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INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	March 31, 2023
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Schedule of Discussion Topics and Presentations for Future Light Rail Transit (LRT) Sub-Committee Meetings (PED23091) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not applicable.

INFORMATION

The purpose of this Information Report is to provide members of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Sub-Committee with a high-level schedule of the main discussion topics and presentations which staff anticipate will be brought forward to the Sub-Committee in 2023. Additional topics may be added as required.

May 26, 2023 – Design Update

The Environmental Project Report (EPR) addendum, including the corridor concept design, was approved by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change in 2017. Subsequent updates on design refinements were provided to Council through various

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staff reports: Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project Update (PED18116) received by Council on May 31, 2018, Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project Update (PED19100) received by Council on May 15, 2019, and Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project Update and Other Metrolinx Initiatives (PED19100(a)) received by Council on December 4, 2019.

Further design updates were provided for the entire corridor to the LRT Sub-Committee through Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Design Update (PED22118) received by the LRT Sub-Committee on May 16, 2022, and Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Design Update (PED22118(a)) received by LRT Sub-Committee on July 18, 2022. The May 16, 2022 report to the LRT Sub-Committee included key themes City staff would be exploring with Metrolinx to update the design. The themes included Pedestrian Environment, Cycling Facility and Connectivity, Transit Connectivity, Infrastructure Opportunities, Streetscape Elements and Traffic Network. Refinements to the design are being explored to ensure it continues to reflect the goals and needs of the City contemplated in various City-wide guiding documents such as the Vision Zero Plan, Complete Street Guidelines, City's Transportation Master Plan, and Truck Route Master Plan. Since the report, City staff have met with Metrolinx and their consultant in a series of technical design workshops to evaluate opportunities to refine the design.

Staff expect to provide a further design update, including some of the design refinements arising from a review of the key themes described above, at the May 26, 2023 LRT Sub-Committee meeting.

May 26, 2023 – Community Benefits

City staff have continued to emphasize the importance of community benefits. MTO and Metrolinx have acknowledged the critical importance of this in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Hamilton LRT project, ratified by Council on September 15, 2021. In addition, at its meeting of July 18, 2022, the LRT Sub-Committee approved the following direction:

That Metrolinx be requested to provide a presentation at the September 26, 2022, Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee meeting respecting the community benefits approach they have taken in the past with other projects and how they intend to include a community benefits approach within the Hamilton Light Rail Transit project.

Staff have proposed that this presentation happens as part of the May 26, 2023 LRT Sub-Committee meeting. Staff anticipate the presentation will focus on the community benefits approach Metrolinx has taken on other projects and how they

intend to integrate a community benefits approach for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit project.

May 26, 2023 – Project Procurement

Metrolinx is leading the procurement process for the Hamilton LRT project, which is anticipated to start sometime this year. At the May 26, 2023 LRT Sub-Committee, Staff expect to provide an update on procurement, including the associated timelines.

June 2, 2023 – Agreements and Protocols

At the June 2, 2023 LRT Sub-Committee, staff will present an update on the agreements and protocols under the MOU that are currently under development. Staff will provide a tentative schedule for when the agreements and protocols will be brought forward to the LRT Sub-Committee for consideration.

July 26, 2023 – LRT Operating Models

The MOU states that the City will be responsible for the costs of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) except for life cycle costs; however, it does not set out which party will operate the LRT.

At the July 26, 2023 LRT Sub-Committee meeting, staff expect to present an overview of different operating models and proposed criteria for evaluation of these models. Staff hope to be in a position to present an evaluation of the operations models at the September 25, 2023 LRT Sub-Committee meeting, and anticipate a direction will be required from Council by the end of 2023.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable.