will help every property taxpayer in the city
Adam	Palios	We need a faster, more reliable, more efficient, and more energy conservative plan for public transit. LRT is that vision. Please bring it to Hamilton community residents like myself and make it easier and more reliable to decrease my carbon footprint.
Leanne	Palmerston	Light Rail will be transformative for Hamilton. It will bring us into a future that we are only beginning to imagine. The economic oppourtunities it was create will be amazing for parts of Hamilton that have yet to get firmly on its feet.
Michael	Morgan	Developing LRT is a no-brainer for the continued success of Hamilton, and to date many promises have been made by politicians of all stripes at all levels. It is high time to stop engaging in endless studies and surveys, and actually get to the real work of implementing the transit system that this city needs to develop well. We all know the benefit that it will bring in terms of increased tax revenues, green benefits, and ease of transportation across the city core, so let's just get this done.
Erin	van Hiel	LRT has been shown to revitalize cities by making transit within them cheap, easy, and supportive of pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Support the development of the Golden Horseshoe by bringing high-quality, linked transport networks to each of its cities!
Klaas	Walma	LRT along East/West corridor levels playing field for all residents below escarpment in terms of making employment, merchants, businesses, and services accessible anywhere along the line.



Reduces the need for auto traffic/parking. Increases walkability along corridor, increases reach of bicycles and thus reducing health hazards and safety while also increasing health benefits and fostering greater sense of community and inclusion.

Harley

Carbary

I truly know deep in my heart that with LRT Hamilton will be that much better than Toronto. So many people rely on public transit in Hamilton and it got so messed up in Toronto. This is our chance to make something great and special.

Stefan

Murray

I fully support this plan. Thoroughly studied and broadly supported, LRT in Hamilton will continue to diversify the city economically, socially and promote an environmentally responsible transit solution.

Justin

Jones

The business case for LRT in Hamilton is clear: the ridership along the B-Line corridor is strong, the investment potential in downtown Hamilton is undeniable, and the benefits that an LRT could bring to the City far outweigh the costs. For Hamilton to truly succeed, it needs to offer residents quick, efficient and attractive transportation options, and an LRT system is the perfect way to begin constructing a Hamilton that is truly multi-modal. It's time for Hamilton to go back to its past, where the streets were teeming with life, where streetcars and pedestrians crowded the streets, and where businesses flourished. No more with the unimodal freeways through our downtown core, no more dithering and delays. The time to build the Hamilton that we want to see for the next 20 years is now, and the LRT sends a strong, clear message to both potential investors and new residents: Hamilton is doing things differently than it's done in the past. Please stand behind the previous promises made, and build the transit system our City needs today and into the future. Thank you.

Emily

Withers

Getting LRT in Hamilton would create a ripple effect, increasing infrastructure and our local economy.

Rod

Latner

yes we need LRT

Marc

Risdale

The LRT is an important project that needs our full support. This could very well be the game changer that vaults us brilliantly into a blindingly bright future. Let's make this happen!



Adela	Campello	We need reliable and environmentally friendly transportation in our city. Looking to the future, it's essential that we turn the tide.
Serafina	Thoma	i remember so many times where HSR drivers just whip past people trying to catch the bus, or all the times they've stopped in the middle of a route for coffee and made us wait 5 minutes. we need another system that gets people fast from one side of stoney creek to dundas. It shouldnt have to take me almost an hour by bus when in that time i could have driven to Toronto. LRT will beat the hsr bus probably by half the time, and pick up way more people since our city is so densely populated now.
David	Couture	Hamilton deserves a fair deal, and a fair chance at success. Light Rail will do wonders for Hamilton from moving us around quicker and more often than ever before, while creating an economically and environmentally sustainable City. Along with LRT projects in Toronto, Ottawa, Mississauga and Kitchener-Waterloo, Hamilton's plans will create local jobs in a province that has been bleeding them as of late.
Martin	Kuplens-Ewart	Despite the denial evident in some of our elected leaders, Hamiltonians generally recognize that not all has been well in the city. The LRT solves problems, frees up resources to improve service to other parts of the city, and gives hope that the province believes in places like Hamilton, not just the wealthy commuter cities closer to Toronto.
Radha	Menon	This is important for the development of Hamilton into a fist class world city. We need better and more efficient transit systems and MORE BIKE LANES! We depend on you to make the right decisions. Please do not let us down.
James	Scarfone	LRT is one of the main reasons I bought a home in Hamilton.
Deborah	Tompkins	It's way past time for Hamilton to catch up to where a city this size should already be on transit quality and efficiency. Bus Rapid Transit would be another in a long list of Hamilton's 'small-thinking' mistakes.
Michael	Mercier	I believe that the best opportunity for an economic transformation for Hamilton as a whole, and especially for downtown Hamilton is via the development of an integrated regional and local

transportation network that incorporates regional transit (all day, every day, express GO Transit service), local transit (a comprehensive bus network that feeds TWO major light rail lines, one running east-west, the other north-south), and alternative transit (dedicated and protected bike lanes, pedestrian zones, etc).

Bob	Leach	Hamilton needs Light Rail. We need it to remain competitive in attracting new business and residents to our city. An effective public transit system will attract riders and help to reduce our dependency on cars and at the same time help with the air quality. Hamilton needs Light Rail.
Chris	Ferguson	I think LRT will help engage and retain recent university graduates such as myself.
Samantha	G	Successful, vibrant cities are built on good transit links. LRT will help make Hamilton the world-class city it has the potential to be.
Joanne	Leach	Totally support the LRT in Hamilton.
Joanne	McCallum	LRT in Hamilton is critical for the ongoing evolution of the city into a dynamic, robust and exciting urban environment, providing amazing opportunities for live, work and play in downtown Hamilton. Not to mention a huge boost to the city's tax base. This MUST happen.
Nick	Shaw	Our mayor and council are dragging their feet. The debate is over. The studies are complete. The preliminary design work is finished. We are ready for progressive investment in high quality higher order transit in Hamilton.
Paul	Vicari	LRT should be considered a critical project to the future growth and prosperity of Hamilton. The province must stay the course and see this through.
Matt	Pinder	Let's revive downtown and help change the dominant mode of travel there to something more sustainable! LRT means less car trips which means less pollution, less traffic, safer roads, and less parking infrastructure required!



Jeff	Zuk	Our intentions are completely clear. Rapid Ready is a comprehensive plan that specifies an LRT line running along the east-west corridor between McMaster University and Eastgate Square.
Jason	Garner	Our city absolutely needs LRT!
Daniel	Dell	As a motorist, pedestrian, cyclist, transit user, home owner, tax payer, and voter I see the value in the LRT. I believe that we need to make changes now, however uncomfortable they may seem, in order to reap the benefits of sustainable and smart growth.
Sonja	Macdonald	It astounds me that despite a clear, reasoned, researched case for LRT that is broadly supported within our community, our local politicians are still dragging their feet on this. As taxpayers we are contributing to building the transit infrastructure across this province. It is only reasonable, and fair, that our city can also benefit from this much need provincial transit investment. It is time that Hamilton stops being left behind. It is the responsibility of our municipal leadership to fight for what we deserve, and it is more than time for our provincial representatives to advocate on our city's behalf to ensure we are at the front of the line for funding on transit. This is about supporting the dynamic change that is already being built in our city by citizens, neighbours and communities.
Chris	Ewing-Weisz	If we want Hamilton to be a better city, we need better transit. The work has been done, the metrics are there. It's time to take the promised action.
Mara	Adams	LRT is an important step in the process of creating a vibrant and economically diverse downtown area. We all benefit from that goal, but most especially the "suburbs" (from which I hail). Too many times we have passed over opportunity, or settled for something less than stellar. It is time to invest in our future and continue on the path of economic prosperity for Hamilton.
Laura	Poole	LRT all the way. Hamilton is a fantastic city and an LRT will help establish more development in and around the city and increase tourism. More people will contribute to small businesses in Hamilton as they can spend more time in Hamilton rather than waiting on their commute. I, for one, live in Hamilton on weekends as I work in Toronto and this will allow me to live in Hamilton and become part of my community more.



Stephanie	Ross	Hamilton needs the kind of transit that will contribute to economic development in the lower city that so many of our fellow citizens have been working so hard to generate. We deserve a system that will make efficient public transit alternatives meaningful and accessible to the east end. Don't let us down.
Peter	Graefe	<p>I was sceptical about light rail in Hamilton. Then I saw how on day 1, we would have ridership at at least the North American average, with much potential for growth given the unfortunate anti-bus stigma that I encounter in the city.</p> <p>The economic benefits are also considerable, I have since learned, and should make this an economic development priority for the city, but also for the province in terms of its Place To Grow plan.</p> <p>Given past commitments by the province, I find the current tactic of shifting the goalposts unfortunate. LRT in Hamilton is a city building and province building initiative, and should not be derailed at this stage.</p>
David	Jenkins	LRT around the world is a proven economic generator. We need LRT B line in Hamilton. Fund it now.
Joanna	Zuk	I support LRT in Hamilton!
James	Tilbury	It is about time our city took a step forward instead of two steps back. The LRT would be a great stimulus for the revitalization of the downtown core.
Michael	Hutchings	As a resident of East Hamilton, LRT is the best way to ensure a healthy future growth and reducing traffic loads in the City of Hamilton. It is the continuation of the ongoing transformation this city is undergoing and will help revitalize the King St. corridor and city center.
Colin	Whyte	This is the best thing to ever happen to Hamilton. Hamilton NEEDS this.



Rafael	Ferreira	It's primordial that in the big picture, the LRT will bring prosperity to all the city in so many ways.
Cam	Galindo	As a municipal elections candidate for Ward 9, I fully support LRT in Hamilton.
Phil	Williams	The people in my neighbourhood deserve better. Our roads are crumbling, our bike lanes don't exist, and bus service is infrequent. These challenges could easily be overcome, should the province meet its commitment to fund LRT in Hamilton. Do right by my community and provide us with a sustainable, accessible, LRT option. Public transit investment is sorely needed in Hamilton!
Michael	Moniz	Though I may live in Winona and have for the last 10 years, I grew up in Ward 2 and my parents still live there. LRT is exactly what this city needs to rocket it into the 21st century. It's success in the inner city bodes well for the entire city including us here in the suburbs. My dream is a successful inner city LRT will lead to greater transit service for all the city. Imagine a B line eventually extended all the way from Winona to Dundas and a A line from the airport to the waterfront!
David	Jenkins	More buses mean more congestion and pollution and cost over time. An LRT makes sense from every perspective. Hamilton needs an LRT system in order to rise out of the pit it is presently in. An LRT would afford better public mobility which is important to spark and maintain growth of access, business and employment. In general, a more prosperous community.
ian	reynolds	It's time we became a real city with real transit. We have a low income population that needs reliable and efficient transport, because cars continue to take up more and more space on our roads, driving pedestrians and families away.
Dave	Michal	Dear Hamilton City Council & Liberal Provincial Government. LRT is right for me. Please keep your promises.
Simon	Mangan	Please go ahead with fully funding a LRT in Hamilton. The residents affected have been consulted and want it to happen. I live in a mixed income, high unemployment community which will benefit directly from the boost to local business that only an integrated LRT can bring.
Nathan	DeJong	Hamilton is the largest census metropolitan area in Ontario without a rail transit system. It is a fast-growing city with an up and coming arts and culture scene. Any modern urban centre, particularly



one transitioning into post-industrialism needs an effective transit system in order to grow and prosper. An LRT line and continued improvements to the transit system will pay off, as Hamilton develops into an economic and cultural centre.

Ashley	Tyler-Smith	LRT will greatly increase the value of the community I live in. It will benefit small businesses and create opportunity for business owners to thrive. I STRONGLY support this project and sincerely hope that city council and the province will get this loving ASAP.
Steve	Mac Intyre	Please make LRT happen in Hamilton. Don't fail the next generation.
Matt	Leyland	Please support a sustainable transit system that will benefit this very deserving city. LRT is an attractive feature when choosing a city in which to live.
Megan	Platts	Light rail has the ability to transform our city. We have a winning formula for the B-line: lane capacity, existing ridership and burgeoning redevelopment. Hamilton wants LRT. It is an investment in our city, for our future.
Jason	McGibbon	Hamilton is ready, and needs LRT. It is time to make this happen.
Brandon	Jorritsma	As the completed studies and implementation of LRT elsewhere have already clearly demonstrated, the proposed LRT running along King Street will have a dramatically positive effect on the City of Hamilton.
Jennifer	Burt	As a downtown resident, I support LRT in Hamilton and would use it. I want to live in a vibrant, progressive, world-class city. You can't have that without building a transit system that has the future in mind - proactive, not reactive. LRT is the best way to get us there.
Paula	Randazzo	Needs to be done.
Jeff	Neven	Please make LRT a priority. Good cities have good transit and complete streets.

Angie	Bennett	Light rail would help add needed density to our downtown and increase accessibility. Think big, think green. Please keep your promise.
Nelly	Sinclair	Please get us the lrt now
James	Hutton	Good for the people, good for the City. This needs to happen.
Marcus	Berberick	I born and continue to live in Hamilton plus I work in the downtown core. I am overwhelmingly impressed with the progress that has happened in the core and the LRT would make all the difference in the world to bring people back to the core, both from Hamilton and the surrounding areas. Please make every effort possible to make this happen as I feel it will be pivotal to the future success to Hamilton core.
Kevin	Makins	I remember engaging in this issue back in 2007. Fresh out of college, my wife and i had just moved downtown and we were proud to live in such a progressive and ambitious city. I still believe that is the city we need to be.
Ryan	Moran	This commitment was made, follow through.
Jacklyn	Campbell	Invest in Hamilton's future - support LRT.
Dennis	Goldsberry	We need to develop infrastructure for the future and at the same time redevelop lower Hamilton. There are many beautiful neighbourhoods along the proposed route of the LRT. The LRT would make these neighbourhoods more desirable than they are presently. At the same time we need to limit development of the farmland on the outskirts of the city so that we have arable land for the future.
Ron	Lariviere	As a regular user of HSR, I urge you to improve service on the B-line corridor by implementing LRT construction ASAP. The need is there, the ridership is there, the funding is there, the benefits are known and not insignificant.
Erich	Bertussi	Not only should Hamilton have an LRT but it's use should be Fare Free for all citizens to use as they have done in Estonia.

If a country that is back from Communist Russia a former dictatorship can offer Fare Free Transit, then why can't Hamilton.

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| Sarah | Martin | Please remember your promise to put an LRT system into Hamilton. We are making progress toward a more liveable, walkable, sustainable city but we're not there yet. It takes people with a vision for the future of Hamilton to see how each of these elements contributes to a revitalized downtown and larger city. |
| Mary | Bowness | Fast, efficient public transit via the LRT is certainly the way to go. LRT promotes good health by offering a viable alternative to single car usage and won't pollute the same way buses do. Esthetically the LRT helps promote Hamilton and will support the density the city needs. I fully support LRT and will vote accordingly. |
| Sam | Slade | Please please support the LRT in Hamilton. I cannot stress enough how vitally important LRT is for Hamilton's future and the opportunity for this kind of funding my never come around again. In my opinion it's the single most important infrastructure project for the city in the last 50 years. I've travelled fairly extensively and visited many world class cities and the one common denominator was their amazing and efficient subway and LRT public transportation infrastructure. Buses are NOT and will never be the answer for our city!! Force our mayor to recognize this and push him to stop dragging his heels!! To be a world class city you must start thinking like one. Please spread the word! |
| Nicholas | Kevlahan | I strongly support building the B-Line LRT that has been thoroughly studied, designed, and has involved unprecedented public consultation and input. The B-line LRT is the most important infrastructure investment of our generation ... and we can do it! |
| Matt | Graham | It's the right thing to do, and it's the right thing for Hamilton! |
| Mike | Logan | I believe that higher-order local transit, such as LRT, is a foundational component of the re-emergence of Hamilton as a vibrant urban centre, and as a key part of the Greater Golden Horseshoe urban region. Investment needs to be made in higher-order local transit now, to further |



encourage urban development and healthy intensification that will provide a higher Quality of Life for Hamiltonians, as well as help achieve the objectives of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Lee Edward	McIlmoyle	This city has long been at the back of the line when it comes to innovative and forward-thinking solutions to problems average citizens experience. Whether they realize it or not, ALL Hamiltonians truly need LRT to be installed here, for Hamilton to evolve and grow into a major metropolitan city, instead of a mere adjunct to Toronto.
Tanya	Ritchie	LRT is the best first step for a truly useful and effective transit system in Hamilton. It is past time it was implemented. We deserve it, and we need it. Thank you.
Graham	Jeffries	The LRT project in Hamilton will allow us to grow into the future as a sustainable city. Transit Oriented Developments can help redevelop the ageing corridor into a nodal system of invigorated communities and new businesses. Moving people on transit will free up space on our roads for the necessary traffic: the delivery and service vehicles that serve our business' needs. The health of the city will be better off too, as we lessen the pollution in our city and get people moving again. With rent set to increase, economical transportation will be a must-have for future residents as Hamilton continues to attract investment. Let's prepare for the future.
Catherine	Ahern	Every successful city has good transit. This is a "no-brainer" for the next steps in making Hamilton a livable, vibrant city.
Denise	Jackson	Long Overdue and such a great investment in the future of our city!
Petra	Zantingh	Having lived in a large city, I know first hand how crucial a good public transit system is not only environmentally but also from a commercial and business perspective. It builds community and people are generally healthier because they walk to and from stops. It's time to revitalize the city and this will make a huge difference.
Alistair	Morton	After 2 decades in Calgary, I know It's the perfect system for here, right now.
Hayley	Watson	As Hamilton expands, so must its transit. Please support an LRT for the city.



Keith	Stinson	As a west Hamilton resident and downtown Hamilton business owner and investor, I have taken a keen interest in LRT from the outset. I have done my research and weighed the options and strongly feel LRT is the only solution for sustainable transit and development as we move forward, not only as a city, but as a province.
Trish	Vanson	If we build it, they will come. We want a sustainable city, so we simply must reduce individual gas-powered vehicles. We can only do that if there are other options. Our children deserve a city, a country, an earth that can sustain them in good health.
Kathy	Garneau	I am a strong proponent of LRT. We need to future-proof our city by making it more environmentally sustainable and economically sustainable by improving Hamilton's standard of living and making a more desirable place to live. MY FAMILY WANTS LRT!!!!
jamie	mcquay	Make this happen!
Michael	Burgess	I support LRT for Hamilton.
Brendan	Simons	I am writing you to ask that you support the next step in our transition. Hamilton has spent years evaluating, planning and preparing for a Light Rail Transit line. This line would link McMaster University in our West end and dense residential and business nodes in our East end with the growing fountain of civic life in our core. We have completed an extensive range of studies and plans for this project. They show that bus lines along this route already carry enough passengers to justify an upgrade to rail making this the perfect corridor to re-shape growth in our city around high-calibre transit, just as it has in Calgary, Edmonton and hundreds of other cities. In short, Hamilton is at a turning point, and this is exactly the right moment for LRT to accelerate our renaissance. We are ready, willing and hopeful for your leadership. Please don't let this opportunity slip.
Sandra	Carroll	I support LRT for Hamilton. Let's put Hamilton on the map!
Monika	Skarratt	We are a family with two young children and one vehicle. My husband works full time and so my access to the car is very limited during business hours. Light Rail transit would make the rest of the city much more accessible to us and we'd be able to take advantage of many more of the city's



educational and community programs as well as healthcare locations.

Paul	Raun	Light rail will allow us to provide cost effective, rapid, transit over the extent of Hamilton's urbanised area, as well as offering a more comfortable ride that attracts greatly increased ridership. We are in situation where we are relying increasingly on energy sources that yield markedly less net energy. The US's reliance on shale oil, with a rapid depletion rate and recent reports of decreasing well productivity, and Canada's on the Tars Sands, where the remaining 80% of deposits will very likely yield low net energy(less than three units of energy returned per unit of energy invested, close to low-yielding biofuels such as ethanol), show the predicament we increasingly face and for which it is crucial for us to plan. Light rail relies on a variety of energy sources, not simply one(petroluem) as buses do or batteries or fuel cells (which involve a high level of embodied energy and use of rare earth minerals. In this context, electric motors, deriving power through a direct current, provide an energy efficient way of moving relatively large numbers of riders quickly. It is vital to start building light rail lines now,before our predicament kicks in fully, in conjunction with developing a more compact urban form for cities such as Hamilton along with suburban areas across the GTA.
Eric	Gillis	City Council's primary mission should be to embetter the lives of the residents of Hamilton. To me, that means supporting investment in our community that will ensure a future for the growth of our resident's quality of life, and our city's economy. Investing in LRT is the extremely well-researched way for this city to do both. And so I hope in sincerity that Hamilton's leaders will offer up their unwavering support of LRT- so that we may continue to do what is best for this city, not only economically but for the quality of life for out citizens as well.
Donn	Zver	It's time for the city and the province to move forward with this worthwhile project. We need this service and as a tax payer of Hamilton, I support this project.
Lisa	Jeffs	I fully support LRT in Hamilton, and hope the province can lead us in this, even if our own councillors are failing us.
tom	germann	This is a chance to revitalize Hamilton and the surrounding areas. A mass transit system will help cut down on traffic that can be a nightmare to drive through now. Let's get the LRT going!



Margaret	Flood	Hamilton needs a LRT- this is a great opportunity for our city. Also, with provincial funds guaranteed, we would be foolish to turn our back on this possibility. The cost of light rail will only rise and we need this now, not in 10 years for 10 times the cost
Ignacio	Irazuzta	Keep your promise to fund LRT NOW!!
Anne	Chaffee	I have carefully considered the argument for and against rail transit in Hamilton, and have come out strongly in favour for many reasons (economic uplift, environment, public health, fitness). Planning reports that site the significant economic uplift associated with rail transit systems are compelling enough to support the request for 100% provincial funding up front - to be repaid as economic uplift materializes. Jennifer keesmaat, Chief Planner for the City of Toronto, is excited about light rail in Hamilton. She thinks that light rail transit is a, "game changer". I agree!
Ameriga	Alonzo	We just moved to Hamilton from Baltimore, Maryland about three years ago ... and since arriving we can not help but note that Hamilton is on its way to remaking itself much the same way that Baltimore did some years ago. The main missing ingredient is LRT. We saw everything LRT proponents say come true there, and more, all positive, and we look forward to the promise it holds for Hamilton. LRT attracts the kind of investment and development that Hamilton wants and that you support.
Nic	Southall	It is time that our city and those responsible for the decisions within it to ensure this important step to move forward in positive manner occurs. There are other cities across North America who are dedicated and determined to make sure their city is making positive and beneficial changes that directly effects their residents. The addition of an LRT to this city only demonstrates that Hamilton officials are part of this group! Enough of sitting on the sidelines watching other cities, municipalities, provinces and states leap frog us in desireable cities to live and visit. It's time Hamilton got in the game! LRT! LRT! LRT! LRT!
John	Richer	I would use it very often
Paul	Mason	LRT badly needed to help Hamilton move forward.



Don	Hanzel	Let's do it soon. It will cost less now than in 10 years when we will really need it. Save and be prepared.
Damin	Starr	I humbly suggest that a Hamilton LRT system would be a proactive infrastructure investment consistent with ongoing smart growth initiatives in our City. To avoid future (more costly) reactionary measures often associated with urban development, I urge those involved in the decision making process to consider Hamilton's Rapid Ready Plan including LRT as an opportunity to build it once and build it right.
Drew	Hauser	<p>The LRT is a very exciting change for how we can live in Hamilton and NOW is the right time to make this critical investment in Hamilton's future.</p> <p>As an architect I have witnessed in other cities how Light Rail Transit can make neighbourhoods more accessible to all citizens and how this investment translates into sustainable communities. It attracts business, strengthens neighbourhoods, accessibility and environmental benefits. Please support LRT and make it happen!</p>
Michael	Ladouceur	Having lived and worked on three continents and five cities in North America, I can see clearly how an LRT system makes sense for Hamilton. We need to think of the overall benefits to the region and not play political strategies of one voting block against another. Please let's enter into the age of maturity and not remain stuck in our adolescence. Anyone who can imagine the future knows that we will have some form of efficient, effective public transportation in Hamilton - it is inevitable, so let's do it right from the beginning.
Kelly	Tilma	Since moving to Hamilton traffic congestion is always a problem. Parking almost impossible at certain times of the day. The air quality continues to suffer. The other thing I consistently see everyday is road rage often caused by traffic congestion or other motorists. I have been to some cities in the States with LRT. It works. People use it. Hamilton is a great town for this service. We can connect the mountain to the core. Make the Universities and Colleges more accessible to students. It will move people without cars and allow the centre downtown core to flourish and grow. That will create more jobs. It is a win for the city. I know the costs are high but the long term gain definitely will be worth it.

Gene	Wasik	I've used the LRT in Portland and loved it!! Great way to get around. It was well utilized, convenient and it worked! In Portland, the signal light change to green as the LRT approaches. I had no problems or issues driving on the same streets with LRTs. LRTs will make a positive difference in Hamilton.
Cory	Aitken	This would be great for Hamilton! We need this kind of thing to grow to our full potential.
Laura	Babcock	Rarely does the province approach cities for a major investment in transportation. Hamilton has done the work and we have a strong business case for LRT. It's time for leadership to make this happen.
Willem	de Ruijter	The City's Rapid Transit Report Recommends LRT. The province has promised funding. Hamilton's citizens need a reliable and healthy transportation alternative. Our economy needs the stimulus that LRT provides.
Ian	Brisbin	I wholeheartedly support the implementation of LRT on the B-line. I can't begin to contribute any statement that could approach the value of the considerable volume of empirically-driven work done by others. That said, I believe that LRT is a transformative opportunity for the City and look forward to hearing that after so many fits and starts, we will be proceeding with construction.
Marc	Skulnick	I wholeheartedly support LRT in Hamilton. I think it is vital to the next phase of city building and will help Hamilton capitalize on the momentum which has been building over the last five years or so - the economic benefits of LRT are well documented.
Jason	Raynor	Hamilton real estate in old Hamilton (non-mountain) is slowly on an upswing due to people from Toronto choosing to buy in Hamilton. Along with influx of new residents we need to improve the cities transit infrastructure and help promote business renewal along the East / West corridor. An LRT line is the key to accomplishing this. Is it going to be expensive? Yes. Is it going to cause traffic congestion in the short term? Yes. Change is difficult but it needs to be done and in the end it will benefit and revitalize of the East / West old Hamilton corridor. Hamilton is a great place to live and many people are starting to realize this but we need new infrastructure in old Hamilton to keep the outside investment ball rolling.

Pamela	Lindeman	Let's concentrate on connecting Hamilton neighbourhoods rather than being defined by individual neighbourhoods. A united Hamilton will be a stronger Hamilton. And cleaner, more efficient public transit makes sense towards that goal. Start with the B-Line.
Graham	Crawford	Call me old-fashioned, but I respect people who honour their promises. The Ontario Liberals promised 100% captial funding for LRT. They need to follow through and honour their promise. Council promised (voted unanimously) to support LRT if the Ontario Liberals honoured their promise. I suggest both elected groups do the right thing and begin working together to build LRT in Hamilton now, not decades from now. This is about so much more than just modern, efficient transit, although that's not a bad goal on its own.
Kristin	Reynolds	The future growth and success of our city depends on sustainable transportation. An investment now in LRT will help ensure that Hamilton becomes the livable vibrant city we want it to be.
Teresa	LaFave	We can't make the same mistakes Toronto and other cities have made over the past decades. We have a chance here to look forward and plan for the future. Hamilton will continue to grow, we must plan for the population growth. The downtown must be user friendly and transportation initiatives will "pave" the way for growth. The gas prices are moving people from their cars to walking, biking, and public transportation. Let's take this and run with it. The provincial government made the promise, they need to keep the promise and we/our politicians need to look forward and get this LRT done now. We don't need to look back in hindsight like Toronto is now and say shouldacouldawoulda....
Cheryl	Webb	I support this investment in transit and in our city. We want the LRT!
Dave	Kuruc	As small business and property owners in the downtown, my wife and I truly believe that an LRT running east-west can be a truly transformative and beneficial project to renew and strengthen Hamilton. A project like this requires vision from our leaders and citizens to move Hamilton into the future. As someone once told me "not only will LRT move people across the city - it will also move ideas." Those fresh, bold and brave ideas are what will help make Hamilton a more amazing place to live. We owe it to our kids and our future citizens to build sustainable and innovative transit solutions. LRT is one piece of the puzzle. Let's do this Hamilton!



Alex	Zafer	It's time to make a commitment to the future of public transit for Hamilton. LRT is a once in a lifetime opportunity to transform our city! People prefer rail over bus, the ridership is already there and will only increase further. Time and time again studies show the positive economic uplifts that come from LRT when implemented in cities throughout North America. Why would we be any different? The benefits far outweigh the initial costs. LRT is a proven force for densification and developer investment. It is transformative. The environmental benefits alone shouldn't be ignored. Hamilton
Andrew	McPhail	As a dedicated transit user i support LRT for Hamilton!
Brian	H	LRT is a project that can accomplish many different things in one fell swoop. The funding provides immediate jobs in the area, with all of the residual effects of money earned, and spent, locally. It helps to ease transit issues which exist in the city. The encouragement to step out of our vehicles and assume the responsibility of public transit will be one mitigating factor impacting our environmental footprint. Lastly, it is a better connector between the reaches of the city that what currently exists. This becomes an issue of equity, fairness, and economic justice. LRT has been promised. LRT is something we desire for our city.
Stephen	Reza	Hamilton has traditionally been a city on the leading edge of industry and community development. I believe LRT is an opportunity that, if implemented now, can very positively affect Hamilton's future appeal within a regional context and to the world.
Tom	Ciancone	I have followed the debate in the Hamilton Spectator over the years. Sometimes it is hard to filter out fact from fiction. However, taking all things into consideration, I would support the LRT proposal. Over 30 years ago, I was in Bern, Switzerland. What amazed me most was their use of electric trains. Bern was a clean and very liveable city. I see the Hamilton issue larger than just transit, I see it as City-Building. That is why I accept the community development argument over the affordable transit argument. Please use your political will to bring LRT to Hamilton. By the way, I use the GO Transit to go to Toronto. It's great! However, this is a different issue. Hamilton needs to have it's own internal transit system to improve both the community and the environment. Sincerely, Tom Ciancone Ward 8, Hamilton Mountain

Ashley M.	Chabot	Comprised of an aging population, revitalization of Hamilton is dependent upon attracting younger, income-earning persons looking elsewhere than Toronto to establish themselves. LRT is just one of the many ways in which Hamilton can attract young professionals to the area. It should not be overlooked in favor of bus lines with little sustainability in comparison with that of LRT, offering little to the renaissance Hamilton is currently undergoing.
Catherine	Cox	LRT makes perfect sense for Hamilton, today, for its future - it is THE way of the future... Every time I travel back to France, I am more and more convinced of this. Build LRT in Hamilton NOW!
Ross Godsoe &	Tim Mattioli	The Ambitious City. Coined in the 1800s, this Hamilton moniker has resurfaced in the past few years and is an encouraging sign that our city is ready to boldly tackle the 21st century challenges it faces. Along with other deindustrializing cities in North America, Hamilton is discovering that success relies on a combination of factors: a diverse economy with job opportunities, quality housing and vibrant, livable neighbourhoods. First and foremost, a successful city must be one in which people want to live. We need to be forward thinking in our plans for the future, and we believe that light rail is one of the best ways to achieve many of the city's goals. These include continued revitalization of the downtown core, intensification along main corridors, further economic development and a broadening of the tax base.
Maureen	Wilson	Considerable research demonstrates that investing in a LRT system for Hamilton makes economic sense for our city's future. Due process has been followed. I fully support the construction of such as system, as proposed, for my city of Hamilton.
Adele	Wilson	I supported LRT when the public engagement campaign was first undertaken and that support has not changed. If anything the increased development and optimism within the lower city of Hamilton makes for an even stronger case for an LRT system. I would suggest that most of those that supported LRT back then feel the same way.
Aleks	Stosich	The Hamilton of my childhood was a beautiful, exciting, optimistic city. I want that kind of Hamilton back. Decades of being strung along by GO Transit for full service have left me skeptical, but the Province can show its commitment to this major urban hub by supporting this LRT initiative. Hamilton has been, historically, a city of firsts, of leadership by example. Let the LRT be another example for Canadian cities to emulate. Support the LRT!



Jennifer	Brasch	As a kid, my parents brought me to Hamilton to shop at Eatons', Miller's and the music store in the Lister Block. As an adult, I have worked in Hamilton since 1992. I was shocked at the decline in downtown Hamilton when I began working in the city. It has been exciting to watch the revitalization of the downtown core, to see new businesses, restoration of the Lister Block, and all the new construction. LRT is an extension of the development and growth in Hamilton. Numerous studies have demonstrated the positive long-term impact it will have on the city and the benefits to residents. We need to move forwards with LRT!
Anne	Warne	Hamilton's increasing it's viability and livability with rehabilitated neighborhoods and so many other positive initiatives so let's continue the positive progress and economic growth by supporting the LRT.
Liz	Passmore	Hamilton already has such a terrible reputation, especially compared to nearby municipalities. I hear Hamilton compared to assholes and armpits, and I'm ashamed to live here. We need to show people just how amazing Hamilton is, and an LRT system is a great way to do that. It will help Hamiltonians for decades to come and really catapult us into a better light.
Martin	Lessard	It's time for us to make some smart social decisions in Hamilton, especially when it comes to transportation in the city. The bike share that is starting this year is a welcome addition to our transit strategy as is the LRT.
Patricia	Reid	Please make LRT a priority. We must make mass transit a priority and get as many cars off our city streets. Not just to remove congestion but cut pollution emissions as well.
Jonathan	Dalton	I have followed the LRT debate in Hamilton with great interest since the formation of Hamilton Light Rail in 2007. I attended several of the City's public meetings and have written Council several times to express support. It's hard to believe it's been the better part of a decade and City and provincial leaders are still going in circles on the issue. It has been so long, many of them may even legitimately have forgotten their own studies and votes in support of LRT. The facts haven't changed. Light rail in Hamilton will be a much deserved improvement for thousands of transit riders and a crucial investment in the future of our city.



Don	Holland	We need it now !!!'
Jeremy	FReiburger	I really don't understand why we're even debating this anymore. Our urban core is densifying. I can see 5 condo projects from my office window. We know that all of these people are not going to drive, and that effective and efficient transit is a must have to support growth. Hamilton has to stop thinking of itself as a city stuck in 1950. We're moving on folks and its time fro modern public transit.
Graeme	Luke	The proposed LRT will make an important contribution to the livability of Hamilton. Every city that I've visited with LRT is a joy to move around in and has lots of great development along its route. Time for Hamilton to move forward.
Erinn	Turnbull	The Ontario government made a commitment to fund light rail transit in Hamilton and needs to deliver on that commitment regardless of the campaign related misinformation now being spread around - the city and council of Hamilton is in clear support of LRT, a decision reached after many years of research and reports, no more of that should be required to move forward with the approved approach.
conrad	galambos	Please, take advantage of opportunity Hamilton. Let's move forward and not make it painful, as usual.
Marnie	Burgess	Big cities need SERIOUS public transit. No one will choose inferior public transit over their cars. LRT is the future!
Laura	Macdonald	I support LRT for the economic growth Hamilton needs. I support LRT for the downtown revitalization Hamilton needs. I support LRT as part of building complete streets that Hamilton needs. Hamilton needs LRT.
Kelly	Garrison	If you build they will come...I came back to my home Hamilton after leaving over 12 years ago.. said I would never return. I came back and bought a house in the heart of the Hammer because I believe Hamilton with the proper leadership and forward thinking can be all she was meant to be. Hamilton's biggest problem is Hamilton. Please get on board with LRT and look at the big picture of how it benefits this great city in the long run, we do not need to be a second class city to Toronto.



Ryan	Marshall	An opportunity that could change Hamilton's future, be a catalyst for more development and a green form of transit....why not. Full support.
Crystle	Numan	I believe the LRT is worth any investment. I will use it!
Matt	Meier	We cannot afford to let this incredibly city-changing opportunity slip.
Lindsey	Jacobs	We need this, I would use it for sure, never take the busses. Would be great for this city.
Agnes	Richard	In everything municipalities consider for the future, the climate must be part of the equation. Although the initial cost of LRT is higher than BRT, the short and long term benefits for Hamilton's environment and economy are far greater, AND THE PROVINCE IS COMMITTED TO PICKING UP THE TAB. I would very much like the future Hamilton to look like a modern, vibrant community and I believe LRT transit can get us there far better than BRT.
Tony	Higgins	I feel that our city is on the verge of squandering a great opportunity. An above ground subway along a corridor that is already used by thousands of citizens. It is no wonder people who study public transit (experts) are in favour of a B line LRT. There is a generation of creative entrepreneurial-minded young people that have been priced out of Toronto. They don't want to own cars. They want to live in urban spaces connected by high quality public transit. They are our future. We need to be bold and move this city in a new direction.
Bob	Manojlovich	Millions of dollars spent on studies and planning should make this a no brainer, game changer for Hamilton.
Toby	Yull	LRT, yes please! Would love to see it go past McMaster to the transit hub at University Plaza, Dundas. People in Dundas are hungry for a connection to the East-West line.
Glen	Carroll	Build it!!
James	Rockwood	My family of 5 all support LRT and we support those politicians that support LRT. We do not support, nor will we in the future, those politico's that refuse to listen to their constituents. (all of them, not just the screechy ones that have nothing better to do than gripe about the poor state of

our City).

