



City of Hamilton
LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SUB-COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 24-002
Date: May 23, 2024
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Carrie McIntosh, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 2729

| | Pages |
|---|--------------|
| 1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES | |
| 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA | |
| (Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with *) | |
| 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | |
| 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING | |
| 4.1 January 29, 2024 | 3 |
| 5. COMMUNICATIONS | |
| 5.1 Correspondence from Rose Janson respecting Our Transit System should remain PUBLIC! | 13 |
| Recommendation: Be received. | |
| 6. DELEGATION REQUESTS | |
| 7. DELEGATIONS | |
| 8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS | |
| 9. CONSENT ITEMS | |

| | | |
|------------|---|----|
| 9.1 | Hamilton Light Rail Transit Partial Property Acquisition Update (PED24083) (City Wide) | 14 |
| 9.2 | Hamilton Light Rail Transit Early Works Update (PED24084) (City Wide) | 18 |
| 10. | PUBLIC HEARINGS | |
| 11. | DISCUSSION ITEMS | |
| 12. | MOTIONS | |
| 12.1 | Small Business Supports During Light Rail Transit Major Construction | 21 |
| 12.2 | Applying a Climate Justice Lens to the Light Rail Transit Recommendations - WITHDRAWN | 23 |
| 13. | NOTICES OF MOTION | |
| 14. | GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS | |
| 15. | PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL | |
| 16. | ADJOURNMENT | |



**LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES 24-001**

1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 29, 2024

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor A. Horwath, Councillors N. Nann (Chair), C. Kroetsch (Vice-Chair), C. Cassar, J.P. Danko, T. Hwang and M. Wilson

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor M. Francis – City Business

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION:

1. Light Rail Transit Operations Models (PED23166(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Horwath/Cassar)

That Report (PED23166(b)), respecting Light Rail Transit Operations Models (City Wide), be referred to the March 21, 2024 meeting of the General Issues Committee.

Result: **AMENDMENT CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 2, as follows:**

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
No - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
No - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 Correspondence respecting Item 8.1 - Light Rail Transit Operations Models (PED23166(b)) (City Wide), from the following individuals:

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of 8.1.

- (a) Daniella Balasal, CP Planning
- (b) Leilani Hana
- (c) Amy Shi
- (d) Rose Janson
- (e) Nate Wallace, National Defence
- (f) Shania Ramharrack-Maharaj
- (g) Stop Sprawl HamOnt Organizers
- (h) Kate Pearson
- (i) Helena Dalrymple

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.5 Delegation requests respecting Item 8.1 - Light Rail Transit Operations Models (PED23166(b)) (City Wide) for today's meeting from the following individuals:

- (a) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton (In-Person)
- (b) James Kemp (Virtually)
- (c) Stewart Klazinga, ACORN Hamilton (Virtually)
- (d) T. H. Ponders (In-Person)

- (e) Caitlin Craven, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion - WITHDRAWN
- (f) Don McLean, Hamilton 350 Committee (Virtually)
- (g) Shelagh Pizey-Allen, TTCriders (Virtually)
- (h) Christie McNabb, Council of Canadians - Hamilton Chapter (Virtually)
- (i) Evan Ubene (In-Person)
- (j) Anthony Marco, Hamilton and District Labour Council (In-Person)
- (k) Theresa Cardey, Transit Matters (Virtually)
- (l) Mason Fitzpatrick, CUPE Local 3906 (In-Person)

6.6 Clint Crabtree, ATU Local 279 Ottawa respecting LRT in Ottawa (Virtually)

8.1 STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- (a) Light Rail Transit Operations Models (PED23166(b)) (City Wide) - Presentation – FURTHER REVISED

CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS:

That the delegation from Councillor Josh Matlow, City of Toronto, respecting the Hamilton LRT, be heard as the first delegation (Item 7.1)

(Cassar/Hwang)

That the agenda for the January 29, 2024, Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
 Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Ninder Nann
 Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko

Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) December 11, 2023 (Item 4.1)

(Wilson/Cassar)

That the Minutes of the December 11, 2023, meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) (Hwang/Cassar)

That the Correspondence Items 5.1(a) to 5.1(i) respecting Item 8.1 - Light Rail Transit Operations Models (PED23166(b)) (City Wide), as follows, be received:

- (a) Daniella Balasal, CP Planning (Added Item 5.1(a))
- (b) Leilani Hana (Added Item 5.1(b))
- (c) Amy Shi (Added Item 5.1(c))
- (d) Rose Janson (Added Item 5.1(d))
- (e) Nate Wallace, Environmental Defence (Added Item 5.1(e))
- (f) Shania Ramharrack-Maharaj (Added Item 5.1(f))

- (g) Stop Sprawl HamOnt Organizers (Added Item 5.1(g))
- (h) Kate Pearson (Added Item 5.1(h))
- (i) Helena Dalrymple (Added Item 5.1(f))

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
 Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
 Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

That the Delegation Requests for today's meeting be approved, as follows:

- (i) Eric Tuck, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 107, respecting LRT Options Report (In-Person) (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Vic Wojciechowska, CUPE 3906, respecting Keep Transit Public campaign (In-Person) (Item 6.2)
- (iii) Councillor Josh Matlow, City of Toronto, respecting the Hamilton LRT (Virtually) (Item 6.3)
- (iv) John Di Nino, ATU Canada, respecting operation and maintenance of Hamilton LRT (Virtually) (Item 6.4)
- (v) Delegation requests respecting Item 8.1 - Light Rail Transit Operations Models (PED23166(b)) (City Wide) for today's meeting from the following individuals:
 - (a) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton (In-Person) (Added Item 6.5(a))
 - (b) James Kemp (Virtually) (Added Item 6.5(b))
 - (c) Stewart Klazinga, ACORN Hamilton (Virtually) (Added Item 6.5(c))

- (d) T. H. Ponders (In-Person) (Added Item 6.5(d))
- (e) Don McLean, Hamilton 350 Committee (Virtually) (Added Item 6.5(e))
- (f) Shelagh Pizey-Allen, TTCriders (Virtually) (Added Item 6.5(f))
- (g) Christie McNabb, Council of Canadians - Hamilton Chapter (Virtually) (Added Item 6.5(g))
- (h) Evan Ubene (In-Person) (Added Item 6.5(h))
- (i) Anthony Marco, Hamilton and District Labour Council (In-Person) (Added Item 6.5(i))
- (j) Theresa Cardey, Transit Matters (Virtually) (Added Item 6.5(j))
- (k) Mason Fitzpatrick, CUPE Local 3906 (In-Person) (Added Item 6.5(k))
- (vi) Clint Crabtree, ATU Local 279 Ottawa respecting LRT in Ottawa (Virtually) (Added Item 6.6)

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 1, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
 Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 No - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
 Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

The following delegations addressed the Committee:

- (i) Councillor Josh Matlow, City of Toronto, respecting the Hamilton LRT (Virtually) (Item 7.1)
- (ii) Eric Tuck, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 107, respecting LRT Options Report (In-Person) (Item 7.2)

- (iii) Vic Wojciechowska, CUPE 3906, respecting Keep Transit Public campaign (In-Person) (Item 7.3)
- (iv) John Di Nino, ATU Canada, respecting operation and maintenance of Hamilton LRT (Virtually) (Item 7.4)
- (v) Delegation requests respecting Item 8.1 - Light Rail Transit Operations Models (PED23166(b)) (City Wide) for today's meeting from the following individuals:
 - (a) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton (In-Person) (Added Item 7.5(a))
 - (b) James Kemp (Virtually) (Added Item 7.5(b))
 - (c) Stewart Klazinga, ACORN Hamilton (Virtually) (Added Item 7.5(c))
 - (d) T. H. Ponders (In-Person) (Added Item 7.5(d))
 - (e) Shelagh Pizey-Allen, TTCriders (Virtually) (Added Item 7.5(f))
 - (f) Christie McNabb, Council of Canadians - Hamilton Chapter (Virtually) (Added Item 7.5(g))
 - (g) Evan Ubene (In-Person) (Added Item 7.5(h))
 - (h) Anthony Marco, Hamilton and District Labour Council (In-Person) (Added Item 7.5(i))
 - (i) Theresa Cardey, Transit Matters (Virtually) (Added Item 7.5(j))
 - (j) Mason Fitzpatrick, CUPE Local 3906 (In-Person) (Added Item 7.5(k))

The following Delegations were not in attendance when called upon:

- (i) Don McLean, Hamilton 350 Committee (Virtually) (Added Item 7.5(e))
- (ii) Clint Crabtree, ATU Local 279 Ottawa respecting LRT in Ottawa (Virtually) (Added Item 7.6)

(Hwang/Cassar)

That the following Delegations, be received:

- (i) Councillor Josh Matlow, City of Toronto, respecting the Hamilton LRT (Virtually) (Item 7.1)
- (ii) Eric Tuck, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 107, respecting LRT Options Report (In-Person) (Item 7.2)
- (iii) Vic Wojciechowska, CUPE 3906, respecting Keep Transit Public campaign (In-Person) (Item 7.3)
- (iv) John Di Nino, ATU Canada, respecting operation and maintenance of Hamilton LRT (Virtually) (Item 7.4)
- (v) Delegation requests respecting Item 8.1 - Light Rail Transit Operations Models (PED23166(b)) (City Wide) for today's meeting from the following individuals:
 - (a) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton (In-Person) (Added Item 7.5(a))
 - (b) James Kemp (Virtually) (Added Item 7.5(b))
 - (c) Stewart Klazinga, ACORN Hamilton (Virtually) (Added Item 7.5(c))
 - (d) T. H. Ponders (In-Person) (Added Item 7.5(d))
 - (e) Shelagh Pizey-Allen, TTCriders (Virtually) (Added Item 7.5(f))
 - (f) Christie McNabb, Council of Canadians - Hamilton Chapter (Virtually) (Added Item 7.5(g))
 - (g) Evan Ubene (In-Person) (Added Item 7.5(h))
 - (h) Anthony Marco, Hamilton and District Labour Council (In-Person) (Added Item 7.5(i))
 - (i) Theresa Cardey, Transit Matters (Virtually) (Added Item 7.5(j))
 - (j) Mason Fitzpatrick, CUPE Local 3906 (In-Person) (Added Item 7.5(k))

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
 Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 Not Present - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
 Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Light Rail Transit Operations Models (PED23166(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Abdul Shaikh, Director LRT Project Office, addressed the Committee respecting Report PED23166(b), Light Rail Transit Operations Models, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Horwath/Kroetsch)

That the presentation by Abdul Shaikh, Director LRT Project Office, respecting Report PED23166(b), Light Rail Transit Operations Models, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
 Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
 Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(ii) (Horwath/Hwang)

That the City endorse Operations Model 2 (*Municipality performs passenger interface activities*) to be selected as the City's preferred Light Rail Transit operations model with the right to opt-in (transition) to Operations Model 4 (*Municipality performs all aspects of Operational activities except facility operations*) after an initial 10-year term.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

(Hwang/Danko)

That there being no further business, the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Nann, Chair,
Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

From: Rose Janson [REDACTED]
Sent: April 12, 2024 11:54 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Our Transit System should remain PUBLIC!

External Email: Use caution with links and attachments

Dear City of Hamilton

We strongly urge you to keep profit motives out of Hamilton's transit system. The reasons are many-

We appreciate, and use public transit all the time!

A publicly run system will:

*

keep taxpayer money and fares in Hamilton

*

provide good, green jobs for Hamiltonians

*

keep fares lower

*


support efficient transit connections between the LRT and city bus routes

*

ensure greater accountability, transparency, and local agency in decision making



INFORMATION REPORT

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| TO: | Chair and Members Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee |
| COMMITTEE DATE: | May 23, 2024 |
| SUBJECT/REPORT NO: | Hamilton Light Rail Transit Partial Property Acquisition Update (PED24083) (City Wide) |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | City Wide |
| PREPARED BY: | Ana Cruceru (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5707 |
| SUBMITTED BY: | Abdul Shaikh Director, Hamilton LRT Project Office Planning and Economic Development Department |
| SIGNATURE: |  |

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not applicable.

INFORMATION

In 2021, City Council ratified a new Memorandum of Understanding with Metrolinx and the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) which references the previous Project Specific Output Specifications completed before the cancellation of the previous iteration of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) project in 2019. The Project Specific Output Specifications included the target pedestrian zone width of 3.0m on each side of the LRT corridor comprised of a 2.5m urban braille sidewalk and a 0.5m furnishing zone.

In 2022, City Council approved the 'Complete Streets Design Manual' which sets out a "minimum" desired required width of 4.75m for the pedestrian zone comprised of a buffer zone, street tree/furniture zone, walkway zone and frontage zone for areas with higher pedestrian volumes.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

**SUBJECT: Hamilton Light Rail Transit Partial Property Acquisition Update
(PED24083) (City Wide) - Page 2 of 4**

In 2023, the City and Metrolinx reviewed a list of previously identified partial land acquisitions with consideration to increasing the width of the pedestrian zone from 3.0m to 4.75m in accordance with the City's Complete Streets Design Manual.

City staff and Metrolinx collaboratively worked together to identify where pedestrian zone widths in line with the Complete Streets Design Manual could be achieved without undue impact on properties.

Historical Background

Metrolinx's 2019 LRT Project Specific Output Specifications, referenced in the 2021 Memorandum of Understanding, include a target value of a minimum 3.0m wide pedestrian zone, with certain exceptions in constrained areas of the corridor. The Complete Street Design Guidelines Manual, compiled by the City between the LRT project cancellation in 2019 and its reactivation in 2021, and approved in 2022, provides a different target width for the pedestrian zone in various road typologies, which is inclusive of a walkway, street/tree furniture, buffer and frontage zones.

In 2023, the City and Metrolinx reviewed a list of partial land acquisitions with consideration to increasing the width of the pedestrian zone, improving the public realm, and providing greening opportunities in accordance with updated streetscape design standards outlined in the City's Complete Street Design Guidelines Manual. For the purpose of this report, the pedestrian zone is the area in the Right of Way that accommodates pedestrians, streetscape and urban design elements.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

**SUBJECT: Hamilton Light Rail Transit Partial Property Acquisition Update
(PED24083) (City Wide) - Page 3 of 4**

Figure 1: Illustration of Pedestrian Zones per Complete Streets Design Manual (p.54)



The Table for Pedestrian Zone Dimensions, on page 55 of the Complete Street Design Guidelines Manual, identifies a minimum desired width of 4.75m (2m walkway, 1.75m street tree/furniture, 0.5m buffer and 0.5m frontage zones) as being appropriate for the LRT corridor and accommodation of high levels of pedestrian traffic and users of mobility devices.

City Assessment of Properties

An initial list of 163 non-municipal properties was identified by City and Metrolinx staff for the purpose of achieving a wider pedestrian zone.

