

Bob Chiarelli Has the Only Plan for Rail.

OTTAWA, November 10, 2006 – The Chiarelli campaign released a letter confirming that Bob Chiarelli is the only candidate who can deliver a light rail project now and get moving on East-West light rail right away.

The letter confirms that the Province's commitment of \$200 million is only on the table for the light rail project as approved by Council last July. The letter clearly states that Ontario's commitment to the Ottawa North-South Light Rail Transit (LRT) expansion project, as defined in the April 21, 2005 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was signed by all three level of government, is for an electrified LRT system between downtown Ottawa and Barrhaven.

Larry O'Brien has no plan.

Alex Munter continues to play with the truth - he's misleading the public - purely in an effort to win votes. He has proven that he will say and do anything to get elected.

And yesterday he confirmed once again that he has no plan for light rail.

Mr. Munter continues to flip-flop on his so called position – he mused with the Ottawa Sun that he will consider the Friends of the O-Train proposal which will require diesel Bombardier trains.

The province has made it clear that diesel is not on. The letter clearly states that “the selection of a diesel over an electric LRT system in the North-South corridor would also be inconsistent with our MOU.” The letter also makes it clear that any change to the current plan is not possible for funding, stating, “Any contemplation of the proposed East-West LRT project, or other potential alternative investments, would be inconsistent with the terms and conditions of our MOU.”

Bob Chiarelli has been consistent and honest about his plan. The City of Ottawa staff has worked diligently and openly for over 5 years on every detail on the current Downtown to Barrhaven LRT project. There have been dozens of votes by City Council, hundreds of public consultations, and Bob Chiarelli has been able to secure the all the funding for this fixed-price public transit project with only 5 per cent of the total costs coming from Ottawa's tax base.

If you want a future of light rail instead of a north-south expressway down Bronson Avenue or the Alta Vista corridor.

If you want a fixed price light rail contract now - not huge inflationary costs, more dithering, and delays of at least 4 and a half years - Bob Chiarelli is the only candidate for Mayor that can and will deliver.