Krist	Hayes	I believe that a LRT system will be a crucial step that Hamilton needs to invest in as we continue to develop into of the most dynamic cities in Canada. Between increased GO service, continued investment in cycling infrastructure and hopefully with LRT, I see little reason to continue car ownership. This is a vision that is environmentally conscious, and I fully support it.
Sarah	James	The backtracking remarks coming from city council on LRT are clearly unresearched and baseless, and, quite simply, make a mockery of this city. It's time for city council to follow through, and it's time for Hamilton to grow.
Mark	Chamberlain	A successful case for LRT has been made based on assumptions and aspirations that both describe and define the city I want to live in. The only risk - leadership. Leadership to aspire and leadership to implement.
walter	furlan	We need to move forward with lrt asap. The way the transportation of people is structured in Hamilton is not sustainable nor is it ecologically sound. We will pay many times more as we wait and debate.
Scott	Summerhayes	The City of Hamilton is wasting time even debating this. We know the benefits, we know the price, we have the facts, the jury should not still be out on this. If we are going to renew our city and call it ambitious again, we need to prove that we are ready to take control of development and make decisions big and small. LRT is the next step and tripping over it is not an option.
Catherine	Cox	The B-line LRT is Hamilton's single most important infrastructure project for a generation: it has the potential to help Hamilton achieve its economic and social potential as one of Canada's most dynamic cities.
Tor	Lukasik-Foss	this city desperately needs to encourage and de-stigmatize public transit. Light Rail, bike lanes, extended Go Service, are all appropriate and overdue steps toward this goal.



Mieke	Aasman	The time for LRT is now. If we truly believe the revival of Hamilton will continue, we need better public transportation. LRT will impact our economy, improve transportation for professionals, students, families and other individuals who want to live and work in the best city there is. The research has been done, let's act and move forward now.
Jason	Berg	As an Ontario taxpayer I am a strong supporter of Hamilton LRT
Greg	Tedesco	LRT can impact this city not only in the present, but in the future as we continue to move forward and grow. We know this because of the work that has been done to study its potential impact for our city. Modern, efficient transit needs to be a priority investment in Hamilton and LRT is an opportunity that can't be and shouldn't be undervalued.
Chris	Sanislo	Including LRT in our city-building infrastructure make good, proven sense for Hamilton and surrounding region. We need to spur commercial investment downtown, minimize the continued sprawl to the suburbs. This will breed further investment and retain talent currently hopping on the GO Train to Union Station every morning. We need to make downtown a better destination where living and working is enjoyable. A priority in public transportation can achieve that friendly, liveable urban setting that people want to be a part of.
Peter	Kwakernaak	Support for LRT
nancy	henderson	homework appears to have been done and funding secured. lets move on this one and not let second-best options be the default.
Audrey	Patocs	As a lifetime Hamilton resident, McMaster University graduate, and a property owner in the downtown core, I have great hopes and expectations for the city's renaissance in the post-steeltown era. If the city is going to thrive economically and culturally, it needs people to live in it, not just drive through it on their way home to the suburbs. LRT is part of the package that will help to create a city core that is populated by healthy people and businesses.
Donna	Reid	LRT and the development it will encourage ensures a successful future for this city. It's time for Hamilton to step up and grow up.

Sherry	Parsley	I support LRT in Hamilton. Good for our local economy, good for small business, and most importantly, good for people.
David	Matko	As a new homeowner in the lower east end of the city, I would love to see an LRT in place to improve the area. This proposed line would also cut out the need for my car entirely. Let's get moving on this!
Daniel	Botham	LRT in Hamilton is worth pursuing wholeheartedly. The studies are completed and it has come out on top. I live and work in downtown Hamilton. My long-suffering hope that Hamilton would become a pedestrian-oriented city that prioritizes walking, cycling and higher-order transit has kept me here over the years. LRT is vital to building this type of city. Let's make LRT happen.
Deidre	Henne	This initiative would certainly help with commuting downtown. Although parking is reported to be sufficient, it is very difficult for full time down town employees to find lots willing to provide "monthly" parking. Sure these lots all advertise monthly park, but the reality is they have wait lists and would rather take daily paying customers - leaving our reguvinated downtown with new businesses and no place for staff to park. Please bring light rail to Hamilton.
Gary	Gerbrandt	Hamilton deserves LRT just as much as Mississauga, K-W and Toronto.
Leona	DiCenzo	Hamilton is moving by leaps and bounds to become a great city to live in. This would be another step in the right diretion to move Hamilton ahead.
Dan	Gismondi	The Light Rail Transit is a game changer for the City of Hamilton. This mode of transportation is clean, efficent and will increase value to resdential and commercial real estate. Our city will transform to a modern upbeat location for future generations. Let's all get on board the train for growth and success. We must be Hamilton the "ambitious city" and our elected political leaders must make this choice for it's citizens. LRT will lead the way.
Joe	Accardi	Hamilton is turning into a knowledge economy and for the economy to flourish the city needs to be connected. The fastest growing sectors in the Hamilton economy will be further successful for it.



Frances	Murray	I support LRT for Hamilton. The studies have been completed, and there is no point in spending more money to study other options and spend almost as much money to implement other technology. Hamilton wants LRT in order to remain a competitive and vibrant city.
Jacqueline	Stagen	LRT is really important to our family. We also think it would be very good for the city and make it more appealing to companies wanting to start up here. Please support LRT.
Andrea	Alves	As a McMaster University student, this would alleviate the daily 2 hour commute, and the environmental impact and economic return is promising.
Arvind	Singh	I support LRT as having strong transit system will improve future investment and image of Hamilton.
Aaron	Neal	Time for the city to embrace a forward thinking, modern view of transit.
Alex	Sobolewski	LRT is strongly needed for transportation in the downtown core. Despite living on the west mountain, I recognize that a city must plan for all its residents and spend its tax dollars to accommodate them accordingly. Historically, city management has had no problem building major infrastructure, but lately it seems tax revolts have denied any chance of allowing our city to grow in a way that makes sense for the people who live here. It's time to get over our fear of spending and start building a city where we can all live.
Clinton	Williams	LRT is another step forward to making the city a better place for all its citizens.
Randall	Coutts	I fully support LRT! We do not want BRT. Our city is changing and moving toward a great future. LRT is a huge catalyst for this change. Please don't hold Hamilton back - great things are happening here.
John	Coakley	This initiative would greatly assist in developing a downtown transportation network in Hamilton and will be a catalyst for growth along the LRT route.



Tony	Mancini	As this city grows, we're going to need additional traffic alleviation... it only makes sense. As the 10th largest city with the 2nd most land area (tons of room to grow) in Canada, it's only a matter of time before we'll need it. Why not start now? Clearly the city wants it, it was promised, now pull the trigger already!
Dan	Evans	Please! The city needs it. Support the amazing progress that has been made already.
Rob	Veldhuis	Its time we matured as a city. If we don't invest in public mass transportation we will lose the mass of citizen's of tomorrow.
Kyle	Lintack	The downtown core of Hamilton is currently being revitalized with many new condo developments. Being that the downtown population is increasing The City of Hamilton must find new ways to transport people in the downtown core. The proposed Light Rail Train is the answer to this increasing problem. Light Rail Trains are in all major cities and if Hamilton wants to become a bigger and better city the Light Rail Train would certainly help promote the city and make it more attractive to home buyers who wish to live in the downtown core.
Johnny	Bruno	I think LRT would be a GREAT addition to the city of Hamilton. It would provide the city with a convenient transit system. This LRT is what the city of Hamilton needs to become an absolutely amazing city!
Jonathan	Schultz	I would love to make Hamilton my future, permanent, home. I would love to see LRT, or trains making their way into the area so we as a community can rely less on a 1h30 minute commute to downtown, which by car would take 20 minutes. I support LRT!
Stephen	Hayes	Time to move forward Hamilton!
Joel	Pink	I am highly in favor of LRT and it would be a huge benefit to my daily commute
John	Stockton	Hamilton is in dire need of a progressive efficient transportation solution. Buses have been used so far, but they are noisy and for the most part, pollute. The also connote lack of permanence. If Hamilton is to have a vital core, it must have a long term commitment to public transportation along the transportation arteries. I believe the LRT is a cost effective, responsible investment. Only then, I believe, will businesses also make a commensurate commitment to co-locate along the

transit line.

David

Coren

All for this!

Ron

Cassidy

Remember that Hamilton is not a bedroom community. More people travel into the city to work than those that leave the city to work. Hamiltonians will remember that the Liberals promised full funding during 2 consecutive election runs. We will also remember that Mayor Bratina unilaterally made a backroom deal with Premiere McGuinty to support all day GO Train service instead thereby undermining councils position and that of the electorate. Putting money instead into BRT would be a waste, and would do nothing to increase Hamilton's tax base, as history of other major cities demonstrate that developers will not invest anywhere near the level they would if they saw tracks being laid on the ground.

Andrew

Lougheed

LRT is vital for development for the City of Hamilton. Please consider the future when deciding on whether to build this system.

Maria

Castelli Lemez

We are a young family with 3 kids that recently moved to Hamilton from T.O. We had live car-less the last 3 years in T.O. 2 months after moving to Hamilton's east end, it came the sad realization that we would need to use a car to move around the city as public transit is too slow and unreliable. We need a better transit system, and LRT is the best alternative to achieve this. Please make it happen.

Ratka

Skorucak

It will be very good for Hamilton. Hamilton is fast growing city, and soon will be congested like Toronto. It is time to think about now and future. Also, Hamilton give so much revenue to Province & Canada in past years when Steel industry was making money,now is time for Hamilton to gets funds from Province for that project.

Nicholas

Turco

It will only increases the cities value. reduce wait times and make traveling through the city much more simpler.



Chris	Ewing-Weisz	Hamilton is perfectly situated to become a city that matters: close to the economic engine of Toronto, yet much more affordable and manageably sized, with lots of health, educational, and natural attractions. But if Hamilton is going to meet its potential, we need to invest in the kind of infrastructure that supports our vision. That includes an LRT linking east and west ends across the heart of town. It's not a magic bullet, but it is an important piece of the puzzle. The work has been done -- the studies, the consulting, the provincial funding. Let's move forward with this!
Robert	Bowers	An LRT as planned will bring the whole area back to life. Mac students will have an expanded field of rental options, businesses will be able to prosper once again and the downtown will become more connected and "smaller". Enough money has poured into making the low density suburbs profitable for developers and the automobile industry. Paying attention to and promoting the growth and well being of the "lower city" is the right and smart thing to do.
John	Wilbur	The LRT is essential to the future of Hamilton and to redressing decades of decline in the City core.
Lisa	Hodge	This initiative is exactly the type of step we need to take as a city to modernize our transit systems. It will definitely cause a convenient alternative for driving. We are unfortunately behind when it comes to public transit in comparison to Toronto and this is a great first step to making our transit better!
Jennifer	Sarookanian	It will cause Hamilton to be attractive to buyers, business and make living in this awesome city even better! Let's move this city into the future, not keep it in the past!
troy	bush	Please keep the plan for the LRT in hamilton
Brandon	Nelson	Light rail is the best way to showcase Hamilton and show how serious we are to attracting the brightest and best people who want to escape the rat race of Toronto! It's efficient, fast, eco-friendly travel that proves Hamilton is future-focused. Let's get moving already!
Vince	Franco	Nothing ever gets cheaper so bring LRT now while partial funding is available. Over time, it will pay for itself like all good investments. You don't lose money when you own something sustainable, not to mention it's better for air quality in the city core. Let's not make the mistake of having only BRT - it's a cheap and regressive solution.



Eddy	Mekli	Hamilton needs LRT
Mike	Mileski	I was born and raised in Hamilton, and I couldn't be happier about the changes I see - not just in the downtown core, but truly, all over the city. Today I pastor a church here; I've chosen to stay downtown, rather than move to a more comfortable, safe, spacious place like Dundas, Ancaster, or Flamborough. Downtown is where the action is. This is where the culture is shaped. And this has got to be the most exciting period in the life of Hamilton in the last 50+ years! Why would I want to leave? Ours has always been known as "the ambitious city" - let's not stifle that ambition; let's take some bold steps of faith and get the LRT going and watch all the development and culture that develop around it. There's nothing ambitious about deciding (on the basis of the way things are today) that we can't afford LRT. "Ambitious" would be to make wise, discerning decisions about what's in store for Hamilton's future, and to lay the foundation that will facilitate it. I'm all in. Let's do this. Bring on LRT.
Valerie	Cousens	keep your promise to fund LRT in Hamilton, ON.
Sean	Norton	Hamilton is ready for LRT. Keep your promise and help our great city!
Allan	Hamilton	Hamilton is the 10th largest city in Canada, and second largest in Ontario. In case anyone hadn't realized it, it's a major North American city. All other advancing major North American cities have some form of parid transit system that have help them advance further by moving more citizens in efficient ways, in some cases for the past several decades, and in others a century. Statscan repeatedly says that Hamilton's population will continue to increase, as do the studies of virtually any other faction. The current mode of thinking and acting; which local political history records has been the standard for at least the past 40 years, has gotten this city nowhere. We are not progressing. We need a change. It only makes sense that this city establishes LRT for its future success.
christine	sinclair	Light Rail Transit (LRT) on the east-west B-Line is a tremendous, once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform Hamilton into a thriving, economically diverse centre. Lets get into the 21st century and have the best transportation in ontario Hamilton deserves to be on the map as we seem to sit in the shadows of Burlington...wow whats up with that



Scott	Bagg	The price of infrastructure projects is only getting more expensive. Invest today for a more sustainable future.
Nathan	Ince	Downtown is a space for all Hamiltonians and LRT is a project that will benefit all residents of the city. This opportunity is too good to miss.
Lazar	Vukicevic	Everyone knows that these new transits will reduce car pollution in the long run
Gerry	Rutten	As a former Hamiltonian but not forgotten currently in western Ont. & Florida in the winter. Light rail is the answer. THINK ABOUT IT, I always thought about it but have seen enough to know it will work. Gerry Rutten , ! still watch CHCH.
Ryan	Bender	I would like to state my support for LRT in Hamilton. I am a local resident, and someone who has been using local transit for 8 month.



First name	Last name	Statement
Nick	Tomkin	Long-term strategies have a habit of losing momentum and excitement, so it is easy to see why many might not understand the benefits of LRT today. In 10 years from now, do we want to say we should have? Hamilton deserves forethought on this magnitude.
Jeremy	Kemeny	Transit that takes people out of Hamilton can't be our future. We need public transportation that helps our local economy thrive.
Kevin	Gamble	The HSR started as a rail system. Bring it back to it's roots and let it grow, instead of being a drain on our local economy.
Bob	Manojlovich	LRT is the single best way for transformative change for the lower, older city. There is no other alternative strategy for such change. This must be an immediate priority.
Ron	Miller	Anyone who can say with a straight face that Hamilton does not need LRT is either stupid or a very good liar.
Alistair	Morton	We moved here from Toronto, on the promise of LRT.
Paul	Sousa	The time is right for the city of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario to work together to make LRT a reality. The transit corridor on King/Main is perfect for an LRT line and has enormous potential to be transformed and rejuvenated by the development that this type of long-term investment will spur.
Marvin	Caplan	LRT will help move us into a more sustainable future.
Andrew	Carreiro	LRT in Hamilton is an absolute necessity. Hamilton is a strong & proud city, and we need to support its

growth. We can't keep stifling it through endless debate and money wasting schemes.

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| Sean | Roberts | I see no reason not to do this. |
| Gord | Stephan | I strongly urge the Ontario government to follow through on their commitment to bring light rail transit to Hamilton. This would be a large step in reducing gridlock, pollution and contribute to the economic well being of a city that has been majorly affected by the economic conditions of the past 20 years. |
| Jason | Leach | I live in Hamilton and am pleased to be raising my young family in the heart of the city. We've seen new vibrancy slowly return to our neighbourhood in recent years, but now is the time for the city and province to fully commit to propelling Hamilton forward as a successful, growing mid-size city with an unparalleled quality of life. Much has changed in our society in the past 50 years. Oil prices continue to rise and the next generation is in love with urban mobility options. Hamilton has trained many of the brightest minds on the planet in recent decades, but has seen far too many of them leave here upon completing their schooling. It's time to commit to LRT along Hamilton's East/West corridor. |
| Kathy | Drewitt | The Downtown Hamilton BIA is very supportive of the concept for LRT |
| Andrew | Durman | We need a large capital project. LRT is it, the numbers from other cities don't lie. If we build it they will come. Push for it agree to it and you will see the developers come out of the wood work. Property values along the proposed route will climb as they are snatched up and flipped. The amount of secondary jobs and monies that will flow into Hamilton is the real long lasting reward. Don't let the Province off the hook take their check lets go buy some shovels. Mayor Bob and Mr Clark need to wake up before they are run out of town on a rail. |
| Brian | Evans | LRT is not just a bigger bus to move poor people around town. Its the kind of higher order transit that gets people excited about their City. It gets people who otherwise wouldn't use public transit to reconsider how they commute to work or around town. |

More importantly it sets the City on a path to capitalize on a future where the cost of owning and running a



single car is all the typical family can handle. I don't foresee a future where my children each have their own car for driving around. My teenage children will have to share the family car and investments we make now in public transit will make it possible for my family to have reasonable transit opportunities in the future.

Matthew Green

I consider people, our most valuable asset and one only has to look to our congested streets and overrun buses of our current system to know it's failing. The movement and flow of people through the city of Hamilton will no doubt add to vitality, growth and prosperity of our community.

James Scarfone

I support LRT for Hamilton. I want our city to take the next step in its development. We are so close and many would argue we are there. LRT will show our citizens we want a better future for Hamilton. LRT will prove to people and businesses considering a move that we care about the future of the city. We care about being prepared for the flight back to urban cores. We care about attracting a youthful and educated workforce. We care about companies that want to be part of a city with a vision. We care about environmental sustainability by encouraging efficient public transit use. LRT has proven to be a boon to cities everywhere. The evidence is overwhelming that it can transform an urban area and reduce sprawl. It encourages development and attracts a young, skilled and educated workforce. I am young, skilled and educated. Though I live here, I do not work here because the opportunity is not there. Yet. I aspire to work in my hometown. We deserve LRT and the benefits it will bring. Why can't it work for Hamilton?

Matt Grande

Are we seriously still debating this? TWO feasibility studies, one municipal and one provincial, have shown that the B-Line can support, and NEEDS an LRT line. Let's get it done!

Kevin Miller

I think that Hamilton needs LRT. I live in the lower city and take the B-Line to work every day. LRT would provide the needed service improvements to make the trip more enjoyable. Also, I believe that LRT can be the catalyst for growth in downtown that this city needs.

David Kuruc

Hamilton needs Light Rail. I can't think of another city project that could connect and unite so many people and neighbourhoods. Sustainable. Innovative. Forward thinking. It's about time we shifted Hamilton into the future.

Heidi VanderKwaak

Just spent 2 weeks in Portland Oregon with awesome transit and bike paths, lanes and trails. More people



out of their cars and healthier than ever. Safe, efficient, economy boosting, convenient transit is what we need. No longer a subsidy for the poor but let's get everyone out of their cars more and develop our downtown instead of letting it lie in ruins.

