



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	October 27, 2023
SUBJECT:	Hamilton Light Rail Transit – Building Transit Faster Act, Order-in-Council Update (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Abdul Shaikh Director, Hamilton LRT Project Office Planning and Economic Development Department
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The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council that as of October 19, 2023, an Order-in-Council has been approved for Transit Corridor Lands Designation for the Hamilton LRT under the *Building Transit Faster Act*. The Transit Corridor Lands Designation is an important step in the delivery of the project as it provides Metrolinx the authority to undertake, where required, expedited property and permitting measures to accelerate the construction and completion of LRT.

Building Transit Faster Act (2020):

The *Building Transit Faster Act* provides the Province with tools to support accelerated completion of priority transit projects. Land which may be needed to support the construction of transit projects is designated as Transit Corridor Lands.

Designation of Hamilton LRT as a priority transit project streamlines project delivery and supports the accelerated completion of LRT by relocating utilities more efficiently, providing access to municipal services and rights-of-way, inspecting and removing physical barriers, and coordination with development or construction projects within transit corridor lands. A corridor development permit may be required from Metrolinx for anyone situated in the Transit Corridor Lands and planning to build, change or place a building, other structure or road on or under an owner's property. Some projects are deemed minor and others are exempt. A corridor development permit is in addition to

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(and prior to) any required municipal permits. No application fee will be charged for permits from Metrolinx.

Landowner Notification:

Metrolinx will notify all impacted property owners by mail if the land they own or occupy is on or within 30 metres of designated transit corridor lands. There are approximately 3,700 affected properties who will receive a letter that will advise owners about the *Building Transit Faster Act* and provide contact resources.

Metrolinx will register notice of the designation on property title with the Land Registry Ontario. This process is to ensure subsequent owners have notice of the designation.

Communications and Engagement:

The LRT Project Office is working with Metrolinx to arrange information sessions with staff to discuss how this change will affect their service areas.

Additional information and changes to existing development application processes will be shared with the local development industry through the Development Industry Liaison Group.

If you require further information, please contact Farhad Shahla, Manager, LRT Technical Services and Approval Coordination by email at Farhad.Shahla@hamilton.ca or by phone at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5360.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable.