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John Howe  
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Dear Mr. Howe:

As part of the Planning, Design and Engineering Report, Steer Davies Gleave was retained to complete an A-Line Feasibility and Opportunities Report as well as a number of preliminary studies, including:

- A-Line Acoustic and Air Quality Report,
- A-Line Built Heritage & Cultural Landscapes Inventory,
- A-Line Consultation Report,
- A-Line Economic Potential Report,
- A-Line LRT Feasibility Assessment,
- A-Line Natural Environment Inventory & Impact Identification,
- A-Line Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, and
- A-Line Utilities Assessment Report

Much of this work is of good quality, however it should be noted the population and transit ridership modeling projections and methodology are based on the "Dual Corridor Medium Intensity" scenario used extensively on the A-Line planning work. This scenario differs from the City's Growth Related Integrated Development Strategy (GRIDS), master plans and provincially approved official plan policies. Therefore, when the time comes for moving forward on public transit enhancements on the A-Line, it is recommended that additional work be undertaken to determine appropriate densities along the A-Line corridor, following the City of Hamilton nodes & corridors and/or secondary planning approaches used to establish appropriate levels of intensification. Affected sections of the A-Line work should be remodeled once more detailed planning is complete to determine the economic benefits as well as a more accurate assessment of ridership forecast for the A-Line.

Thank you for your on-going support. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Hull".

Don Hull  
Director of Transportation  
Public Works Department