Ryan	Moran	The decision to champion LRT is one of the most important issues facing the current City Council. Here Council has a very real chance to not only make amends with mis-steps of the past, but to leave behind a legacy that can truly transform this city into the Hamilton that it can be.
Patrick	Brennan	I recently invested \$\$\$\$\$\$ in commercial property on King Street West in Hamilton. I believe that light rail development will aid the redevelopment of neighborhoods along the full route. In particular, the food/beverage and entertainment industries grow when transit is comfortable and available. I have visited many cities in Europe during their transition to light rail. In these cities I saw the quick redevelopment of neighborhoods around the transit lines. So in the UK, Europe, and major cities in the US LRT projects started in the 1990's. It is time to get going in Hamilton!!!
Meredith	Broughton	For Hamilton to continue moving forward, we need the efficiency and intensification this type of transit brings. This is a prerequisite for many types of growth here.
Adam	King	An LRT network would be an immense improvement to the urban fabric and impression of social and economic vibrancy of Hamilton
Nicholas	Kevlahan	LRT has the potential to transform and revitalize Hamilton by attracting development, protecting the environment and improving the city's image nationally and internationally.
Jay	Parlar	I believe LRT is the best chance our city has to create positive momentum. For too long, those in charge have been content with a slow decline of the city's core. LRT is a gamble, but if it pays off, it will rejuvenate the core, connecting the west-end and McMaster with downtown. McMaster is the centre for innovation in Hamilton, and a dedicated transportation link to the school can only benefit the core.
Laura	Cattari	Please make sure we proceed with LRT in Hamilton. The economic spin offs of this development will ensure intensification, sustainability and prosperity in Hamilton. Developers are waiting on it and the Hamilton Real



Estate Board supports it fully. This project will generate much needed jobs in Hamilton as our unemployment rate drop is directly proportional to Ontario Works caseloads rising. Please do not let this project fall by the wayside, this is critical.

Catherine	Cox	Having grown up in Grenoble, France, I witnessed how LRT can transform a city in just a few years, making it far easier to get around quickly and enhancing the city's atmosphere. I truly hope that Hamilton will be able to benefit from this modern form of transportation in the near future - please support LRT for our city!
Kathryn	Wrong	Help Hamilton prepare for the future!
Ian	Brisbin	I strongly believe that light rail is a truly transformative opportunity for the city of Hamilton, and for the entire Golden Horseshoe area. Given the transportation pressures that exist throughout southern Ontario, a viable, sustainable transportation alternative with mass appeal can only help to continue the momentum that is building in downtown Hamilton.
Lavinia	Welsh	LRT will give the University a fast method of transportation and provide the opportunity to further develop a downtown campus with quick links to the Westdale campus. LRT will also mean that students can live in areas of the city other than Westdale and still have easy access to campus. This would lessen the strain on the near campus neighbourhood. LRT has the potential to provide great benefit to redevelopment of downtown.
Kevin	Hollingworth	Even though I live on the east mountain, the chances of me taking the LRT system is low. However, being a former downtown resident, I still fully support the initiative and would definitely support any tax increase directly associated with proposed rail line. I am a Civil Engineer working here in the City and fully understand the net benefit the system would have for the entire City of Hamilton, not just those properties along the proposed LRT alignment.
Sean	Morrison	Light Rail Transit in Hamilton is vital to rebuilding the downtown area. Mass transit is important to provide a fast, effective means to bring people into the downtown area, thereby stimulating stores to want to be downtown. As we have seen with so many other cities, a healthy downtown assists in revitalization. Hamilton needs light rail Transit!



Hamish	Shea-Pelletier	Are we deadbeats or working for a better future ?I say, clean the air in this town and make it a livable city .LRT removes cars and buses (danger ,noise and pollution)from a pathway that can now be safe for young and old to cycle ,walk or skate on.In time, this can work as a signal to bring even more good people to call Hamilton home.
Marc	Skulnick	I urge all levels of government to commit to funding and pursuing LRT for Hamilton. I support LRT for Hamilton 100% and urge city council to recognize the positive financial impact of LRT on the city. We cannot afford NOT to do this. Please bring LRT to Hamilton and help make the city the centre of innovation, development and vibrancy it deserves to be. We're on the cusp of something special. Let's make it a reality. Thank you!
Brian	Coleman	I rode the light rail tram in Paris and was extremely impressed. It would be a great thing to have.
Jonathan	Deveau	In 2010 I decided to move from a GTA suburb to a condo in downtown Hamilton. While there were several factors that influenced this decision, one main one was that I was encouraged by the direction that the city and province were taking in regards to sustainable transit planning and urban development in the core. At that time it seemed certain that Hamilton would have a functioning LRT system in time for the Pan Am games.
Matt	Jelly	We need clarity and assurance from both our Municipal and Provincial governments that this project is still a priority for Hamilton. I'm no fan of megaprojects that claim to transform the City over night- but this project will have true economic and transportation benefits to the City as a whole, and is exactly the kind of infrastructural investment Hamiltonians deserve. Build LRT NOW!
Paul	Vicari	All day go is important but SHOULD NOT be considered more important than the LRT initiative. We must go ahead with this!!
Julie	Gordon	Improved public transit is long overdue in Hamilton. We have been given an opportunity to bring LRT to our city, let's not waste it.

michael	Hampson	Always enjoyed light and rails
Nik	Bennett	If it works in Manchester it will work again here in Hamilton
Darlene	MacNeil	I would like (for once) to see the City of Hamilton actually follow through with something!!! Wouldn't it be nice to see some real progress instead of wasting our time and money on stupid debating that shows NO RESULT???
Clyde	Cope	Light Rail is the vision for the future available NOW. The rejuvenation of our central core is dependent on it.
Brodie	Chree	This happened to Hamilton already in the late 70s with another Rapid Transit bonus from the federal government that we stalled on. Vancouver actually had it's act together and built Sky Train with that bonus. Hamilton's council squandered the opportunity.
Seema	Narula	I have already voiced my opinion with both the mayor and my city councillor. I believe that light rail transit will do wonders to revitalize the downtown core, and to bring business back to the community. It will increase pedestrian traffic, and attract people who want to live in urban centres without having to have a car. People who live in Hamilton, will be able to move across the city with greater ease, and it will give those people that do drive a car another option to leave their cars at home, reducing car congestion on streets and reducing carbon pollution. There is already the population and ridership to support LRT. By having LRT in Hamilton this will put Hamilton on a competitive playing field with regards to other developing and growing cities and communities like Kitchener Waterloo, who are getting LRT, and who will be attracting competing business investment and potential new residents, who are moving from Toronto in search of cities that are more affordable but that still enable the convenience and lifestyle of urban living.
Graeme	Luke	Light rail should be Hamilton's top priority. The 50,000 people who came to supercrawl show the support for the urban environment. Light rail will take Hamilton to the next level.
Calla	Shea-Pelletier	The environment is the economy. The LRT will be a great stimulus for Hamilton on many levels.



Joey	Mleczko	A city needs to be able to offer its citizens access to the outer and inner regions. Most importantly, the city needs to keep up to date with technology and this is the perfect chance.
Terris	Taylor	Please make this a reality, I really do not want to read back in 20 years at the missed opportunity that we had before us. This is one of those ideas that is so good, and needs to happen so badly, that it's a mystery that it hasn't happened yet. Seriously, let's do this already.
Tanya	Ritchie	Public transit, specifically LRT is imperative in any large city and Hamilton is no exception. It is ridiculous that we have gone so long without it, and that feet are still being dragged is a disgrace. It's way past time. Hamilton needs infrastructure if it is going to develop and improve its rather depressed reputation.
Brian	Hamilton	Let's get this done. Build it, and they will use it. Face it: reducing car dependency is the way to go.
Laura	Reid	Please stop the insane Hamilton tradition of shooting ourselves in the foot! We need growth! Stop dilly dallying and debating our progress to death!
Nicola	Whipp	if Hamilton wants to revitalize the downtown core, be prepared for the already predicted massive influx of ppl immigrating to the Golden Horseshoe Area next decade(data already available) despite whatever the spin the mayor is attempting to put on it... & to help assist bringing the city & its image back* & beyond its past glory days - this is a no brainer. Not to mention the already spent funding \$\$\$'s on past feasibility reserach on the issue.The research is done - this is just a stalling tactic obviously. That & on a side note to bring the Festival of Friends back to its proper home e- downtown (I know not issue being addressed here)- but it's all part of a much bigger picture.
Sheri	Vandenakker	This idea is fantastic and I support it 100%.
Steve	Newberry	This is a unique oppportunity, Hamilton is at the crossroads here. If we wait too long to build LRT, it will become harder and harder to do it. Look at how Toronto is fighting to build LRT now... then look at their gridlock! Hamilton is growing, and we can't continue to support car-first infrastructure only. Build it now, and

we won't regret it!

David Cohen The LRT will make public transit not only respectable in Hamilton but desirable. We should embrace it. A city that depends on the automobile for the vast majority of its citizens' trips (as Hamilton does) is not a real metropolis. It is an oversized suburb.

We should not "wait" for the LRT. The city should be making significant infrastructure changes NOW. One such change would be to re-convert major one-way throughfares (King, Main, Cannon) to two-way to facilitate greater circulation in the city. (One-ways are a 1950's solution to traffic congestion, which is when they were introduced in Hamilton.) Such a change would speed up the creation of the conditions for re-development at important intersections (eg. Dundurn and King, Main and Longwood, etc.) envisioned once the LRT is implemented.

Paul Elia PLEASE make this happen in Hamilton. It is really needed to attract more people to move in to our amazing city!

Liam MacLeod LRT all the way.

Kevin Davies Efficient, useful and affordable public transit can only help the citizenry of a city; from the disadvantaged to the affluent. Fewer cars on the road and easier/more commutes for 1000s of Hamiltonians - sounds like a winning idea to me!

Karijn de Jong We Need LRT!!!

As a lifetime resident of Hamilton and user of public transportation, and knowing about the success stories to be found in other cities across the world, I believe that it is imperative for the city of Hamilton to construct and promote the use of LRT. Period. It would be ludicrous to miss this opportunity to put us on the map as a progressive, functional, conscientious place to live, play and work.



Allan **Hamilton**

I have lived below the escarpment for the past 21 years. My wife and I moved to the mountain only five months ago but much of my life; work and play, will continue to be significantly connected to Hamilton neighbourhoods below the escarpment; the areas where I'm sure the LRT stands to have the greatest positive impact.

Everyday, I am inspired by this amazing (and underappreciated) city (please don't forget that much of the early growth of Canada is a direct result of this city and its forbearers being here) yet reminded of just how much opportunity and growth; for the masses, is still desperately needed. Hamilton has long been left in a state of needing every vital opportunity to modernize and advance with the rest of the country that seems; unless I'm terribly mistaken, to have forgotten the history and true value that remains here. The people of this city still need and want to contribute to this nation's growth, just as much as they need and want to boost their own. All the reports already exist to show that the LRT is an absolute necessity for this city and the GTA. For our elected officials to suddenly say that the LRT is no longer a priority without breaking down every honest reason why, in plain language, is actually quite heartbreaking to all of us citizens (a majority to my understanding) who can hardly wait to see this project get off the ground for a better future (for themselves and the succeeding generations).

We know that it will be costly. No one understands the burden of high price better than the average Hamiltonian, especially since the global recession took hold in 2008. We are still committed to the LRT project, nevertheless. How can that not count for something?

robin **zilberg**

i think this would be a wonderful idea and i would love to see this happen.

Chris **Smale**

Light Rail Transit would do so much for the city of Hamilton. The downtown core of Hamilton has so much potential and LRT would drive such great benefit towards the redefinition of Hamilton's character that is so needed. The case has been made time and again for what LRT does to a city's economy, tourism industry and



environment.

Having moved here from Toronto, this is one of the things I miss most. I love the streetcars of Toronto and I think this is true of the residents of most cities with rail transit.

Sarah **Merritt** Safe for the environment, people friendly. I think we should get ur done.

John **Llewellyn** I hope our city fathers don't fumble the ball on this one!

Carolyn **Kinsley** I live in Westdale. LRT would be a boon to reduce car traffic to McMaster and through Westdale. It would make it easier for students to live in other parts of the city and commute, relieving pressure on single family homes near the university. LRT would make public transit more appealing to me than driving my car to go downtown or to the east end--a smooth, effortless ride. LRT is also quieter than buses, and Hamilton would benefit from less noise pollution.

Gordon **Leverton** I absolutely support light rail in Hamilton - it's time to grow up and become a real city!

Michael **Nabert** LRT is a wise choice for Hamilton and will provide us with a necessary element to our future success. With the age of peak oil upon us, effective transit systems become not only a useful tool for poorer members of an urban environment, but crucial for citizens in all walks of life. Please give this vital proposal its due attention, and move forward with a Hamilton LRT as rapidly as possible.

Michael **St.Jean** I fully support LRT for Hamilton.



robin	St.jean	I fully support LRT in Hamilton.
sevhra	reda	I fully support the LRT transit system in Hamilton. We need this for the future of our city.
teresa	st.jean	We need LRT for Hamilton.
alexis	fletcher	Let's move forward and make Hamilton great. We are sick and tired of our governments inefficiencies. It's time to actually DO something.
Justin	Nusca	I fully support the LRT transit system in Hamilton. We need this for the future of our city. We need thoughtful and progressive urban planning. Speaking as a McMaster student, LRT would reduce car traffic in student-heavy areas such as Westdale, and allow us to commute more easily from longer distances, thereby encouraging students to foster relationships and connections with larger swaths of the city.
Justin	Wood	A big step forward for the city! Let's do this Hamilton.
Giulio	Amodeo	Hamilton has already lost out in having the stadium be a catalyst for city building and we are on the verge of blowing it with the LRT. Leaders need to make decisions that will benefit the City over the long term. I have lived in Toronto and have moved back to Hamilton because of the potenetal that this city has. As a leader, if you cannot make the right, riskier decisions, then move aside and let someone else!!!
Anthony	Panecasio	The HSR buses are getting busier and busier every passing year. Sometimes they never show up, other times they're late, and sometimes they drive right past because they're completely full.

Light Rail sounds like a much more reliable and environmentally-friendly alternative to the bus.

Fatema	Hoque	As a McMaster student, I know how important it is to have reliable transportation around the city, especially in the winter.
Steve	Mac Intyre	LRT will secure Hamilton's business endeavours in the following years. To pass up on this opportunity is something that future Hamiltonians will live to regret with.
Ed	Clayton	Great things are happening in Hamilton. We are finally stepping up and showing ourselves to be a truly world class city. We cannot shrink from this LRT initiative. The benefits of LRT are well known and have been clearly shown in a number of similar cities that have implemented LRT. This project is exactly what Hamilton needs as we continue to revitalize our downtown core, and encourage the ongoing development that will showcase Hamilton as the future friendly, forward thinking city it is poised to become. We have the need. We have the opportunity. Hamilton, it's time we stepped up.
Christopher	Krnezich	We can't afford NOT to do this.
Damian	Orzel	I fully support LRT and really hope Hamilton makes this a priority. It will undeniably help in the revitalization of the downtown core!
Haider	Alkayat	The current bus system cannot handle our transit requirements. It shouldn't take me one hour to get to McMaster University from within Hamilton.
Jason	Martorana	I think it is high time Hamilton discovered a way to distribute the wealth across this city and I believe LRT is a great tool to help us accomplish this.

Look at Stoney Creek before and after the Red Hill. I believe they are a really good example that good infrastructure can pave the way for greater growth. If we want to build up our downtown, give people an easy way to travel across it. Just look how difficult it is to park. I think the lack of access to many downtown



locations is a real deterrent for business.

Michael Sak I guarantee, if LRT ever comes to fruition, I will most certainly invest in living somewhere in the core along the B-line.

Tianna Leclair I feel LRT is something that is needed for our growing city. We are way behind the rest of the world in transit and taking almost an hour to get somewhere in our busy lives is rather inconvenient.

Laura Farr Having LRT lines in Hamilton would benefit everyone, update our inefficient transportation infrastructure, and in the long run, save the city money.

The economic spinoffs other cities such as Los Angeles, Portland, Washington DC, Charlotte, Denver and even Toronto have proven that more investment, building, and intensification happen along these lines, with a benefit to all socio-economic stratas.

For Hamilton to lose this opportunity would be regressive and make people that are finally noticing how great a city this is to think twice.

Robert Drake This city was excited and on-track for LRT three years ago. While we've moved forward with feasibility studies and environmental assessments, we've moved backwards with our council and provincial support.

Let's pressure both sides to get back "on track".



Tom	Whattam	The government must keep their word and finally create some jobs in this city.
Esther	Lockhart	Reliable and efficient transportation is a plus for every community. It's better for businesses and better for the environment.
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Tom	Shea	I have lived in Hamilton my entire life. I have watched cars pull the city farther and farther apart until the central core collapsed. I believe LRT is the future of transportation in a sustainable, sensible, and environmentally sound city. And I want Hamilton to be that city--my city, my children's city. Do the right thing!
Duncan	O'Dell	Dear Mayor and City of Hamilton Councillors, I respectfully request you proceed with the LRT project. I firmly believe this project has the power to transform Hamilton, a proud city of over 500,000 with huge potential that lies on the vital commercial corridor between Toronto and the USA into the modern and innovative city it could be.
Graham	Crawford	Nothing big ever came from thinking small. Except small, of course. Hamilton, and its citizens, used to think big and implement big. It was part of who we were. Of how we saw ourselves and how we saw our collective future. LRT is one of those
John	Sweeney	LRT is needed to invigorate and renew the city's core. Healthy cities must maintain a balanced mix of both residential and commercial properties to remain viable. Car culture is rooted in 20th century thinking and urban sprawl is not a practical or sustainable for cities, which are increasingly becoming independent from higher tiers of government for their own well being. LRT can attract business and residents alike, which would increase urban overall tax revenues, in the years ahead.



Mark	Figliola	I moved to Hamilton from Vancouver last year. In Vancouver they have an LRT system called the sky train. This was offered first to Hamilton free of charge in the '80s and with their usual foresight they turned it down. Don't blow it again!!!!
Jennifer	Hennigar-Shuh	I strongly reaffirm my belief that the LRT is absolutely the right direction for Hamilton to go to the new mayor and city council.
Ren	M	This would add a new and interesting twist to Hamilton! Would like to see this in service next time I visit there! Who is the prospective Manufacturer of the LRT trains? Bombardier I hope!
Michelle	Martin	Please make Hamilton more and more liveable, sustainable community - a better place to live, work and raise a family by committing to light rail transit.
Mary	Koziol	I firmly support bringing LRT to Hamilton. If we want to move forward with the sustainable, economically strong and people-centred Hamilton of which we dream, LRT is a must. I recently graduated from McMaster University and decided to stay here and work because I love Hamilton. The decision regarding LRT will weigh heavily on whether I choose to stay here long term or not.
Andrew	Richardson	LRT is an absolute necessity not only for the continued growth of Hamilton, but also for the sake of improving accessibility throughout the city.
Maximiliano	Bonito	Although I now live in Ottawa for school and work, I am a proud Hamiltonian that always stays connected to how different initiatives are being proposed to make the city a better place to live. Light Rail Transit (LRT) will not only make Hamilton's transportation system more efficient, but in the long run, it will save the city money and make Hamilton an even more amazing place to live. If the province has planned to support LRT in Hamilton, promised to provide funding, and an assessment has already been conducted to determine the feasibility of LRT in Hamilton, then why regress and not progress to implement this initiative? City Council needs to commit to the implementation of LRT. I visit my hometown often and I hope to return to my beloved hometown. I would like to see improvements being made to make the city better and LRT is one



initiative that should be put into action.

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| Cheryl | Kipling | <p>I don't have any wonderful words of wisdom, or insight that hasn't been stated already. My point of view is only that of the commuter.</p> <p>As a resident of Hamilton who travels the B-Line route on a daily basis, I urge you to reconsider your support of LRT in Hamilton. We need LRT. The B-Line is well beyond capacity. There are days three buses bypass my stop because they are full. Adding more buses will be extremely difficult. Not only do we need a lot more buses, we need drivers for those buses. Only LRT makes sense as an alternative. And LRT will become more necessary as more and more people take public transit.</p> <p>Please support LRT in Hamilton.</p> |
| Sophie | Roher | <p>This project will have economic, environmental, and social benefits to Hamilton. I know that with the LRT, I would be more inclined to travel to the city centre and explore the amazing things that Hamilton has to offer. Make LRT a top priority for completion!</p> |
| Kathy | Woo | <p>Hamilton needs LRT. The long-term effect of the project would benefit the city in simple ways--efficient transportation to track down arrival times, economic growth for the city, contribution to a greener future, and a status that Hamilton is in-tune with this method of transportation that has been well-received in Toronto, Waterloo etc.</p> |
| Lesia | Malanchuk-Stephens | <p>Thinking about moving back to Hamilton to buy a home and start a business. LRT and all day GO service would certainly make Hamilton more lucrative and liveable.</p> |
| Mike | Borrelli | <p>Hamilton is faced with two options: 1) the status quo of building sprawling box malls, subdivisions and highways on greenfields; or 2) a denser, more sustainable future where we take advantage of existing infrastructure and re-build our core.</p> |

#1 requires nothing of us except a willingness to face the expensive consequences down the road. #2 requires longterm vision, and a transit system like LRT that will strengthen our downtown and turn it into the economic engine that sustains the City.

I'm not satisfied with the costs of the status quo, so I support LRT as just one piece of a larger plan that will revitalize Hamilton and make us more resilient in the face of an uncertain future.

Lee **Skinner** Invest in moving people within Hamilton, not shuttling them out of Hamilton. Please and thank you.

Corinne **Razem** LRT would make my life so much easier. It would also help the environment and paint Hamilton as an innovative city.

Please make it happen!

Catherine **Burden** I completely support LRT for Hamilton.

Agata **Mancini** This would transform the city into something incredible. Hamilton is changing, transforming into a positive force and this is the next, clear step to help propel this change.

Please make this a reality; stop stalling and making excuses. It's time for Hamilton to step up and take her future into her own hands.

Mara **Adams** I live in an area that will not have direct access to the B-Line LRT; however, I do recognize the inherent benefits of intensification, the LRT initiative and secondary planning and development. In the end, all the citizens of Hamilton will pay for our successes and failures. We need to leverage whatever we can from the province to ensure our sustainability moving forward.

Molly **Merriman** Hamilton is in the perfect position to rediscover the dynamic, efficient and lively city that currently lies dormant in its genes and history. Choosing light rail is just so obvious; it is a modest, civilized and smart way



to connect and make accessible our city's neighbourhoods. Good public transit combined with safe pedestrian and bike routes is truly the way of the future; we need to ACT NOW! Let's make traveling around the city fun, easy and cheap and make Hamilton a more welcoming place for everyone.

Eric	Nanayakkara	Hamilton needs a modern day solution to public transportation and LRT most certainly presents itself as a leading option. Political lip service is no replacement for courageous action. Come on Hamilton, we can get this right!
Juliette	Prouse	Please reinstate plans for the LRT. Hamilton needs to become a city of the future and modern public transportation should be a cornerstone of this vision!
alex	young	LIGHT RAIL CITY
Ray	Fullerton	LRT is a once in a lifetime opportunity to transform the City of Hamilton!
Rolf	Lutz	Our political leaders have an obligation to develop public transit options that are clearly the right choice for the long term. Light Rail fits this criteria perfectly, and will contribute significantly to the development of its neighbourhoods and well being and productivity of its citizens. Failure to move forward on this file will set Hamilton, the GTA and Ontario back for decades to come.
Andrew	Hancock	This city is well on its way to making some changes for the good finally and LRT will only help the rejuvenation of the core and rest of the city, this should be a priority for the city.
Sevhra	Reda	It's time the people take control of our city. Our leadership is dysfunctional and LRT is a must for Hamilton. It's time the old guard step away and let the new leaders and citizens of this city take action. Unfortunately some of our most significant leaders don't believe in the city the way the people do.
Kim	Doucette	I feel it's important that we don't give up on the LRT. Hamilton is a wonderful city that has been ignored for too long. As we struggle to reinvent ourselves an LRT is critical for our future.



Dan	Thompson	Beyond the obvious benefits to local businesses and freeing up parking lots, I think light rail has real potential to reignite civic pride in Hamilton as a city and a prosperous place to live. Hamilton has the potential to place itself amongst the ranks of Canada's more desirable cities, with its affordable housing stock, excellent regional transit links, and strong and diverse economy. A crucial piece in this puzzle is to break the stigma of Hamilton (which is profound in much of Canada) by taking on this exciting and game-changing task.
Amy	Rogers	Many more eloquent people than I have championed the benefits of LRT. Please listen to them.
David	Hosten	I have lived in cities with LRT and have enjoyed the utility of it, and now that Hamilton has a chance to get it, I want to be sure we do not blow that opportunity.
Wendy	Jackson	"Whenever and wherever societies have flourished and prospered rather than stagnated and decayed, creative and workable cities have been at the core of the phenomenon. Decaying cities, declining economies, and mounting social troubles travel together. The combination is not coincidental.
Melanie	Olsa	It's time to make a commitment to the future we all envision for the city of Hamilton.
David	Wootton	I understand that Toronto is getting its LRT free at Ontario government's expense. That is my tax dollars going to support Toronto - again! It is time that the Ontario Government support and pay for an LRT system in Hamilton. I will vote for whoever promises this
Daniel	Jelly	LRT is an opportunity that Hamilton should be grabbing with both hands. Seldom does a project come along that will enhance the lives of so many and lead to innumerable economic and social spinoff benefits. The short term sacrifice will pay dividends for generations to come, providing citizens from all walks of life a safe and reliable form of transportation and neighbourhoods designed around people, not just around the automobile.

Anne	Wilson	Hamilton has always been a resilient and resourceful city. We used to be a tobacco city, we used to be an appliance city; but we don't dwell on these things. Most recently we canned perishable fruits; now we have pear cider. We are a city that changes with economic tides. We adapt. We take chances. We recognize a good thing when we see it. We used to be a light rail city. Well, its time to be a light rail city again. Light rail is both an economic and ecologic leap into our future, and a firm hold on our heritage. What could possibly be more Hamiltonian than the LRT?
Matthew	Oliveira	We need to prepare for the future. Let's get light rail in place to make it easier for people to get around without a car!
Frances	Murray	It's time for our democratically-elected politicians to get together and represent the people who elected them. LRT is a priority for the city of Hamilton. Stop backing down on your promises and move forward. Now is the time.
Simon	Geoghegan	LRT is a critical component in the rejuvenation of Hamilton's downtown. It is a sound investment and the commitment by the McGuinty government should be honoured.
Barry	Diacon	Light Rail Transit is the most important transformative initiative that Hamilton can make or has ever made. It is very important that Hamilton commit itself to a sustainable future, rather than pouring its scarce resources into ever-farther flung suburbs which must be serviced and which require automobiles to travel to.
Sean	Burak	We need this for so many reasons: - Economic development - City image

- Transit service improvements
- Improving density
- Encouraging infill and filling vacant spaces
- etc!

We cannot afford to squander this opportunity!

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| Sarah | Moore | I rely on the HSR system here in Hamilton every single day. I have learned to adjust to waiting and bus stops and keeping myself busy on long bus rides. The option of getting around at a speedier and efficient rate would make a dramatic change to my life and my time. By choosing to use Public Transit exclusively, I am supporting the eco-friends movement, which is predominant in Ontario right now. This should be noted and valued. Also, the great numbers of other Hamiltonians who rely on the HSR (partly due to the high poverty rates in this city), Hamilton deserves the Light Rail, it needs the Light Rail and efforts should be made to make this possible. |
| Michael | Muller | I have great hope for the city of Hamilton. As do the people I live with and know in our downtown neighbourhoods. This hope needs to be tied in with actions. The LRT is a positive step towards transforming Hamilton into the great city it can be. |
| Michael | Clase | Having used light rail in other places, I have seen first hand the efficiency and convenience that such a system would bring to Hamilton. |

With increased traffic, rising oil prices and the need to combat global warming, there is a short to medium term need to provide efficient transportation alternatives everywhere, not just in Hamilton.

Let's be ahead of the curve and ensure that Hamilton remains an attractive place to live and work for years to



come.

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| Noelle | Allen | Light rail would revitalize many parts of Hamilton's downtown; connect the city from East to West; aid students, the elderly, the poor; benefit the environment; and show that we are a city looking to the future. I don't understand why we are still asking questions about this. Build the rail while we still have the money from the Provincial government. |
| Gillian | Booth | <p>To be successful, you need to think successful.</p> <p>Why does hamilton council still think like a small town? We have the makings of a modern, vibrant city. If only the city would think and act like it, the province might take us more seriously.</p> |
| John | Rogers | Canada has 2 declining U.S. style "RUST BELT" cities. Hamilton is one of them. We don't have to accept this model for the future. Light rail is a game changer. Unfortunately, our current Mayor is apparently not! |
| Peter | Malysewich | You cannot grow and sustain a city without an infrastructure that encourages its own people to work in that city. The plans for downtown need to be supported by transit, or our prime industry will soon become 'parking'. |
| linda | miocinovich | Let's get our city into the future. we have already spent money on studies and received monies from the federal government. I can only see positive development happening with LRT. I was so impressed with LRT when I visited Europe a few years back. |
| Martin | Hering | I know many cities with modern light-rail systems - many of which are in Europe and much smaller than Hamilton - and these cities show that light rail works very well. Passenger numbers grow well beyond original expectations, and customer satisfaction is very high. |

Dianne **Lethbridge** I am a former Torontonian. Even though I owned a car, the subway was the first consideration when going anywhere in the city. It was faster and cheaper (parking being very expensive). There was always good shopping at any stop. I miss that element. If we had LRT the downtown would improve for shopping and east of James Street would become more desirable especially to those at McMaster University.

Justin **Jones** Hamilton is a proud city, one that has displayed resiliency in the face of hardship, and one that is poised to become an even more attractive place to live for people looking for all the amenities of an established city without the insane costs of living found in other GTHA municipalities. The need is there, the demand is there, and the benefits of installing an LRT would be massive. No more relying on diesel fuel (which will only continue to increase in price), no more delays and concerns due to traffic, and most importantly it displays a commitment to new, sustainable, effective forms of public transit. Stop the petty bickering between the levels of government and put the interests of Hamiltonians (present and future) first. Let's get some shovels in the ground, get some jobs created and make Hamilton an easier city to get around.

taylor **shadney** This project will move Hamilton ahead economically and help support it's future.

David **Colacci** I am not an all-out advocate for LRT in Hamilton. I do believe, however, that after seeing in person Edmonton's LRT in person that it is a must to modernize HSR services in Hamilton. And that even if only half of the believed development occurs along the B-line corridor, that we are substantially further ahead than we are today. LRT can and will be a building block in the re-birth of our great city.

David **Couture** Light Rail is important to Hamilton so we do not fall behind other local communities such as Kitchener-Waterloo in terms of economic growth.

We cannot pass this opportunity by or we will lose more potential, crucial jobs to these emerging progressive communities.

Development is popping up everywhere along Toronto's Eglinton Crosstown LRT corridor; something that will happen once B-Line LRT is also under construction.



Light Rail NOW for the Future of Hamilton!

RUPA	DISSANAYAKE	I fully support the LRT and would support any tax increase directly associated with proposed rail line.
Matthew	Zantingh	As a downtown resident, I wholeheartedly wish to see the LRT project come to fruition. I currently commute to McMaster where I am a graduate student via bus or bicycle, so I am often frustrated by full buses or long time gaps between bus arrivals. On the flip side, the highways that are Main and King Street always present serious obstacles if I bike. The LRT line would help to alleviate some of these obstacles while also fueling downtown growth, something I would love to see happen. Having travelled through many of Canada's largest cities over the past few years, it continually disappoints me to see how great their downtown cores can be while Hamilton's continues to stagnate. Please stop sending mixed signals about LRT and throw your weight behind this project. As one of the many Hamiltonians who live and work in this city, this project means far more to me than all-day GO service.
Jennifer	Miller	<p>The city of Hamilton had a great reputation once upon a time. Over the years it's ambition has left us. Let me remind you of the definition of ambition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A strong desire to do or to achieve something, typically requiring determination and hard work.2. Desire and determination to achieve success. <p>Lets prove that we have not lost this great quality and do what was once set out to do: make Hamilton a better city by finishing what was started with the LRT. . People may see potential in Hamilton, but are turned away by it's game playing politicians. It's time to show them we have what it takes and stop playing games. Let's build the LRT with ambition!!!</p>
Daniel	Cummings	Hamilton is a wonderful city that gets a very bad rap. A decision in favor of a light rail line would be a big step in revitalizing the city. Not only would it attract more visitors from outside the city, but it would attract more people already in the city to use it.



George	Smith	Believe that all of Ontario's large urban centres should have some form of rapid transit- preferably electric powered and our smaller cities have well-designed city and intercity bus stations to improve public transit throughout this province. Here in Toronto massive investment and improvements of our existing system are needed as well.
Paul	Hoang	I totally support for LRT, because that is the need for our Southern Ontario region traffic, when it is getting worst on the highway to go to Toronto and surrounding areas. It is a better way to go for jobs creation, a greener Hamilton's future.
Craig	Burley	I support the building of LRT in Hamilton, starting with the East-West B Line. I will use it regularly and my business is located within a block of the B Line. I think the B Line will be crucial in enabling clients to get to me with a minimum of fuss. LET'S MOVE FORWARD!
Roseatta	Long	As someone who would value and nmake use of LRT in Hamilton, I would like to say that it would be a welcome addition to hamilton transit. Environmentally we cannot afford to ignore this opportunity. I think people would be persuaded to leave their cars at home. For those who are unable to afford the luxury of their own car, what a difference it might make to their lives.We have to consider the needs of all the people.
Laura	McGilvery	As a former resident of Toronto, I adore living in Hamilton and find it a very affordable and convenient alternative to the GTA suburbs.. MANY torontonians wanting to own homes would move here if there were better public transit options. Commuting to Toronto costs about \$600 a month so many commuters cannot afford to live here and own a vehicle. Not much point in having all day GO service if no one lives here- but the torontonians will come if we ourselves apart from the burbs... With LRT
Laura	Spoelstra	This would be awesome for Hamilton. It's a city with so much to offer and so much potential waiting to be developed. It's time we invested in a city that's worth investing in!
Eric	Baldry	Not having a dedicated LRT system is really the only reason I still drive a car anywhere anymore. Out west in Vancouver, I could do all of my daily tasks and commuting without having to stand around for 45 minutes for

a bus that will probably not even be on time.

Raymond Braun

I have written several letters to Ed to var. newspapers;

latest in all local papers on Sept. 15 with a photo of an LRT car in Erfurt, Germany. Erfurt is only half the size of Hamilton and has 3 LRT lines, very modern. efficient and quiet, reliable. I travelled last June in many small cities in Germany and Austria and they all have such systems.

Hamilton should have one. In above letters for the Dundas, Ancaster, Mountain and Stoney Creek News I suggested an extension to Dundas. The lines already exist, when the old street-car/radial line went there, so land is not a question.

And I also thought of a "loop" through West Hamilton including University Plaza and down the hill and back through the area of Spencer Creek where 2 trails exist.

Please read the Sept. 15 edition. --- I did have 2 responses from City Hall about this, so they noticed it.

Raymond Braun, Dundas

D'Marc Lewis

Just get it going already. I may want to live there in the next five years!

Kevin Makins

LRT is critical for our city continuing to grow and emerge as a place to work, play, and live.

Sharon Benjamins

I feel as though this really could benefit a lot of people, including students. Being a student myself at Redeemer University College this would be a much more solid alternative if one doesn't have a car as opposed to the bus system, which isn't always reliable.

Tim Ritchie

As a lifelong Hamiltonian I can say with certainty that myself, my family and my guests will all use and benefit



fro LRT. Don't let this opportunity slide past.

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| Aaron | Newman | We must be ahead of the urbanization that is bound to happen in the coming years. Our cities must reflect a livable model. Buses will never be cool, will never supplant the car nor spur economic redevelopment, but light has that potential for creating economic redevelopment and making people want to live downtown. We can't lose out on this model of redevelopment. |
| Patricia | Baker | I have, in the past few months, had the opportunity to see LRT in operation in Portland, Vancouver and Dublin. What a difference to these cities has been made by these trains! Ease of movement, new businesses, far more people visiting areas of the cities previously unknown to them, easing of traffic congestion etc. etc. The sooner we can get away from the 'thruway' mentality for traffic movement on our main roads and move to a modern mode of transport the better. |
| Fred | Sandoval | This would be a huge and excellent initiative for Hamilton, just do a little research in all the similar systems in the US in see how they've lived up to or exceeded expectations. |
| Thomas | Bernacki | It's time again for city council to make it's position clear on LRT, as it's done in the past. Recent statements by the mayor downplaying support for LRT are not indicative of the broad support among citizens and council. And the province needs to follow through on its promises to the city. Toronto is getting massive investment from the province for transit expansions; certainly Hamilton deserves it too. |

LRT will be amazingly transformative for the city. We are raising our young family in the core of the city, and other young professionals like ourselves continue to make the same choice. I have no doubt that the prospect of LRT across the lower city has played some part in that. With a solid commitment from council and the province, that momentum and positivity will only increase. Not only that, but it will set our city on the right track (no pun intended) for reducing pollution, increasing transit use, facilitating intensification, and ensuring mobility through a future of increasing fuel costs and scarcity.

To all politicians involved in this decision: I call on you to reaffirm support for the east-west LRT line in Hamilton.



