

# Anchor Institutions Welcome \$3.4B Investment to Advance B-Line LRT

## A Letter from Hamilton's Anchor Institution Leadership (HAIL)

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Hamilton City Council,



















We, the anchor institutions of Hamilton, thank the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario for their historic investment in rapid transit in Hamilton. A robust transit system is important for the health and prosperity of our city. The B-Line LRT will improve mobility and quality of life in our community, reduce traffic congestion on our roads, improve our underground infrastructure, promote urban intensification and economic development, and unlock new investment in Hamilton that will generate revenue for other important city-building projects. The sooner construction of the B-line LRT begins, the sooner we will achieve these benefits for our citizens.

The commitments announced this week by Ministers McKenna and Mulroney emphasized the importance of shovel-ready projects to stimulate the post-pandemic economy. With this clarity and our full support for the completion of this project, we urge:

- the City of Hamilton and Metrolinx to re-start the LRT Joint Project Team to continue with the implementation of the B-Line LRT as part of the BLAST transit network;
- Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario to initiate the procurement process needed to get shovels in the ground as soon as possible, and;
- Hamilton City Council to make the prompt approval of the B-Line LRT operating agreement a top priority.

We gratefully acknowledge and value these critical funding contributions for a generational investment in rapid transit in Hamilton.

Faithfully,

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