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His Worship Mayor Fred Eisenberger and Members of Council
Hamilton City Centre
77 James Street North, Suite 230
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(Sent via e-mail)

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Council:

The **Ainslie Wood/Westdale Community Association of Resident Homeowners Inc.** wishes to express their support for light rail transit (LRT) as the preferred rapid transit choice for Hamilton.

The AWWCA supports LRT over bus rapid transit (BRT) because of its potential to:

- attract new economic development and increase the tax assessment base
- attract new riders to public transit, helping Hamilton to achieve its goal of doubling per capita transit use
- decrease pollution
- decrease congestion
- improve the image of Hamilton locally and internationally as a progressive, forward-thinking city

In particular, LRT would benefit Ainslie Wood and Westdale by connecting our neighbourhoods to the rest of the city (and the greater Toronto region via GO) in the most comfortable, fast, and efficient way possible.

Since McMaster University students will see a vastly improved level of service, they will have a wider choice of places to live within easy reach of the campus, which will relieve pressure for additional student housing in our neighbourhoods.

We urge the city to pursue LRT, so as to be able to take advantage of the provincial funding made available through MoveOntario2020 and Metrolinx this fall.

Yours sincerely,

John Wigle, President
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