Gillian	Varlow	If we don't do this soon, we'll turn into Canada's version of Flint, Michigan. We must move forward or be left behind.
Enrico	Seminerio	Our municipal and provincial governments have an opportunity to do something that shows a lot of foresight and vision. As cities grow and the cost of fuel keeps rising, Canadian cities will have to rely more and more on public transit, just as large urban centres in Europe and Asia do today. Unfortunately our municipal and provincial (and federal for that matter) politicians rarely have the courage to make the tough long term decisions because they are so focused on short term goals so that they can get re-elected in four years. I am calling on all three levels of government to support LRT for Hamilton now.
Chris	Mayhew	Light rail is what Hamilton needs to move the city forward. Everyone is focusing on how to get people to take mass transit, but we need effective transit before this happens. Hamilton's slow, packed city buses are inferior to driving. LRT is a step in the right direction, towards making mass transit more useable and fixing the traffic problems that plague the city.
Erika	Strong	Hamilton needs light rail. The bus system is inadequate and never on time. It's also impractical in many ways.
Rob	Taylor	A definite catalyst to a bigger, better and more vibrant city. If we want to be a world class city, this is the type of investment we must have.

Considering the amount of tax revenue that could potentially be generated from new investment along the LRT routes, it makes me wonder if the right people are on the job here in Hamilton. A simple business adage would be "to make money you have to spend it". As a new resident and small investor to Hamilton I came here because of the now defunct pan am games projects and the LRT. I like many other small investors see Hamilton as a place for tremendous growth. However, the non-committal direction we're getting from both the province and council is unacceptable at a time when smart investments are needed to help propel growth. Investors such as myself are already planning escape routes if the city continues to show regressive steps. Hamilton needs the LRT to sprout new business, if we had a council with any gumption I'm sure they could add jobs to the LRT contract. Once again, I doubt that will happen, as it seems that our overly bureaucratic governing class needs to conduct a study. One that has already been completed. I love my new



home, and the city it's in, but if the city doesn't reciprocate that love, I may leave. Imagine a bustling, metropolitan city with new development all along the proposed routes. Not committing to the project seems ridiculous at this point. Or maybe our governing class is bi-polar???

Artur Rozumek

Hamilton is a major city in Ontario that requires improved transit linking neighbourhoods and the city with the suburbs. Buses are not enough, and the present buses-only network is not up to international standards for a city of Hamilton's size. Without better transit, it will be hard to encourage people to use transit willingly and poses challenges for those who have no other option. It means congestion and a lower standard of living for people in the city. Hamilton has numerous neighbourhoods in need of revitalization, and LRT will be key to improving transportation and accessibility to those neighbourhoods. It will make them more attractive to investment. Please do not neglect Hamilton. Not building the LRT line will only be regretted.

Connor Clark

I believe this system is perfect for Hamilton. We are looking forward to a bright future and becoming a more desirable place to live. This system will only help that.

Andrew Maas

Light Rail is a bold initiative whose time has come. This is an opportunity for Hamilton to attract investment along well-planned corridors, and intensify development in a way that corresponds with Provincial growth plans.

Bob Leach

I believe that LRT is essential for the ongoing growth and development of our city. This is not the time to turn back or in any way reconsider commitments that have been made previously. Hamilton needs and will greatly benefit both now and in the future from LRT.

Andrew Pettit

Elected Representatives,

I love our city. I am excited for our future, as our leadership has pointed us in a promising, human-centric, community-first direction. The LRT system is the start of a major shift away from our current multi-lane highway/dearth of life that we currently enjoy (?), moving towards something much more sustainable and engaging. It's part of a collection of small movements - Open Streets, bike lanes, library and farmers market reinvigoration, etc. - that are shaping this city into something greater. Please have the courage to stay the course. Hamilton is worth it!!



Mickey	Bellavia	The LRT in Hamilton is very much needed and a long awaited solution to public transportation in this area.
Brian	Thwaits	Building an LRT line is crucial to the future of Hamilton. The city's fragile economic progress depends on it, and it's my sincere hope that governments at all levels will understand its importance and move the project forward. Thank you for your support.
Boris	Brott	The City of Hamilton has probably the greatest potential for growth in serving its citizens of any in the Golden Horseshoe. At the centre of this MUST be rapid and convenient transportation both local and in connection with Toronto. Missing yet another boat for Provincial support in the LRT construction is criminal. Let's all pull together on this one. The positive energy we show and experience will inspire us to work together more often. If we can move forward in musical harmony - nothing will stop the city of Hamilton from reaching its great potential!
Meredith	Vanstone	Please support light rail in Hamilton!
Mary J	Dawson	This city is just waiting to be reborn and LRT is a good initiative to move this along. Do not let this opportunity pass us by as we have so many others.
jane	osier	We need the LRT
Maureen	McKeating	Hamilton downtown needs to be re-vitalized. LRT will help in this process. LRT is the way to go.
Andrea Lynn	Sloan	Having LRT lines in Hamilton would be a benefit to everyone. It would help us update an old, inefficient system that the city very dearly needs Please, Hamilton do not add the LRT to a much too long list of missed opportunities



Tom	Hurd	I just want to remind the members of the City Council that I am 100% committed to LRT in Hamilton, if financed with a fair capital funding formula from Metrolinx.
Denise	Neutel	<p>I believe that light rail is important for making a strong city and community. After amalgamation, Hamilton's borders grew to an unprecedented size. We now span from Stoney Creek to Flamborough, a large distance, so something like LRT is needed to allow citizen to move from one end of the city to the other.</p> <p>We need also to look at a way to move people that makes the least impact on the environment, it seems to me that more people in Ancaster are using HSR especially during peak times than ever before. If there were more direct and quicker routes from places like Ancaster that could incorporate cycling as well, there would definitely be more users of those systems.</p>
Rachel	Wallace	LRT would set up Hamilton to as a progressive and world-class city, making it attractive for people to live in and businesses to settle in. As a citizen committed to green living, LRT would make using public transit far more accessible for myself and many others.
Henry	Brouwer	We need a new vision for transportation in this city (and beyond - more highways and roads will not solve our transportation problems, especially as oil will become an important concern in the future, along with having to reduce carbon emissions. An electrified system reduces pollution and can run on renewable energy.
Sandra	Dykstra	There are many in this city (greater Hamilton) that already use the buses because they do not own a car. However for those of us who do own a car sometimes the roads can become so congested and parking is at a premium. Light rail would be so convenient to get across the city in a hurry and would free up congested roads. I know at first there would not be to many built but if one line was successful I know other lines would be built too. Please continue to think about this and encourage the province to step up and help to make this city a thriving place to live. Thank you.
Matt	Wright	They only way you will be able to attract people to the corners of city, is by making transit efficient and user-friendly. Hamilton needs LRT.

Susan	Lau	Please let the rest of Ontario see that Hamilton can really achieve something that will better the city for generations to come.
Myke	Hutchings	As our city grows in population and geographic size, what remains evident is the need for its population to move around freely with little hinderance. Currently Hamilton is often gridlocked as individuals in single passenger cars crowd the downtown streets and where major thoroughfares meet, such as the Red Hill Expressway and Queenston. There HAS to be a better way of moving people efficiently in the city.
Vince	Franco	Years ago, Hamilton made a huge mistake by removing the HSR tracks and trolleys for the sake of the automobile. We now have a change to reverse this grave error with partial funding. Please don't ruin the future of Hamilton for another 50 years. Become a legacy for positive change in this city instead of being another name in disgraced leadership.
Steve	Porter	Bluntly, the LRT project is of vital importance for the renewal of downtown Hamilton. The City and Province really do need to work together, figure this out and get this project moving forward.
Jon	Davey	I'm writing to urge you stay focused on the commitment to bring Light Rail Transit to Hamilton. Help take Hamilton into the future with a bold infrastructure investment that will be utilized by a majority of Hamiltonians everyday. Building an LRT system will signal to investors and businesses that Hamilton and Ontario is thinking long term in terms of sustainable development.
Cathy	Swenson	LRT is a tremendous opportunity to transform this city. Please get on with it.
matt	john	I am in support of light rail services in Hamilton. An LRT line in Hamilton would be a boon to the core, generating many direct and indirect jobs for Hamiltonians.It would be a demonstrable effort by city council to revitalize Hamilton's city centre.



ROBERT	BOWERS	It's time to stand up for Hamilton.
Craig	Hermanson	The evidence has been clear: LRT has the greatest potential to transform our city, would serve our present needs and help ensure the competitiveness of our city in the future. What kind of future will we build for Hamilton and our children? Please lend your support and commitment to LRT!
Richard	Robertson	Let's get on with it! LRT is the future.
Tom	Kelly	Again, we voters vote to serve our interests. What use is it if you decide you're too lazy to commit to your campaign promises? Either nut-up and get LRT going or step-aside and let someone else do it.
david	sanderson	I have lived in Hamilton for 54 years and in that time our city fathers never seem to have a plan for the city's future. Here's an opportunity for a strong commitment for our future. Let's not pass this one up.
Graham	McNally	It's too easy to say that development isn't happening so there is no need for LRT. City staff have reviewed, researched and studied the LRT corridor and I am confident that the changes to the zoning bylaws and other development related regulation recommended will, with the inclusion of LRT, stimulate development in our city, specifically along the LRT corridor.
Terrance	Odette	I strongly believe that public transit enures growth and vibrancy in a city. LTR is the way to achieve that.
Kathryn	de Ruijter	It's time.
Hank	Balfoort	Hamilton needs the LRT for economic and environmental reasons. It will be great for commuters and tourism. It would also keep cars off the roads and ease parking along the route.
Mike	Jerome	You cannot grow and sustain a city without an infrastructure that encourages its own people to work in that city. The plans for downtown need to be supported by transit, or our prime industry will soon become



'parking'

- Mikael Andersson** "Potential" is the one word that keeps being thrown around whenever Hamilton comes up. When are we going to realize all this potential we have? When are we going to come to the table and AGREE that the future of our city does not lie in more parking lots and mountain sprawl, but in creating a vibrant core? When are we going to take serious action to remove the stigma associated with taking public transit?
- Hamilton's potential does not lie with being a Park-and-Ride zone for Toronto. GO service is already excellent. What we're lacking is a reliable, fast, stigma-free way of getting around our own city. We don't need more parking lots, we need better alternatives than personal cars for intra-city transportation.
- Stephanie Hilson** Just get it done!
- Evelyn Hielema** I urge the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario to go forward with the idea of light rail transit for Hamilton. For multiple reasons (environmental, social, economical) this is an important step forward for Hamilton.
- Al Salmon** We need this rail system in hamilton Ever take the king a 4 pm on a week day
- Frank Taylor** I am a Commercial Realtor that is heavily involved with the revitalization of the downtown core and can attest, without a shadow of doubt, that serious private investment is waiting in the wings for the City of Hamilton to stand up and take a lead in getting the LTR up and running. No single act will help the downtown core and the City as a whole, more than having the LTR.
- Ben Trafford** I -left- Hamilton because initiatives like this weren't being supported. I am currently a partner in a business that earns over a million dollars a year. Does the city council want to lose more people like me?
- David Jenkins** Light Rail Transit is amazing in other parts of the world, we need it here.

Jack	Bernacki	Light Rail now. No excuses, no back tracking. This is the future of our city. Light Rail now.
Darcy	Wienk	so what, they city does not care for the people who LIVE and WORK in Hamilton? only the people who Live and work in Toronto, or Niagara, or where ever the go will take them?
Patrick	Speissegger	In the light of recent serious backpedalling by some City Councillors, I find I have to remind city council of the detailed pro/con arguments that have been studied over the years, that are nicely summarized in the article: http://www.raisethehammer.org/article/1401/light_rail_needs_leadership_from_mayor
Kim	Newcombe	<p>Hamilton is always on the cusp of being discovered. People who live here recognize the balance and pace that life in this city offers.</p> <p>Could the LRT be the tipping point that opens the Hamilton to the gaze of others in a new and flattering way?</p> <p>Not to mention aesthetically pleasing, environmentally sound, economically viable - what a bold, confident step into the future</p>
Brian	Gerrard	Let's keep this city moving forward. It's listed as one of the 10 best cities in Canada to invest in, let's keep it that way.
Katie	Zazulak	I think that the LRT will provide Hamiltonians with a much more efficient way to get around the city. While the HSR does service a large part of Hamilton already, increasing traffic and increasing numbers of people using the major routes make it difficult and uncomfortable for people to utilize this service.
Joan	MacDonald	Any city I have attended with LRT has been successful in providing access to its citizens throughout its city. Once built, there have been even more benefits than previously anticipated.



Chandra	Rice	For my three teens, the transit system is their primary means of moving through the city. Currently, getting from one end of the city to the other is a long process. Light rail would help bring the city together, offering my kids a more integrated whole city experience. It is a forward looking investment. Hamilton is worth it. So are my kids.
Douglas	Gerow	This is a project that must become a reality... Just try taking any rush hour bus and you can see that public transit needs an overhaul of routes as well as LRT to properly transport the people of this city... We cannot lose this opportunity..
Elizabeth	Syrotuik	I was born and raised in Hamilton. I fully support the development of a light rail system as a viable option for public transport. The current system is not frequent enough and doesn't service the city efficiently.
Mark	Gichuru	DO IT
Cynthia	Waters	With a lower city that needs and would benefit greatly from the development shown to precede and follow Light Rail Transit, it is time the city and the province made a solid commitment to this project. The city needs to turn its focus away from greenfield development and the Aerotropolis and focus on the potential intensification and brownfield development that would occur with Light Rail Transit. The city needs to stop favouring the parking lot and to start promoting our future. The province needs to step-up and make a firm commitment to the citizens of Hamilton. As government they need to help lead the citizens of Hamilton and Ontario from the over dependence on the car by championing planning that promotes transit, walking and cycling.
Laura	Goheen	I fully support the vision for the Hamilton Light Rail. It is time for the City Council to truly invest in this city the way that so many of the residents do each day -- putting creativity, time and money into dreaming and realizing a better Hamilton.
Kurt	Braun	Council, look to the future...please

David	Schuurman	ive lived in calgary and vancouver and the LRT is what makes being and going downtown viable and convenient in those places. Not to mention living downtown! I live on the outskirts of Hamilton but would move inside the city if there was a rail system to get me around the traffic and bustle.
Sarah	Wayland	The studies have been done. The business case has been made. LRT is an investment in the kind of future Hamilton I want to live in: progressive, environmentally responsible, and with a highly developed urban core. All we lack is the political will of our leaders to make this happen. Can we please be BIG thinkers instead of small thinkers? Can we please look FORWARD instead of backwards?
Jon	Murphy	LRT is crucial to the future of Hamilton!
Jeffrey	Wynands	This will literally change the City forever. Why wouldn't any one, especially City Council - those elected to represent the good people of this city - be doing ANYTHING and EVERYTHING in their power to make this happen.
Karl	Andrus	I was a child when the HSR removed trolley service, then later the electric lines for e-buses (bet you regret that mistake HSR). Moving forward into the 21st cent, hamilton needs a world class transit service.
Jason	Nason	I have been excited for the prospect of light rail transit for the '10 B-Line' HSR route since the first announcement of Move Ontario 2020 several years ago. Since then I have been following the progress with much interest and have been to several planning meetings. I also applied to be among the citizen team for the project. I am disappointed that that the entire project is seemingly in jeopardy and hope that the project goes ahead. To quote a phrase I have heard many times, from many people, "Let's Keep Hamilton Light Rail Transit on track."
M	Di Censo	LRT is progress, getting Hamilton into the 21st century. Developing a vibrant city is about more than an expressway and converting one way streets to boost our image! Provide citizens with a viable, modern alternative to the car, and an opportunity to explore the city and its businesses easily and comfortably. We



missed our chance in the 80's, so now's the time!

Desiree Kelleher

Hamilton is a growing city, growing and changing. Make this a better city for the people who live in it. Get us out of our cars and out into the living parts of Hamilton. Out into the shops, on our feet, walking and spending our money.

When Hamilton is alive, its economy is healthy. It's residents are healthy.

We're not just a park and ride for Toronto. Help make us something to our own credit.

We want Light Rail Transit!

Sheila Sferrazza

I support the LRT and believe it will be the next best thing for our growing city.

Daniel Fitzgerald

Hamilton needs this!!

Gregory J. Galante

LRT through that core and intensification along that corridor is an anchor to that prosperity. Not building stadiums in the wrong place for money losing football teams. (by the way I am a die hard TiCat fan).

Attracting young professionals to our community who are both entrepreneurs and want to live downtown is what will be a catalyst to our city's growth. BUILD IT !

Catherine Hordyk

How many times do we need to express how much we want and need this in our city?

Please keep your promise to Hamilton!



Andrew	McPhail	We need LRT!
Suki	Garson	<p>Hamilton has the potential of being a 1st rate city. It has every geographical attribute to make it wonderful and instead, for the most part it looks like a dump. We need to modernize, we need to upgrade and let Hamilton be what it has the potential to be.</p> <p>Please support the LRT which is just one of many improvements that are vital to bring Hamilton into the 21st century</p>
Lee	Raback	<p>As a home owner and long time resident of Downtown Hamilton, I am presently watching in dismay as the Light Rail Transit project seems to be coming off the tracks.</p> <p>LRT is a top priority for Hamilton, and the Hamiltonians that have elected you. It is now time for you to follow through on the agreed upon plan. We have spent a great deal of time and, I'm to understand, a small fortune proving that this project is vital to the city's redevelopment efforts. I call on all levels of government to follow through on their election promises..</p>
Nicholas	Ellens	Please make LRT a priority for Hamilton. I have travelled extensively in cities including those of Hamilton's size through which Canadian-made Bombardier trains whisper. They are a pleasure to ride and are visually appealing. It's high time that Canada was home to more of these systems.
Van	Hoang	<p>Oh My God: Why are we hesitating to embrace LRT for the people of our city?</p> <p>I saw the same LRT in Los Angeles, CA when i was travelling there few years ago and i was so impressed with it because it was so convenience for daily commuters within the city and i was just dreaming about Hamilton having the same one day.</p>



Patrick	Rogers	<p>As a downtown resident who takes the HSR everyday, the need for an upgrade to LRT is obvious. Not only is an improved transit system necessary (especially one that may lure more people out of their cars), but LRT would also be a boost for a downtown which is slowly picking itself back up.</p> <p>A good transit link with Toronto is clearly important for Hamilton, but this mostly already exists. There are already rush-hour trains to downtown for commuters (my fiancee among them), and at most other times the QEW bus is much faster anyways.</p> <p>An investment in LRT would clearly have a much larger impact on the city. Hamilton has a lot of potential, and LRT is the best way to invest in Hamilton as an important city in itself, and not just as another suburb of Toronto.</p>
Courtney	Matic	<p>This is such an opportunity for Hamilton to help the environment, alleviate poverty- PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do not squander it!</p>
Dan	Nedoborski	<p>I Fully support light rail transit headquartered in hamilton</p>
Matthew	Bowman	<p>Please make Light Rail Transit in Hamilton a priority - the type of society I want to leave my children involves effective publicly funded transit systems.</p>
Hans	Vermaat	<p>We have travelled in Europe</p> <p>at various times. The light rail system in almost all places is</p> <p>an absolute pleasure to use. In</p> <p>Holland you can set your watch to the train schedules. The trains are</p>



sleek,clean and affordable to ride.

