

## Brampton should not count on LRT funding, says minister

The city that rejected a provincially funded LRT could still get that money but it might also go elsewhere, said the transportation minister.



Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey at a special council meeting Oct. 27 to discuss Metrolinx's plan to bring LRT to the city. Councillors eventually rejected the proposal. (RICK MADONIK / TORONTO STAR) | [ORDER THIS PHOTO](#)

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Brampton can't count on hanging on to the money that the province had allocated as its share of the Hurontario-Main LRT, says Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca.

"It is disappointing," he told reporters at a conference on Tuesday of that city's decision **not** to accept the province's offer of an LRT that would run down Main St. to the Brampton GO station.

The money will be reinvested in transportation infrastructure, said Del Duca. But where it goes depends on an analysis of priority transit projects by provincial transportation agency Metrolinx.

"We will proceed with the plan to build the LRT from the Port Credit GO station to Steeles and the balance of the funding in question will flow back into the (province's) Moving Ontario Forward plan to be invested in priority transit projects in the region, which in theory could be a project or more than one project in Brampton but is not necessarily going to be Brampton," he said.

"I can't say at this point it will be in the 905, the 416, in Toronto, in York Region, in Durham, in Brampton because we'll continue to do our work, our analysis," said Del Duca.

Whatever project gets the funding, it "will still provide tremendous advantage to the people of Peel Region," he said.

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