

Dear Friends,

I wanted to share my thoughts on the Zoom call with Amherst Supervisor Kulpa and express my ideas regarding the ongoing discussions around the light rail proposal.

While the Supervisor appears skeptical about the project's viability, I strongly believe in the importance of maintaining contact with key politicians and decision-makers. It's disheartening to witness individuals at the NFTA seemingly immersed in a directionless pursuit without considering alternative, more pragmatic solutions.

The current state of bussing and transportation demands immediate attention, and it's perplexing that dedicated individuals are investing time and resources into a potentially futile endeavor. I advocate for exploring shorter-term, cost-effective measures that address our pressing needs without committing to the astronomical costs associated with a full-fledged light rail system.

It's essential to convey that the urgency for improved transportation is now, and we should focus on implementing viable solutions promptly. Allocating funds for alternative bussing programs and remaining adaptable to evolving transportation trends seems more prudent than fixating on a massive, expensive project.

I propose that we emphasize this perspective in our communications—underscore the need for practical alternatives, emphasize the flexibility of our proposed solutions, and highlight the potential for innovation in leading the way towards a more efficient transportation system.

I'm hopeful that by reiterating the current urgency and proposing feasible alternatives, we can steer the conversation toward a more practical and impactful direction.

Looking forward to your thoughts and suggestions.

Best regards,  
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