Each of these properties was evaluated by City staff by taking into consideration contextual conditions for each property: their proximity to future LRT stops, crossing opportunities, schools and other community facilities; the ability of the site to support consistent and high quality streetscaping in the context of established lot and front yard patterns along the block; or their potential to contribute with a significant length of public realm at key locations in the short and near term. The site's potential to contribute to the public realm was further weighed with its likelihood of redeveloping (and achieving dedication of lands through private investment) in the short to near term and assessed from a cost/benefit perspective. As a result of balancing these criteria, each property was ranked as a High, Medium, or Low priority for the City.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

**SUBJECT: Hamilton Light Rail Transit Partial Property Acquisition Update
(PED24083) (City Wide) - Page 4 of 4**

Through collaborative discussion, Metrolinx agreed that costs associated with additional land acquisitions of 122 properties out of the initial list of 163 properties, are to be captured as Metrolinx project costs. The decision was based on Metrolinx's internal review to determine where acquisition of additional lands would align with other overall project goals (ie: constructability, space for subsurface utilities) while meeting the City's requirement of fulfilling the Complete Streets Design Manual desired minimums. Metrolinx's list of 122 properties included properties that the City identified as high-ranked properties for a wider pedestrian zone.

As these partial land acquisitions will become part of the City's road Right of Way, the City and Metrolinx are currently working toward developing the agreed upon conditions of acquiring these lands, which will be incorporated into Real Estate Protocols between the City and Metrolinx for the LRT project.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable.



INFORMATION REPORT

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| TO: | Chair and Members Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee |
| COMMITTEE DATE: | May 23, 2024 |
| SUBJECT/REPORT NO: | Hamilton Light Rail Transit Early Works Update (PED24084) (City Wide) |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | City Wide |
| PREPARED BY: | Chris McCafferty (905) 546-2424 Ext. 2320 |
| SUBMITTED BY: | Abdul Shaikh Director, Hamilton LRT Project Office Planning and Economic Development Department |
| SIGNATURE: |  |

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not Applicable.

INFORMATION

Background: Light Rail Transit Early Works

Certain discrete early works projects are being delivered prior to major construction in or adjacent to certain sections of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) corridor.

Funded by Metrolinx and delivered by either the City or third-party utilities, these projects will mitigate complexities for the contractor chosen to build Hamilton LRT.

The City has coordinated these early works projects with state of good repair works and improvements to City infrastructure to facilitate a more cost-effective delivery for both parties and minimize disruption to the community.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

SUBJECT: Hamilton Light Rail Transit Early Works Update (PED24084) (City Wide) - Page 2 of 3

At present, there are five (5) early works projects which are either in development, design or under construction. A brief synopsis of the project scope and an update on the status of these projects is provided below.

**1) Sherman Avenue South (South end to Wilson) and
2) Wentworth Street North (King to Wilson)**

The Sherman and Wentworth projects were driven by the need to strengthen the watermain system in advance of major LRT construction. Collectively these works act as a replacement for an existing 500mm trunk watermain on King Street since space constraints make it impractical to reconstruct this 500mm trunk watermain in the LRT corridor.

The subsurface component of the Sherman works is comprised of the construction of a 300mm watermain and connections to trunk watermains on Cumberland and Main Street E. In coordination with these works, the City is taking the opportunity to resurface the remaining portion of the road and provide on-street bike facilities from Delaware to Dunsmure. The project was partially delivered in 2023 (Dunsmure to Wilson) and will recommence construction in Spring 2024 (South end to Dunsmure) with a Fall 2024 completion date.

The subsurface component of the Wentworth works is comprised of the construction of 200mm and 500mm watermains and connections to trunk watermains on Wilson and King William. The asphalt surface will be replaced upon completion of the watermain works. The project will tender with adjacent City funded capital construction projects on Wilson Street and Sherman Avenue North in Spring 2024. Overall construction will commence in Fall 2024 with an estimated completion in Spring 2026.

3) Nash Road and Queenston Road

The 1200mm trunk watermain on Nash Road needs to be lowered under the Queenston portion of the LRT corridor to remove conflicts with planned underground infrastructure works during major LRT construction.

The City was already delivering a contract to replace the large valves and chambers in the four legs of the intersection so both works were tendered together to mitigate overall costs and to avoid multiple disruptions to the trunk watermain system and the roadways.

The works have been awarded and construction will commence in Spring 2024 with an estimated completion in Fall 2025.

