




CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Hamilton LRT Project Office

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	March 22, 2023
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Preparatory Activities Agreement - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) (PED23050) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor and City Manager be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City, together with all necessary ancillary documents (including, without limitation, the Work Authorization agreements contemplated in the Preparatory Activities Agreement), a Preparatory Activities Agreement attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED23050 between the City and Metrolinx with content acceptable to the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development and the General Manager, Public Works and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was ratified by City Council on September 15, 2021, the Province is responsible for capital costs associated with the construction of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) project, as well as life-cycle costs.

At the November 25, 2022, meeting of General Issues Committee (Budget), an Information Report was received respecting the LRT Project Capital Budget Overview (PED22202) which was inclusive of an overview of the early works.

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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.

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The Metrolinx funding commitment for each work was submitted as part of the 2023 Tax and Rate Supported Capital Budgets. In addition, the Budgets provided City costs for the coordinated capital works which will form part of a joint tender with the early works.

To date, the City and Metrolinx have jointly identified three watermain projects where a City led delivery prior to major LRT construction would be beneficial to both parties. These works will facilitate the handover of the corridor to the Contractor and maintain the current level of service in the City's watermain network during and after the construction of the LRT Project.

The Preparatory Activities Agreement (PAA) obliges the City to deliver the identified municipal infrastructure works and obliges Metrolinx to fund City staffing costs and the actual construction costs for these works.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The PAA commits Metrolinx, not the City, to fund costs for projects identified for a City led delivery on behalf of Metrolinx, as identified in the 2023 Capital Budget.

Staffing: Project delivery and construction management will be provided by City staff dedicated to the Hamilton LRT Project. Inspection services will be provided by Public Works, Engineering Services.

Legal: The City commits to delivering jointly defined municipal infrastructure works, where an early completion provides value to the City and the LRT Project. It further obliges Metrolinx to fund City staffing costs and the actual construction costs of such works.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Prior to the contract award for the Hamilton LRT Project, certain discrete early works projects, both on and off corridor have been identified. These works will help facilitate the handover of the corridor to the Contractor. Off-corridor watermain works are essential before the construction of major works along certain sections of the LRT corridors to ensure minimal disruption to the water network. Currently, the following early works are being considered for advancement:

1. Wentworth Street North (Wilson Street to King Street East)
Replacement of 200mm watermain, construction of new 500mm watermain;
2. Sherman Avenue North (Cumberland Avenue to King Street East)

- Replacement of 150mm watermain with 300mm watermain; and,
3. Rosewood Road and Main Street East (Queenston Road to Delena Avenue)
Relocation of 1200mm watermain to outside of the corridor.

If the PAA is signed, the above works will be 100% funded by Metrolinx as part of the Hamilton LRT Project. The design and construction of these watermains and associated works will be undertaken by the City on behalf of Metrolinx. The City has identified adjacent coordinated City infrastructure works in the 2023 Capital Budget which will be tendered with these early works to take advantage of synergies and cost efficiencies.

The PAA will also apply to additional early works projects that are identified for a City led delivery on behalf of Metrolinx.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

To develop the PAA, the City and Metrolinx established a Working Group. The City of Hamilton has divisional representation from Legal Services, Finance and Administration, Engineering Services, Hamilton Water and Communications & Engagement.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The proposed PAA is attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED23050.

The PAA is the legal document that outlines the respective obligations of Metrolinx and the City related to a City led delivery of early works that will be advanced to facilitate the handover of the corridor to the Contractor and to maintain the current level of service in the City’s watermain network during and after the construction of the Hamilton LRT Project. The PAA obliges Metrolinx to fund all staffing costs associated with these early works and the actual construction costs.

If the PAA is signed, the City will tender and construct the early works detailed in the Work Authorizations, inclusive of the adjacent coordinated City infrastructure works identified in the 2023 Capital Budget.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

N/A

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Economic Prosperity and Growth

Hamilton has a prosperous and diverse local economy where people have opportunities to grow and develop.

Healthy and Safe Communities

Hamilton is a safe and supportive City where people are active, healthy, and have a high quality of life.

Built Environment and Infrastructure

Hamilton is supported by state-of-the-art infrastructure, transportation options, buildings and public spaces that create a dynamic City.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report PED23050 – Preparatory Activities Agreement

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