In my mind it is a no brainer.

Elisabet	Service	Infrastructure always costs but not getting it costs more. We need to invest in a future for Hamilton. LRT is essential.
Susan	MacLarkey	I wish to add my voice in support of light rail transit for the city of Hamilton. I strongly urge our mayor and councilors to stay the course and give this initiative top priority. Our city leaders can and must build upon the studies already completed and the commitments already made by the Province to fund LRT for Hamilton.
Rebecca	Vanderlinden	It is time that our City council get the people of Hamilton's priorities on the table. And work with other levels of government to fix what needs to be fixed, and leave what is not broken alone.
Hubert	Shen	Hamilton has many potential with all the forward development that is going on, improve, attracting new people, professional coming into the city. LRT is a very important part of it. With new investment, development coming into the city. The transportation should also upgrade to meet those future demand. LRT is a very important development to move the city forward, that benefit everybody in Hamilton, and business.
Barbara	Dawson	This makes sense in terms of increasing job opportunities, attracting new business to the area, and decreasing carbon emissions. There are many advantages and I am not sure I see any disadvantages at this point. Get off the pot. Say what you mean, and mean what you say-- Parenting 101!!!!
Chris	Kirkwood	I agree with the building of this LTR line.It can only help to improve the commerce of our great city.
tor	lukasik-foss	light rail is the future, it helps de-stigmatize public transit, the downtown.
Fort	Roberto	LRT is the public transit of the future for Hamilton. It will create jobs,improve the environment and ease gridlock. In reality we here in Hamilton are decades behind other modern cities. Mayor Bratina's quest for all



day Go will not create one new job here in Hamilton. I have NO INTEREST in going to Toronto by GO! Our Mayor should bush for LRT or SHUT his mouth!!!

David Thompson

I believe Hamilton has the potential to be one of the great cities of North America. An investment in light rail is something we are in desperate need of. As someone who uses the bus regularly, they are overcrowded and stretched to their capacity. Hamilton is in a unique situation where most of the public transit traffic runs in just a few main corridors; the busiest being east/west along main and king. Regular, reliable LRT would not only help people travel without the use of a car, but also spur investment along the route.

Valerie Louter

Let's keep moving forward with LRT planning. Fewer cars on the road and great public transit mean a healthier, happier city!

Max Bonnell

This cannot die, Hamilton needs LRT. Start thinking about the future of this great city.

Kevin Van Hartingsveldt

I support a LRT system in Hamilton because:

- LRT is much more efficient & sophisticated than buses.

- The expansion of the GO rail into Hamilton is more a question of 'when' than 'if' ... the (provincial) money will come for this regardless of the LRT decision.

- Municipal & provincial government have already promised LRT to Hamilton ... so this is money that is already available.

- LRT could be a catalyst in changing Hamilton from a city of untapped potential into a vibrant & current metropolis.

- While funding Hamilton's LRT won't fix the overspending & misdirection of funds in our province, it is at least a sensible place for earmarked monies to go.



- The proposed B-line will start the upgrade of public transit in Hamilton, and will make us less dependent on automobiles in our communities ... hopefully with eventual expansions in lower, & possibly even upper, Hamilton.

Bill

Kemp

Although I don't live in Hamilton I am very often in Hamilton.

In my opinion I have for several years felt the more roads and/or highways were not the answer. It is a never ending expansion of roads/highways taking up more valuable land and creating a very undesirable atmosphere.

Lets take a look at Europe for example and I do realize that this LRT is different than high speed trains, however in Europe they move people with both LRT and High Speed trains much quicker and with less road congestion not to mention less effect on the environment.

I also believe that if cities like Hamilton do not modernize their transit system with LRT and "now not later" they are going to miss out on industrial and commercial expansion, as companies tend to go to cities that are willing to go forward with modernization.

If this does not happen Hamilton will slowly but surely fade away as far as keeping up with the rest of the larger cities.

The Vancouver system from Vancouver International Airport and the City of Richmond are a good example of this.

Hamilton must go ahead with LRT or you will slip away from prosperity.

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This is the best thing that could happen to our city. It will revitalize the downtown core and bring businesses back to life.



Jeff	Taylor	Lets Really Try (LRT) and get this thing off the ground, it's so badly needed to get people moving around the city quickly, heck I'd even park my car & use it rather than drive.
Bonnie	Patterson	The time is way past due for Hamilton to have an LRT system. Hamilton is my hometown and I remember when they talked about it back in the 1970's. As a user of the Skytrain and Canada Line in Vancouver, I can say that it's the quickest way to get around. For Hamiltonians to get up the mountain, out to Stoney Creek or into Burlington would save people so much travelling time and out of their vehicles. It would be amazing! Don't give up on insisting that the provincial government keep their promise.
Christine	de Takacsy	Once again, Hamilton has the opportunity to be forward thinking. Once again the Mayor
William G.	Vance	As empty-nesters we're down to one car and bicycles. From a risk maagement point of view biking to downtown from Dundas is simply too risky. In comparison with an HSR bus, LRT would be a no-brainer to downtown destinations.
Adam	Luker	As a Hamiltonian voter, there is nothing that is more important to me, or my interests, than Hamilton getting a Light Rail Transit system. This is an unbelievably important issue for this city.
Nancie	Mleczko	LRT was strongly supported by the residents of Hamilton during the 2010 election campaign, and is an absolute must to the future successes of businesses and neighbourhoods. The Province is talking now, because of the upcoming election, but we can't let this opportunity fall between the crack--literally!!!
Chris	Sanislo	To continue the rebound of downtown Hamilton, I feel investment in LRT is an important part of making the city more liveable. It will help retain those who study here, help achieve in-fill objectives and mitigate the urban sprawl that's becoming an increasing burden on our tax base and environment.
Jeff	Strong	I support the LRT for the future of Hamilton and the revitalization of the downtown core. The LRT initiative should be given top priority for politicians, city planners, and government officials who are interested in



propelling Hamilton and her interests forward for generations to come!

Leah	Serafini	Let's move forward and embrace sustainability, progress, and innovation as a city. Hamilton has so much potential and our politicians need to act now in order to facilitate sustainable growth for our city.
David	Escobedo	I think this would be a great idea!
Stanley	Cicci	Hamilton in the past has blown so many opportunities like if you look at B.C. the monorail we turned that down and B.C. got it free not us Hello. Also like turning down putting a Casino downtown they said there would be more crime look what we have now more crooks and panhandlers. Detroit puts a casino downtown and they are able to hire more police so everything is booming in there downtown Hello the bell is ringing again wake up. Mr. C.
Jenny	Cho	<p>Hoping for the LRT to get the go ahead-to the people of Hamilton, it is much more important than you think, it's necessary!</p> <p>The LRT has the potential to not only provide efficient transport services to existing public transport users, especially to the lower income bracket (for which Hamilton is home to many) who do not have cars, but also to get non-pb transport users on board. In the long run, it makes sense in a variety of ways!</p>
Claude	Rocheleau	LRT is important to the city of Hamilton, look around at the US cities that have them, they are moving in the right direction.
Tom	Ciancone	<p>Please re-commit to LRT for Hamilton.</p> <p>Over 25 years ago, as a youth, I travelled in Switzerland where electric trains ran every where - within cities and into the country. I was very impressed. It seemed bicycles and rail transit were the two main modes of travel. Gasoline was three times as expensive as here. So it made sense. Maybe Switzerland's past is our future.</p>



The province will pay the capitals costs, so this is a win-win.

Kim Schellingerhoudt Come on, Hamilton! Let's get this done!

Frances Neufeld As part of greater Hamilton I believe that excellent Light Rail Transit will improve our City in many ways:

it will invite closer connections between City Centre and surrounding hubs, like Ancaster and Dundas;

it will relieve parking in the City core with more people taking the line;

it can be seen as a part of other lines such as connecting to GO;

it puts Hamilton in the 21st Century and shows us as a City that embraces its past as well as moving with the future;

it adds to the greening of our City's environment;

it will encourage businesses along the route, and challenges as citizens to see more of our City easily. As a person who has commuted to TO from Hamilton to work, because I wanted to live here, I would have loved to have been able to just grab a train from my end of the City!

Let's be a Canadian City that sets examples of urban living.

Michael Hain Hamilton can be so much more than a bedroom community for Toronto. The city should invest in itself to rebuild a vital downtown. All day GO train service is not a substitute for an LRT.

maureen corcoran Hamilton needs the LRT !!!



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Andrea Hill I support LRT in Hamilton. It's time that Hamilton lived up to its slogan: The Ambitious City!

james Barbu This has dragged on long enough, the city council needs to do something.

Peter Gnish The future of our city depends on getting cars off our streets, helping people get across town easily and quickly and providing new businesses with the opportunity to open along the LRT route.

Jordan Kipp Ive been excited for and behind this project since its announcement. This city has to take a look around the continent at the many other LRT success stories of both larger AND smaller cities. Or just look towards Waterloo.

Council has to wake up and realize that one day, the province and the FEDs are going to stop handing out giant wads of cash for our capital projects...

Hans Vermaat We have travelled in Europe over the last couple of years and the use of their transit system was absolutely first class. In Holland you could set your watch to their schedules. The trains were modern, clean and fast. The frequency they travel makes it convenient from early in the day to late at night. It seems like a no brainer to me.

I love this city and will show support however I can. But now with this debate...I cannot believe it is even an issue. What happened to election PROMISES. Right, anything to get the votes I guess. It is so frustrating when casting your vote, because you want to believe the PROMISES. Lets get back on track and bring life back to the city, not continue to kill it off slowly.

Wendy Johncox As a City Planner I believe that local transit improvements are imperative to promote city growth and



sustainability. Get on track!!!!

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| James | Fyshe | <p>I commuted to Toronto from Hamilton for many years. I eventually moved my business here because it offered a better opportunity. Local transit options are limited in Hamilton and I know from my experience living in Toronto that expanding effective public transit will greatly encourage local business and community activities.</p> <p>The City of Hamilton needs to demonstrate some vision. This opportunity for light rail will not come around again.</p> |
| Mardi | Schwenger | <p>Light rail is cleaner, quieter and better suited to service our downtown and outer laying areas.</p> |
| Nathan | Savelli | <p>Do the right thing, invest our money wisely into LRT!</p> |
| Stephanie | Howells | <p>This would benefit so many people in so many different ways. Not only would it be an asset to those taking this route, but also would encourage more users to take transit as opposed to driving, and would also free up other buses - such as the bus into Dundas - that B-line users will often take instead of the B-line itself. PLEASE make this happen!</p> |
| Randell | Neudorf | <p>I feel that LRT would really mover our city forward and show that we are committed to investing in the lower city.</p> |
| Charlie | Helsdon | <p>To backpeddle on this plan at this stage is par for the course in self doubting Hamilton. All my life I've watched the city miss opportunities due to its fear of change and underdog attitude.</p> <p>It's time for Hamiltonians to stand up and start making bold moves to reinvent "Steeltown" into something new and vibrant.</p> <p>The money is being handed to the city, the plans are pretty well there and ready to go. You don't get many</p> |



freebies in life. Let's get the shovels in the ground and start developing a new Hamilton for the new century.

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| Mike | Colyer | Okay, let me get this straight. It's "yes" to all day Go service that will whisk people from the bedroom town of Hamilton to work in Toronto? Because, let's face it, it won't happen the other way around. And it's "no" to light rail which, experience shows, produces both commercial and residential development along its path? And am I wrong, or don't I remember someone in our provincial capital saying we could have both? Sigh..... |
| Catherine | Wiebe | Say yes to LRT! |
| Megan | Mathieson | I will 100% use this! |
| Jason | Feth | It is VITAL that we move forward with this initiative in order for Hamilton to be able to fully develop as a place where people want to live and work. We cannot continue with outdated attitudes and thinking! |
| Collin | Polos | The bus system is far too unreliable and often overcrowded to the point of passing those waiting outside. Our intake of commuters has increased considerably over the last year, including multiple evening busses TOWARDS Union Station. The citizens of this city have waited long enough for a useful transit system, what excuse does city hall have for those finally finding our city useful and full of opportunity when they decide its not worth the hassle? Every other community in the Golden Horseshoe is much more committed to its future and is already starting to leave us in the dust. We all know Hamilton has the beauty, infrastrucute and history to be a world class destination... there is no excuse for us to sit on our hands and act foolish in the face of opportunity. |
| Joseph | McNaughton | This city could be incredible. Build outrageous structures! |
| Dennis | Baker | I am a strong supporter of LRT. I have seen it at work in many other cities and it works. Development is encoutaged, many more oeople use public transport and steps are possible to reduce automobile traffic/congestion. In Hamilton we would have more flexibility to build wider sidewalks (to better seperate walkers from cars), construct bicycle lanes and generally change from having a motorway through the city. |



I often use public transport on the E/W route and know how difficult this makes it as we have a one way system on much of Main St. and King St. The difficulty to return from a business makes public transport unattractive.

Jeff	Mallany	LRT will be the best thing to happen in/to hamilton in 20 years.....It should be supported by all levels of government.
Pat	Roberto	I am tired of our elected representatives at all levels playing word games. Do what is the best for the city, otherwise get out of the way!
Ian	Dale	LRT is imperative if we are to be a forward looking city. Just look at the major cities of Europe.
Deborah	Fusilier	Please don't 'de-rail' the energy and momentum of the downtown revival! We just put our house on the mountain on the market so we can move downtown, partly on the promise of light rail across the lower city.
james	dalgetty	The municipal government of Hamilton has failed the city for approximately 40 years .It has gone from a vibrant city to one that is circling the drain in so many ways.The city has restored an embarrassment of a city hall,spent a vast amount on an art gallery that is hidden away with a sign that makes it look like a no frills store.Many buildings have been torn down or let decay without any repercussions.The city has allowed Bob Young to extort the city regarding the stadium.He was allowed to threaten the city into moving it from the west harbour.Remember the site was no good because there was no easy access ,no visibility for naming rites,inability to have concerts,no parking etc.Out of the blue he likes the old site which would provide none of his criteria.And now he seems to not paying for any of it.After a year or so of playing elsewhere there will be a vastly eroded fan base and Mr Young will have no reason to maintain the team in Hamilton.The lrt is needed in Hamilton for two reasons.The obvious one is to provide fast,cheap ,ecologically sound transportation.The second is for the psyche of the city.Every city needs infrastructure improvement .That's a given but there's more to a city.Hamilton has such a poor image both internally and externally.The lrt(as would the velodrome) would be be such a source of pride.

T	Michaluk	This is a really important development to improve our city and it will have a really positive impact on Hamilton's reputation - locally, provincially and nationally. We need this!
David	Cummins	I believe that LRT is important for the future development of this city. The time is now to move forward with this.
Alan	Drummond	I fully support LRT . I am tired of looking on TV at other cities around the world that have electrified and LRT facilities. we are so backward in Canada in this regard.
Tom	Ratcliffe	<p>" We're actually lobbying city leadership to support a project they've already publicly endorsed?</p> <p>We simply want to take a proven model for urban revitalization, with funding available to boot, and apply it in Hamilton.</p> <p>The city deserves it.</p>
Dan	Charleton	<p>As a new Hamiltonian - since 2009 - I can say that the average person I speak to here is clamoring for an east-west public transit solution.</p> <p>As a former Calgarian, I can say that the answer is right in front of us. Calgary LRT is a huge success in a much lower-density city.</p> <p>So, what are we waiting for?</p>
Grant	Ranalli	I am a huge supporter of LRT in Hamilton. Studies here and in other cities have clearly shown that light rail will alleviate any transit congestion we have now and into the future(read: B Line) and also produce economic spin-offs that will help to revitalize the downtown core and stimulate development along the B and A line routes.



How a city could turn its back on a significant chunk of provincial funding is beyond me. All day GO service is long, long overdue but it is independent - or perhaps even an integral part of an overall sustainable transit plan the MUST include LRT. Let's get moving - sooner rather than later - or we will end up in the dust while other municipalities (Kitchener/Waterloo) grab the brass ring while we are left standing at the platform as technology and innovation bypass those who hesitate.

Jeff Stock Please have the courage to bring this city into the 21st century and implement the LRT program into Hamilton.

Katherine Crosbie Please don't waste anymore time and Taxpayers' money on another "feasibility study" when clearly this has already been done and it concluded that LRT was the right way to go. What has changed? We have a new Mayor who is very good at making disparaging remarks about issues which should now be in the "WORKS". Does that mean that everything done before he arrived on the scene has no meaning now?

It's time to move forward.

Council needs to take control of LRT planning and make it a priority again. The Province needs to indicate that they will keep their promise to fund its construction.

It's time for Hamiltonians to remind the City and the Province that we believe - as the City's and the Province's studies have confirmed - that LRT is the right decision.

Now it's time for the City and the Province to finish the job of building LRT.

Phyllis Alfano I am in support of LRT for Hamilton.

Jennifer Saunders I think that Hamilton has tremendous possibilities and LRT would enhance all of the areas that could bring growth and development.



Matthew	de Zoete	I strongly support building the LRT in Hamilton and believe it will be a positive development for the city and province.
Joshua	Smalley	It's time for Hamilton city council to pursue a bigger vision. Light rail transit will go a long way to attracting a younger and more vibrant generation to this city. Light rail and all-day GO transit are synergistic visions. If we need to raise taxes for this we should -because in the end we all benefit.
ken	burlock	LRT would provide far more benefits to a greater portion of our population, spread throughout our City. That alone should convince our politician to push hard to see it become a reality.
Miodrag	Matic	As Hamilton grows in population, our public transit must match if we are to keep up with the times. Light rail will be quick, environmentally more friendly and rejuvenate the downtown core. With a dwindling steel industry, reliable Toronto like transit to and from downtown can foster the much needed growth in Hamilton.
mike	luyk	I think LRT will help make this city great!
Rita	Bailey	I grew up in Toronto, near a street car line, and travelled on it regularly. In terms of noise and pollution, they are far superior to buses.

A light rail line for a city like Hamilton is a must, not an option. An east-west line is a priority to connect the many neighbourhoods in the lower city, the university, hospitals and shopping areas.

I grew up in a culture that worshipped the car, but those days are gone. Young graduates today can't afford a car and are increasingly turning to transit. As our population ages, more seniors are giving up their cars. Light rapid transit is the way of the future, and Hamilton can't afford to not make it a priority.

As for the cost, it's like insulating a house. You need to invest the money up front in order to save money and benefit the environment in the long run.