SUBJECT: Hamilton Light Rail Transit Early Works Update (PED24084) (City Wide) - Page 3 of 3

**4) Main Street East (Strathearne to Delena)
Rosewood Road (Queenston to Main)**

The Main/Rosewood project is inclusive of the relocation of an existing 1200mm trunk watermain on Queenston Road since space constraints make it impractical to reconstruct the 1200mm trunk watermain in the LRT corridor.

On Main Street East, the City will take the opportunity to construct a safer and more balanced roadway corridor by supplementing Metrolinx funding.

The existing road platform is four lanes wide and the sidewalk is currently placed directly adjacent to the road. In the new design the City will be narrowing the road to facilitate tree plantings, the inclusion of boulevards to separate pedestrians from the road and discrete provision of laybys for parking, school busses and the HSR.

In keeping with the City of Hamilton's Vision Zero Strategy and Complete Street Guidelines, intersections will incorporate bumpouts and radii which promote slower vehicular speeds and decrease the length of pedestrian crossings.

The resultant corridor will be more appropriate to the neighbourhood and will enhance the pedestrian experience.

The project is currently in the detail design stage and it is anticipated that construction will commence in Fall 2024 with an estimated completion Winter 2025. The design will be presented to the public at an upcoming Ward meeting hosted by Councillor Hwang.

5) Main St East and Ottawa Street

A City-led project to replace City watermains and Bell Canada infrastructure at Main and Ottawa is currently under development and it is expected that construction will commence in Spring 2025 and be completed in Fall 2025.

This intersection is highly congested and a critical juncture point for the City watermain and Bell Canada networks. Advancing the works now will remove challenging tasks from major LRT construction and will result in more robust infrastructure for both parties.

In order to mitigate risk to the City, the works will be fully coordinated with other City watermain projects.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable.

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee: May 23, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....

Small Business Supports During Light Rail Transit Major Construction

WHEREAS, enabling works have begun for the multi-year major construction for the Light Rail Transit (LRT) project and the City of Hamilton is planning ahead for the major construction works funded by both the Provincial and the Federal Governments;

WHEREAS, small businesses in Hamilton make up the majority of employment and contribute to the economic development and vitality of the city;

WHEREAS, of the 16,348 businesses with employees in Hamilton, approximately 56% employ fewer than four people and 75% employ nine or fewer people, meaning that small and micro businesses make up the majority of the city’s businesses which contribute to the economic development and vitality of the city (source: InvestInHamilton, 2024, and Canadian Business Counts, June 2021);

WHEREAS, small businesses that are situated along and adjacent to the LRT corridor will be impacted by construction of the project;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton seeks to reduce disruption to small businesses along the 14-kilometre LRT corridor;

WHEREAS, other municipalities in Canada that undertook major transit corridor construction like Toronto, Montreal, and Kitchener-Waterloo implemented small business supports including grants and incentives for the impacted businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Toronto in partnership with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FEDDEV Ontario) implemented the Transit Expansion Construction Mitigation Grant Program to support businesses and business associations impacted by major transit construction works.

12.1

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to research and explore potential small business grant and support programs available to the City of Hamilton, small businesses, or Business Improvement Areas during the Light Rail Transit (LRT) major construction to support impacted businesses along and adjacent to the LRT;
- (b) That staff be directed to complete this scan once every year until the substantial completion of the Hamilton LRT project and that the results of this scan be presented to Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee; and
- (c) That staff be directed collaborate with Metrolinx, FEDDEV Ontario, and other funding agencies to enable the implementation and marketing of these small business supports ahead of the LRT major construction.

12.2

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee: May 23, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Applying a Climate Justice Lens to the Light Rail Transit Recommendations

That staff be directed to review the presentation respecting Applying a Climate Justice Lens to the Light Rail Transit and report back to the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee respecting what recommendations the City is acting on and if there are additional recommendations for the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee to consider.