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I am not sure what you are all supporting. I support the connector too. I do not support the \$300 Million, 13 mile guided bus system which is one recommendation being contemplated by the Connector Study. There are other possible recommendations and plans that can be adopted.

In fact the Draft Locally Preferred Alternative report which will outline the various alternative plans together with capital costs, operating costs, ridership estimates, financing options, station locations, bus service changes, parking mitigation measures etc. will not be released until July 5.

I presume that all of you as business persons would want to know the basic details before endorsing any particular plan. These details will not be available until July 5. Then we can have a debate. The council action today is entirely premature. There is a rush to judgment which is entirely unnecessary.

I would be happy to discuss the \$300 Million guided bus plan with you. Whenever I have addressed a group about this plan they have always agreed that it is not a good investment. There are other options. We can discuss them as well.

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