From: <u>Scott Garnett</u>

To: <u>Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR</u>

Subject: Brt

**Date:** Monday, November 16, 2015 11:54:54 AM

## Jeff.

I am writing to you as both a business owner and a resident of the second district. I am asking that the schedule for BRT be pushed back to its original deadline, so that all of the studies that are currently underway can be completed and so more public involvement can occur. Currently, the plan is being fast tracked to get it done while the Governor is still in office. Rushing a project of this size just to get it done by the end of his term is a recipe for disaster. We want to make mass transit right and effective for all the citizens of the city, and currently, this plan does not address a number of issues.

Thanks, Scott Garnett

Sent from my iPad

From: <u>Tricia Bryant</u>

To: <u>Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR</u>

Subject: Fwd: Nov 16 Planning Commission Meeting -- agenda item BRT

**Date:** Sunday, November 15, 2015 8:57:33 PM

Jeff

Please see below-- first email address was incorrect

Tricia Bryant 804-370-9208

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tricia Bryant < pabryant819@icloud.com > Date: November 15, 2015 at 8:52:32 PM EST

To: Jeff.Eastman@richmond.com

Subject: Nov 16 Planning Commission Meeting -- agenda item

**BRT** 

Jeff

I am writing to voice my opinion to delay the BRT plans until much more information can be obtained. We need to know more about who will pay for the construction cost overruns and the operating deficit which GRTC has estimated at 2.5-4M annually.

We need to know what the city's plan is for business's along Broad who will be very negatively impacted by the construction. Also, what is the plan to include so many neighbourhoods in the BRT loop that currently have limited or no bus services?

This is a failure in the making and the process needs to slow down to get answers to these questions.

Tricia Bryant 804-370-9208

From: Ben Partridge

To: <u>Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR</u>

Subject: Pulse Line

**Date:** Monday, November 16, 2015 11:25:45 AM

Please have Planning Commission consider delaying this project.

It doesn't go tot he areas that need service.

The buses will delay regular traffic of citizens tying to travel downtown. Why should buses get preferred access to the road?

It hurts the business by taking parking spaces.

Sincerely,

Ben Partridge

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 From:
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 To:
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Subject: Slow down the BRT- Unite the City!

Date: Monday, November 16, 2015 1:34:46 PM

## Dear Mr. Eastman,

I respectfully request that you seriously consider the BRT requests put forth by the RVA Coalition for Smart Transit. As a city, we cannot afford to start this process without proper planning, and at the moment, this is a rush job with too many unresolved questions. The fact that no one in the city or at GRTC has any idea who will pay for the annual \$2-\$4 million maintenance of the BRT is sobering.

The current Bus Rapid Transit plans will do more damage than good, reversing the progress that has occurred on Broad Street during the last 1 0 years. We advocate for smart design planning, a meaningful public participation process, and effective mass transit expansion. Please revert the BRT process to the original schedule that was irresponsibly pushed forward by a full year by the Governor.

Thank you for your attention,

Elsa Woodaman