Jason	Diller	<p>I really think LRT has the potential to transform and revitalize downtown in a way that nothing else can. I'd love to live in a downtown core where taking the car is optional, yet everything is in reach.</p>
Rick	Beauchamp	<p>I listened with interest to the data and information provided by the delegate from Washington,D.C., concerning the experience in that community and several others who have made an investment in LRT. Based on experiences in several other jursidictions, it would appear that strong evidence exists to demonstrate the positive economic spin-offs that LRT can initiate.</p> <p>Clearly, no singlar action can be the panacea to resolve the economic travails of this community - but - LRT represents a progressive and dynamic element which could produce substantial benefits to this community.</p> <p>I urge city councellors to be thoughtful, strategic, and bold. Surely there are broader advantages to be realized from this initiative in comparison to the narrower benefits that might derive through investment in a velodrome!</p> <p>If finite dollars dictate the need to prioritize, count me in support of LRT 1st!</p>
Andy	Stone	<p>We moved from London, UK because we</p> <p>believe in the potential of Hamilton. Decent public transit HAS to be part of the future of any forward-thinking city. Don't let Hamilton stagnate and get left behind - if it does, we'll move someplace else (along with a good-sized portion of the "knowledge economy" types - and our research income and economic multiplier potential - like us that are globally mobile, and WILL move to where the future is greatest for us</p>
Simon	Woodside	<p>Light Rail is key to the city's future. The economic impact in similar cities in north america -- of the same size, character, industry -- has been revolutionary. Can Hamilton afford to miss out? I don't think so.</p>



It seems that the population and the government was all aligned in favour until Mayor Bratina started to bad-mouth the initiative. Is that good leadership?

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| Matthew | Klurowicz | A greatest city is one that gives its people the most mobility. Put Hamilton back into motion. |
| Dana | Haas | We need a more efficient and modern connection between Hamilton and the GTA. Hamilton is growing and changing and we need to upgrade our transportation system. If we had an efficient system, more businesses and individuals would consider Hamilton. |
| Melissa | Loftman | Hamilton is an amazing under valued city. Built the light rail, it would be beneficial for the city, its inhabitants and visitors. |
| Brad | Pidscalny | Hamilton needs this lrt transit system to. It will bring much needed revenue for the city, and will liven it up for the public, bring more investors to the city. Ect... |
| Martin | Eckart | It's time to stop waffling on these large /already committed/ projects that are good for the entire city. |
| John | Reinink | <p>This has been in the works for many, many years and some of you were elected into this position *because* you supported this project. So... where is it? Don't let this be added to your list of broken promises.</p> <p>And not only this, but the LRT project is a fantastic one for a city that is desperately in need of downtown revitalization. Please make a step of support in this project. Now.</p> |
| nikki | li | please support this opportunity |
| Jacklyn | Campbell | Please proceed with election campaign promises and earlier Council decisions to proceed with the Hamilton LRT. The LRT will facilitate moving people across Hamilton and various points within the city. All day GO service between Hamilton and Toronto will facilitate moving people out of Hamilton to their jobs in Toronto. |



Fulfil those earlier promises and decisions and built the LRT - stop the back-tracking!!!!

Matt	S	Great idea!
Jonathon	Valeri	Yes, as a student, a G drivers license holder, and an advocate by taking our transit and differing away from using a vehicle (one in possession but do not use), I believe this city will echo through years with an example of progress a city can make through using LRT and affordable, reliable, and sufficient transportation. No more excuses, look at others that have built. This will revitalize our city in ways never imagined because we cannot know our future, but we can guide ourselves to its success
Sheila	Heyes	LRT will be one of the best things Hamilton will see to keep our city moving forward. To decide anything other than "bringing it to Hamilton now" will be a HUGE mistake and will cause our fabulous city to stagnate and perhaps even take steps back. Please, MAKE THE DECISION to move forward with this amazing opportunity for our great city.
Catherine	Taylor	Please make LRT a priority in Hamilton again. It goes hand in hand with all day Go train service. As a taxpayer and a concerned citizen I am paying close attention to the decisions Hamilton councillors, the mayor and provincial leaders are making in regard to LRT. I believe LRT is necessary to the future of Hamilton.
Tim	Simmons	It is time we start believing that Hamilton can be a world class city. In the past we have built highways essentially to help people get out of the city. We are now going to increase GO Transit to help people get out of the city. Maybe we should think about transit that keeps people living and working in the city of Hamilton.
Lisa	Hodge	This would be a step in the right direction in terms of economical growth for our city.
Margaret	O'Grady	The deteriorating core of Hamilton is seriously deminishing our city. Lite rail would make traveling to our centre more convenient, attractive and reliable. The construction of a rail system would also increase the credibility of the city in the world domain. Hamilton has a lot to offer in beauty and culture. Let it grow!



Robert	Fedak	<p>Hamilton always seems to find a way to dumb it down, as opposed to raising their game.</p> <p>To take us to the next level, we need to have strong support from the people who were put in place to do WHAT WE WANTED. Enough of the back door deals- to get to the "next level", we need to "get to the next level". And LRT is, or will be, a key part of the future of this City after decades of being beaten up by City staff who seem incapable of making decisions involving foresight.</p>
David	Clarke	<p>Please don't be short-sighted about this! You will be able to attract significantly more investment in real estate projects in Hamilton if City Hall isn't seen as being anti-growth and anti-development.</p>
James	Butchert	<p>Hamilton has all the makings of a world class city including a good sized international airport, a busy sea port and access to major highways to both the USA border and the rest of the province.</p> <p>Installing an LRT system in the city of Hamilton would be the next logical step in bringing our city into a greater economical and environmentally friendly future.</p> <p>I am in FULL support of an LRT system for the city.</p>
Hollie	Pocsai	<p>Please.</p>
Jeff	Chuchman	<p>I am very frustrated by the number of buses that need to fly by the bus stop at Dundurn & King and cannot stop to pick up passengers because there are too many people. I watched 8 go by the other day while I waited.</p>
Sonja	De Pauw	<p>The ground work has been done and Hamilton needs light rail transit, on the B line. The mayor may be waffling for some unexplained reason but many citizens, including myself, are not!</p>
Meg	Coppolino	<p>LRT, please!</p>



Jimmy	Bender	The LRT is an important initiative that the city needs to continue to pursue. The LRT is one of the first steps to revitalizing our city core, becoming more green, and becoming more appealing to those living in the city and living outside the city.
Mary-Lou	O'Donnell	Ontario
Mary	Thomas	<p>Light rail transport is the future! Hamilton needs to act on this now!!</p> <p>This is not the time for local or provincial politicians to play games. The mayor should remember that he was elected to represent this city not his personal whims. He has one vote on council, he is the mayor not a king with veto power. Council endorsed this project last year, so get on with it!! Hamilton keeps losing progressive opportunities due to petty power playing. Stop this stupidity. Do what is best for this city (what you were elected to do).</p> <p>We will all benefit with cleaner air, better mobility and opportunities for local development and employment.</p>
Esther	Huh	If Hamilton wishes to continue to grow and appeal to the new generation, it needs to invest in an effective public transit system like the LRT.
Lee	Dermody	Not building LRT is a missed opportunity for the city to leap into the 21st century
Brian	Cumming	All great cities have some form rapid transit. It's time for Hamilton to get on board! I support a LRT system for my city, Hamilton.
Rachel	Webb	LRT would make my life easier. Please make it happen.
Connor	Prebianca	As an older teenager that grew up in this great city. I would be thoroughly disappointed not to see this plan followed through on. Almost every time we have a proposed plan to optimize transportation in and around the city the plan gets stalled for too long. Then, after the plan gets carried through with, the stats prove that



the plan turned out to be successful. Stats don't lie, let's keep the trend going! L

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| Kevin | Wiens | For decades, the Main/King corridor in Hamilton has been the site of a staggering inequity - motorists can race from one side of our city to the other at 60km/h without hitting a light, while transit users cram on to overfilled, slow buses (the ones who can fit on the bus at all). Social divisions such as this are harmful to everyone. LRT would bring some balance and fairness to transportation in Hamilton, one of many reasons to complete this project. |
| Andy | Coltman | Please don't let this opportunity to improve Hamilton's liveability and future fail. The questions have been asked and the options weighed, and LRT was shown to be a viable and highly desirable initiative to help strengthen our City, its economy and its future. This led to clear support and promises from Council and the Province to pursue its installation --- promises that need to be reiterated and acted upon NOW so we don't squander all the hard work and insight we've gained so far. Please get LRT back on track. |
| Mark | Mundell | <p>LRT will bring in the investors that Hamilton so desperately needs to revitalize the lower city. But a smart investor will not commit their own \$\$\$ until the shovel hits the ground.</p> <p>In saying that, I have read that some have opined that the big investors aren't building yet, why should we do LRT? The truth is, it is an "if you build it, they will come scenario.". Follow Don R. Campbell of REIN to understand what LRT means to this fine city of ours.</p> |
| Thomas | Doyle | There should be no doubt that there is strong support for Light Rapid Transit in Hamilton. |
| Robert | Beck | In my opinion, the LRT is a priority. Failure to implement this would severely hamper the City's future prospects for economic growth. |
| Luke | Mattar | Very important to me. Please bring in LRT!! |
| Mike | Renaud | Our city is moving in the right direction and LRT should be a huge priority. If we're truly going to be a first |



class city then we need to make first class decisions.

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| Heather | A | Any improvement/addition to mass transit systems is good for the ecology - give people options other than the their personal automobile (an enormous takes-a-lot of energy and resources pig that usually transports only one person). |
| Rick | Cordeiro | Cheers! |
| Nina | Hladio | It's time we invest in the future of our city. What are we waiting for? Do we want to be an accessible, citizen-friendly city that attracts new young people? Or do we want to remain complacent and inevitably watch people move to other cities where they can get what Hamilton can't offer: the accessibility of light rail transit. Hamilton has everything to gain from the Light Rail Initiative, so let's take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. |
| michael | hampson | lets get this started... |
| Melanie | Skene | Hamilton is an awesome city, but needs to change the way people can move around it - from a automobile mentality to one that is more human/citizen friendly. Come on Hamilton get your heads out of the 50's and into the 21st century. |
| Heather | Judson | Dear Sirs and Madams, I am writing to ask that you do not abandon the Hamilton LRT initiative. I am an urban person, living and working in the Hamilton Core. I also attend McMaster university. I currently walk to and from work, and then drive to McMaster. It is not feasible for a night school student to take the bus home from campus because when classes let out, you cannot even get on a bus until three or four have gone by, the need is so great. I do own a car, but would prefer to take LRT or walk, while using my car for longer distances and trips outside the boundaries of Hamilton. I used to live in Calgary, which as you know has the C train. It's hugely beneficial to students, people who work downtown, or even just people who prefer not to drive in city environments. Hamilton is a big city. Let's act like one, shall we? |
| Adam | Brown | Light Rail Transit has been proven by cities such as Oregon to have a positive not just on transit ridership but |



municipal beautification as well as had an impact on automobile reliance.

Let's put the "R" back into HSR!!

Dianne	Mead	<p>It is time that Hamilton actually joined the modern world. We should build the infrastructure to bring people to Hamilton, not infrastructure to leave Hamilton. LRT improves Hamilton, makes it an easier to access the city. Another GO station - we become yet another commuter city without a heart.</p> <p>Give people a reason to come ride our "rocket" - instead of going to TO to ride theirs.</p>
Nadine	Bernacki	<p>Please support the LRT b-line construction as soon as possible. Our citizens in the future will thank you for being so forward thinking and pro-active in dealing with coming economic challenges.</p>
Julie	Vohra	<p>LRT for Hamilton, great investment</p>
Katarina	Relic	<p>PLEASE make light rail happen. The city needs it!</p>
Dawn	McIlmoyle	<p>Stop playing games with the citizenry over this! Hamilton NEEDS a clean, reliable, environmentally sensible public transportation system. And I mean the CITY of Hamilton, not bloody Ancaster. Pouring money into development in Ancaster, Stoney Creek and properties on top of the escarpment is destroying Hamilton. Address the situation by unifying the downtown core, east and west ends with this rail system.</p>
Lee Edward	McIlmoyle	<p>We need the LRT. Money has already been spent setting this up. Don't be that guy. Build it first, and then you'll get your city growth, not before. All you've done so far is help continue the mass exodus of real development to the outer boroughs. Howzabout giving a little something to those of us who actually live in the actual city. It's our tax money, too.</p>



carolyn	lehmann	Please, do not leave Hamilton in the 19th century regarding public transit, especially light rapid transit.
Krystyna	DunnBlacklock	The LRT is something that Hamilton requires. I think council needs to make the LRT a priority for the city. Council needs to step and see that this is done. All day GO service will not help the majority of taxpayers living and using transit through out the city. The Mayor and council need to think of our city and the LRT was something Mr. Bratina campaigned on in the past election. I am angry it is not following the original plan and the promises McGuinty made in the past regarding it.
Dawn	Danko	With a change in job I went from successfully using Hamilton transit to an unacceptable level of service. After 8 years, we have broken down and bought a second car. If light rail transit was available I absolutely would not need the second car. I fully support LRT, and would suggest that it is critical for maintaining a vibrant downtown in the future.
Suzanna	Lusky	We are new to Hamilton -- originally from Toronto. We support the LRT initiative for its environmental and revitalization benefits. This city has great potential.
James	Graham	This would be a GREAT success for the city of Hamilton, and for the people in Hamilton. HSR buses are constantly jam-packed at crucial times during the day. HSR's record for performance is among the worst in the province.
Brian	Detlor	I encourage Hamilton City Council to make LRT a top priority for completion as soon as possible. The economic and environmental benefits of doing so are just too good to pass up.
Jason	Morse	Our investment in LRT will create the foundation for future smart growth, attractiveness, and thus prosperity for generations to come. Now is the time to take this bold step and lead Hamilton from decades of stagnation.

Illeslie	szamosvari	Light rail transit, properly designed, has proven to be very successful in many cities. We, in Hamilton, have been blessed with volunteer contributions by interested, activist, citizens who want to see this alternative transit get on the ground. No one is suggesting that it is the one project that will save Hamilton's downtown area. Consultations, meetings, input, designs, recommendations, have had impressive participation by many who care about our city and care about equal access to our neighbourhoods. Why is the mayor not listening?
Jonathan	Fernandez	I feel the LRT is integral for the economic growth of Hamilton. It can transform this city and be a catalyst to bring new businesses to the city.
Paul	Barrett	Hourly GO Transit Trains sound great but there is already efficient GO Transit Bus Service Toronto hourly. Hamilton has come to far down the road towards Rapid Transit to back out now. If Hamilton and Ontario want to grow sustainable and economically prosperous cities then efficient transit and high density development are required. Keep your promise pay for Hamilton LRT. Its time to fund the transit needed to bring Hamilton from car culture to culture.
Nicholas	Shaw	It's time to plan for a sustainable future. It's time for rapid transit in Hamilton.
Lisa	Hind	the LRT is past due and is desperately needed for a growing city. It has been held back because of dawdling and delays. Hamilton City Council .. please listen to the tax payers of this city that the LRT is needed. We are in the 21st Century and Hamilton needs to move forward. As well, I dont need to tell you Hamilton City Council that it will bring jobs to a struggling economy of Hamilton. thank you sincerely,
Rudy	Neufeld	It seems we the people have to lead the fight for the LRT with force and vision: two commodities in short supply
S	G	This is a critically important time for the city. LRT will ensure a vibrant, integrated and dynamic city, committed to progressive growth for all residents. Please make LRT a priority for the city.
Janis	Topp	Sad to see we are being pulled back to square one on the LRT project. It is the key component to the

necessary public transit within Hamilton. I agree we must move forward on it.

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| Matthew | Coleman | We have an opportunity and it is time to get it done! Let's push Hamilton forward! |
| Peter | Hutton | It is extremely disappointing that local officials at all levels have not been able to cut through the political and bureaucratic obstacles at the provincial level to getting LRT done Any project dragged out this long will run into problems and plays into the hands of the nay-sayers. |
| Joanne | Tanner | As a Realtor I believe the promise of light rail will allow me to attract out-of-town buyers to the Hamilton market. They will come with Toronto dollars, and buy large numbers of properties in our city. This will make our city vibrant, cash rich and alive again, and all citizens will benefit from that. |
| Steve | Tanner | Hamilton needs the LRT to promote growth and outside investment in Hamilton |
| Barbara | Carson | As a senior citizen who is shortly going to be giving up the expense of driving and aggravation and cost of parking in the city centre, LRT would be very welcome - if not necessary.

I have no doubt the majority of Hamilton residents would appreciate their tax \$'s supporting LRT over 'all day Go service.' Most of us do not travel to Toronto every day, but do travel around our city and would appreciate anything that makes it easier and more efficient. |
| Derek | Hrynyshyn | Improve Public Transit Now! Citizens deserve efficient, comfortable, convenient and sustainable ways to get where they need to go! |
| Kevin | Browne | I think the LRT is vital to create a link between McMaster University and the downtown. I think the LRT is an incredibly pro-business decision, it's important infrastructure to create the right climate for investment. All day Go to Toronto is great, but LRT also recognizes and that we are a city and not a suburb. |
| Kevin | Thom | I've traveled all over the world, and seen how a healthy, clean and efficient transit system has revived cities |



everywhere. Hamilton badly needs a boost, and LRT is a great way to do it. I vote in elections based on a the candidates' positions on LRT. I will vote for candidates who support it.

Lauren	Stephen	The fact that Hamilton has been poorly serviced by GO trains for years can't become an excuse for not investing in local transit. Even a marginal increase in population density along the LRT lines would make a huge difference to the prosperity of our neighbourhoods. Right now downtown businesses are struggling, and there are many empty buildings. Increasing population density (not just increasing population and spreading out) is how cities become prosperous, and great public transportation is the most effective way to do that.
Andra	Zommers	I support the effort to bring LRT to Hamilton. We are a growing city that needs to embrace a sustainable, efficient and accessible transportation system. An LRT system will allow us to network better as a community and individually to expand our economic impact to farther reaches of our city.
Anton	Lodder	We need to make LRT our number-one priority.
Scott	Ireland	It's time to build an LRT.
Aaron	McCluskey	Hamilton has always been a leader in innovation and technology -- let's not stop now.
Anne	Jewer	I am a regular public transit user and want LRT.
Doris	Thomsen	This is the way to go
Amin	Ahmadi	This one initiative could above and beyond any other single act push Hamilton forward and make it place to talk about, let's make this a flagship of Hamilton for many years to come, the icon. Likes of Dundurn castle and Jackson square are becoming hard sells to the new generation, this is Hamilton's chance to be the poster-child of advanced transportation in the region.



Sara	Mayo	I have 2 kids and no car, and even though I would benefit personally from LRT, I was a skeptic. But then I read the Metrolinx studies and became a fan for numerous reasons, including the economic benefits.
Aminu	Bello	Hamilton needs an "image" and LRT will definitely contribute towards building a new image and economic catalyst for our downtown Hamilton and the region as a whole. The phrase surrounding Hamilton
Dave	Hauch	I urge you to support Light Rail in Hamilton - it's a service that is essential to growing our city as a stand-alone community, not simply another sleeper-enclave for Toronto.

