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Re: LRT extension to Kanata

Angela Taylor
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the location of the route for the proposed extension of the LRT to Kanata. We would like to register our strong support for the currently preferred option, Option #8. We believe that the negative impact of the LRT extension on greenspace ought to be concentrated in the 417 corridor. In our view, both options #5 and #13 present significantly higher risks for disrupting existing greenspace and on that basis alone should not be further considered.

We believe that providing access to the LRT for employment nodes in North Kanata and population concentrations in South Kanata and beyond should not to be taken into account as regards the location the LRT main line into Kanata. Rather, these factors should be considered in the context a fuller study of the optimal configuration of public transit within Kanata/Stittsville on the assumption that the main line has been extended to the central area of Kanata and that the planned/expected densification of the area around this central LRT station has occurred.

Paul Johanis
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Since 1997, the Greenspace Alliance has worked with community organizations and individuals to preserve and enhance natural areas in the National Capital area, including public and private green spaces, wetlands and waterways. We believe that urban greenness is essential for a community's quality of life, contributing to our personal, social, economic, cultural and spiritual well-being. It also connects us with the natural and cultural history of our region.