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Greetings

Re: item 1.2 Mobility Hub Study in the Main Street and Danforth Avenue Area

I'm late with all sorts of things; this item just came to my attention earlier today.

I strongly support getting this analyzed; perhaps beginning with finding and dusting off the old studies, though as with the Bloor/Danforth bikeway study, some salient points can be missed eg. that one didn't look at the benefits to crowded transit from shedding load on to bikes.

We should let imagination and thus budgets roam. I've thought that there's surely enough room on the west side of Main to allow buses to drive south of the Main Station and get directly into the GO station area via under the bridge. There's room now, and rebuilding/constructing some of the bridge for extra trackage may just have to happen ie. tunnel under a part of the bridge to let that connection happen.

Going northwards is less easy and obvious. Just had a thought tonight that maybe the way to do it is to tunnel under the road a bit while shifting the travel part of the northbound lanes over to the east, so that a busway exit emerges in the centre of the road and then into the Main Station vs. tunnelling all into the Main Station, another option perhaps.

This is exactly the sort of thing we need to be spending our money on and not that less-wise to stupid subway extension.

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