Chronology of Rapid Transit/LRT Consultation Events

Rapid Transit Initiative Consultation Events

Consultation with the General Public and Property Owners
The Rapid Transit Team has attended various community organized events. While in attendance at these events, staff were available at information booths and handed out brochures, surveys and answered questions regarding the Rapid Transit Initiative.

Timeline of events (excluding public open houses)
- May 1, 2008: Hamilton Light Rail Workshop
- May 15, 2008: Hamilton International Airport
- July 6, 2008: The Landsdale Neighbourhood Association’s “Summer in the Park” event (JC Beemer Park)
- July 2, 2008: St. Joseph’s Hospital
- July 21, 2008: Jackson Square
- July 22, 2008: Eastgate Square
- July 24, 2008: Limeridge Mall
- July 28, 2008: Downtown lunch-time Public Information Centre
- September 3, 2008: The University of McMaster “Clubfest”;
- September 13, 2008: The North End Neighbourhood Association BBQ;
- September 13 and 14, 2008: Westitalia (by Westdale Village BIA);
- September 2008: Ancaster Community Council Meeting
- November 2008: McMaster Student’s Union
- December 17, 2008: Mohawk College
- March 2009: Stipely Neighbourhood Community Meeting
- November 23, 2009: Landsdale Neighbourhood Association
- January 28, 2010: Art Gallery of Hamilton
- February 11, 2010: Ward 5 Residents Meeting
- February 9, 2010: Visit to Downtown BIA Members
- March 22, 2010: Ward 1 Meeting
- March 26, 2010: International Village BIA property owners visits
- June 24, 2010: McMaster University Station Location Update Meeting
- September 22, 2010: Meeting with Nicholas Kevlahan
- November 22, 2010: Hamilton Day at Queens Park
- January 4, 2011: Fortinos
- January 19, 2011: William & Michael Struss, property owners
- February 28, 2011: Crown Point Planning Hub Meeting
- March 7, 2011: South Sherman Planning Hub Meeting
- May 9, 2011: Cathedral High School
- June 20, 2011: Bill Kelly Show (CHML)

Public Open Houses
Six formal rounds of public consultation/engagement have been undertaken; five as part of the Pre-Planning phase and the sixth as part of the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) phase.
Pre-Planning Phase

Public Open Houses #1 and 2 - Information was presented about the project and public feedback was received on the type of Rapid Transit to be pursued.
- May 6th 2008: Sackville Hill Seniors Recreation Centre;
- May 8th 2008: Board of Education

Open House Community Update Meetings:
- December 2 2008: Hamilton Convention centre
- December 4th 2008: Barton stone united Church

Public Open House #3 – These were community events to update the public on the options being investigated
- June 1, 2009: St. Paul Anglican Church (West)
- June 3, 2009: Church of the Nativity (East)
- June 9, 2009: Sheraton Hotel (Downtown)

Public Open House #4: - To give the public an update on progress and to introduce the Rapid Transit Citizens Advisory Committee
- September 30, 2010

Public Open House #5 - events included comprehensive information panels and a video simulation of LRT in Downtown Hamilton
- January 19 2011 Scottish Rite, Downtown Hamilton
- January 20 2011 Westdale Secondary School
- January 24 2011 International Village Business Improvement Area (BIA), Downtown Hamilton
- January 27 2011 Courtyard Marriott Hotel
- January 28 2011 McMaster University Students Union
- February 2 2011 Downtown BIA

TPAP Phase

Public Open House #6 - included detailed panels along with mock up montages and a video simulation illustrating how the project might look when implemented.
- August 15 2011 at Sackville Hill Seniors Recreation Centre
- August 16 2011 at the Grand Olympia
- August 17 2011 at Hamilton Convention Centre
- August 18 2011 at Hamilton Convention Centre

Summary of Stakeholder Meetings

Timeline of events
- Realty Association, May 13, 2008
- Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, June 10, 2008
- The Barton Village Business Improvement Association (BIA) First Annual Festival, July 19 and July 20, 2008 at Woodlands Park
- Festival Board, Summer, 2008
- GIS Day, November 12, 2008
- Property owner workshops, February 2009
- McMaster Centre for Spatial Analysis, February 27, 2009
- Transportation Summit, April 2, 2009
- Hamilton Environmental Industrial Association, April 9, 2009
- Downtown Hamilton BIA – Annual General Meeting, November 3, 2009
- Hamilton Association of BIA’s (HABIA), December 15, 2009
- Mohawk College Student Project Background Presentation on Rapid Transit in Hamilton on January 20, 2010
- Downtown BIA, January 26, 2010
- Spectator Editorial Board, February 16, 2010
- CHML, March 26, 2010
- Hamilton Association of BIA’s (HABIA), April 13, 2010
- Downtown BIA and international Village BIA, October 4, 2010
- Hamilton TMA, November 2, 2010
- Downtown BIA Annual General meeting, November 2, 2010
- Hamilton Chamber of Commerce on December 7, 2010
- International Village BIA, December 13, 2010
- Downtown BIA, December 17, 2010
- Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, December 17, 2010
- Liuna, December 21, 2010
- International Village BIA Board, January 12, 2011
- Downtown BIA Board, January 19, 2011
- Art Gallery Hamilton, February 10, 2011
- McMaster University, March 1, 2011
- Hamilton Businessmen Breakfast, March 10, 2011
- King Street West BIA meeting, March 30, 2011
- Ecohouse Green Adventures family weekend, April 8 and 9, 2011;
- McMaster University, April 14, 2011
- 11th Health & Safety Fair, April 26 and 27, 2011;
- Winona Community Information Night, May 10, 2011;
- Hamilton Economic Summit, May 12, 2011
- Business Development Committee, June 2, 2011
- Open Streets, June 12, 2011;
- Transportation & Healthy Living Fair, June 16, 2011.
- McMaster Institute of Transportation & Logistics (MITL), July 20, 2011

