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His Worship, Mayor Fred Eisenberger
and Members of Council
City of Hamilton
Hamilton City Centre
77 James Street North
Hamilton, Ontario L8R 2K3

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Council,

I thought I would write to you about **McMaster's** views regarding transit choices that are now being considered by the City of Hamilton. I wish to express my support for exploring light rail transit (LRT) along with other rapid transit alternatives, and trust that Hamilton's preferred rapid transit choice will be based on full analysis of the relative strengths and weaknesses of these options.

The University is aware of both the ongoing discussions and the various draft plans that are being considered. **At** this stage of the project, McMaster is taking steps to ensure it is informed on this issue.

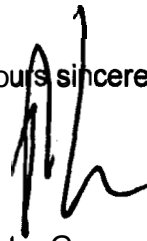
This process involves hearing from various individuals and groups through a variety of forums. I am pleased to learn that my colleague, Dr. Nicholas Kevlahan, is making a presentation to the President's Advisory Committee on Community Relations (PACCR) at its meeting June 19, which will facilitate an exchange of views on this important issue with representatives of our immediate neighbourhood.

The University has also engaged with other stakeholders interested in these issues, including the Hamilton Street Railway, city staff and members of Council. We look forward to receiving ongoing information updates and encourage consistent dialogue as this initiative progresses.

The University is deeply interested in the outcome. Members of our University community will benefit from a rapid transit connection between the Central Campus, the McMaster Innovation Park, the McMaster Downtown Centre, and the proposed Downtown Family Health Centre that provides comfortable, fast and efficient service. Our students, staff and faculty will certainly benefit from an improved level of service which **will** effectively expand the range of choices of places to live within easy reach of campus, and hopefully lessen some of the pressure of high-density student housing on our neighbourhood.

We would be happy to nominate a member of the University faculty or staff to work with the City on the planning and development of the route(s) and stations serving **McMaster**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter George', with a stylized, cursive style.

Peter George

cc: Scott Stewart, General Manager of Public Works
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