Summary of Consultation with Technical Agencies and Municipal Staff

Timeline of Meetings with Technical Agencies
- May 1, 2008 - Metrolinx
- July 14, 2008 - Clean Air Hamilton Committee
- October, 2008 - Downtown - West Harbourfront Coordinating Committee
- October, 2008 - Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction
- October 14, 2008 - Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
- January 20, 2009 - Youth Advisory Committee of Council
February, 2009 – Workshop session (invited federal and provincial ministries with interest in the project, members of the Government Review Team, utility companies, hospitals, schools, and affected conservation authorities)

- February 23, 2009 - Hamilton Utility Policy Review Committee
- January 27 & 29, 2010 - Metrolinx
- March 3, 2010 - John Howe
- March 3, 2010 - Police Chief
- August 12, 2010 - Canadian Pacific Railways
- October 12, 2010 - Implementing Rapid Transit Projects Group
- October 18, 2010 - Hydro One
- October 25, 2010 - Jim Dunn (McMaster)
- October 27, 2010 - GO-Strachan Community Office
- December 8, 2010 - McMaster
- December 14, 2010 - Green Venture
- January 10, 2011 - MTO
- March 16, 2011 - John Brodhead (Metrolinx)
- May 27, 2011 - Ontario Ministry of Environmental Approvals and Assessment Branch Senior Project Officer and Senior Noise Engineer
- June 3, 2011 - Metrolinx Re: PDE/MSF
- June 3, 2011 - Hamilton Fire Chief Rob Simonds
- June 9, 2011 - Karen Stintz, Chair of TTC
- June 15, 2011 - Translog
- July 18, 2011 – Ontario Ministry of Transportation
- June 24, 2011 - City Manager’s Office/Planning/Rapid Transit - Re: Scott Park
- July 18, 2011 – MTO
- n.d. – Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture

Summary of Consultation with Aboriginal Communities

All notices for public consultation events were circulated to First Nations Contacts through our technical agencies mail outs. No comments have been received from the First Nations communities.

Rapid Transit Citizen Advisory Committee

Established summer 2010, the role of the RTCAC was to provide input and advice to the City of Hamilton regarding the planning and development of the Rapid Transit Initiative and related land use planning studies. Membership was by application. The Committee comprised of 26 members, made up of members of the public, property owners in the corridor and a number of stakeholder organizations. It met with the RT Team generally on a monthly basis to provide feedback and input on emerging ideas, project related work activities and other elements, such as consultation material.

B-Line Nodes and Corridors Land Use Planning Study (Secondary Plan) Consultation Events

Project Kick-Off
- Public Information Centre - September 30, 2010*
- Developing the Corridor Vision Statement
Corridor Focus Group Sessions
- Rapid Transit Citizen Advisory Committee Focus Group - October 12, 2010
- Ainslie Wood Westdale Focus Group - November 24, 2010
- Strathcona Focus Group - November 23, 2010
- Downtown Focus Group - December 7, 2010
- Central West Focus Group - November 30, 2010
- Central East Focus Group - December 7, 2010
- East Focus Group - December 15, 2010
- Public Visioning Workshop - January 11, 2011

Presenting the Draft Corridor Vision Statement to the Public
- Central - January 19, 2011*
- West - January 20, 2011*
- International Village BIA - January 24, 2011*
- East - January 25, 2011*
- Mountain (Upper James) - January 27, 2011*
- McMaster University - January 28, 2011*
- Downtown BIA (rescheduled) - March 3, 2011*

Consulting with the Development Industry
- Development Industry Focus Group - March 25, 2011

Design Charrettes and Public Information Centres - Creating and Presenting designs of possible future development along the corridor
- Main Street West / Longwood Road - June 21, 2011
- Queenston Traffic Circle and Parkdale Avenue - June 23, 2011
- King Street West / Dundurn Street - June 27, 2011
- The Delta and Ottawa Street - June 28, 2011
- King Street East / Wentworth Street - July 5, 2011
- Queenston Road / Nash Road - July 6, 2011

* Joint Consultation Events - Rapid Transit Initiative and B-Line Nodes and Corridors Land Use Planning Study

NOTE: for a more detailed summary of Consultation Events refer to Appendix H of report CM11016/PW11064/PED11154/FCS11072 Conventional, Rapid and Inter-Regional Transit: Technical, Financial and Land Use Considerations