**HAMiLTON LRT FAST FACTS**

- It will take approximately **32 MINS** to travel across the line from McMaster to Eastgate.
- The LRT will service **17 STOPS** and the majority of stops are **600-800 METRES** apart (similar to the current HSR B-Line Express).
- Trains will run **14 KMS** from McMaster to Eastgate.
- Trains will run every **6 MINS** during peak hours.

**BENEFITS OF LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT**

Whether you live in the lower city or on the Mountain, in the east or west end; downtown or in a suburban or rural area, light rail transit provides benefits for all Hamiltonians and will contribute to the revitalization of our city. Light rail transit will:

- Better accommodate future travel demand and build healthier, more sustainable communities by encouraging the development of mixed-use, higher density communities.
- Support city growth by building transit to prepare for Hamilton’s expected increase of population to 750,000 by 2041.
- Include significant investment in both public and private infrastructure such as roads, sidewalks, bridges, watermain, sewers, electrical distribution (hydro), telecommunications, natural gas, traffic control signals and street lights.
- Contribute to economic uplift by attracting long-term development and investments.
- Provide new local jobs through employment and training opportunities and apprenticeships.
- Contribute to an efficient and integrated public transit system for all users by being the first of a network of rapid transit lines, known as the BLAST Network, that are proposed for Hamilton.
- Provide improved frequency and increased service hours with trains running every 6 minutes during peak hours.
- Be clean and green with no emissions from the vehicle, which reduces air pollution and contributes to cleaner air.
- Be accessible due to low floor level boarding with multiple doors, so strollers and mobility devices can easily roll on and off.
WHAT IS HAMILTON LRT
Together with the City of Hamilton, Metrolinx is building a 14-kilometre light rail transit (LRT) line that will be a fast, frequent, reliable and safe service from McMaster University in the west, through downtown Hamilton to Eastgate in Stoney Creek. New, modern light rail vehicles on tracks separated from regular traffic will move more people more efficiently, while improving air quality and comfort.

The LRT will include 17 stops and will also serve Hughson Street. It is the first piece of a broader rapid transit strategy for Hamilton, referred to as the BLAST Network, as well as Metrolinx’s Regional Transportation Plan and the City of Hamilton’s bike share system. It is a priority project in the City of Hamilton’s 10-Year Local Transit Strategy.

HAMILTON LRT is focused on improving access to transit and supporting the continued growth and revitalization of the city. It will help create a better balance between daily car and transit use, reducing congestion and related impacts.

By focusing development in the core and building up instead of out, we will limit urban sprawl, protect the environment, and increase connectivity and vibrancy of urban areas.

INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL
The Hamilton LRT includes significant investment in existing infrastructure along the corridor, with a majority of existing municipal infrastructure and private utilities supports they need.

ECONOMIC UPLIFT
Studies throughout North America consistently show that properties adjacent to enhanced transit experience improved values. Hamilton LRT is an example of this phenomenon. Through stimulative economic development, it will provide opportunities for local MotionEvent and stakeholders in Hamilton to build the project.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS
Hamilton LRT will create opportunities for local jobs, apprenticeships, contractors and suppliers. This project will work to expand Hamilton’s commuter Benefits Network and other local community groups, agencies and stakeholders, as Hamilton takes the first phase of development: the B-Line corridor. With annual ridership of 9 million, this corridor is the most used of any within the city. The timing and implementation of the other rapid transit lines in the BLAST network are dependent on the corridor. Enhanced transit helps accommodate future population and employment growth in our cities.

CONSTRUCTION
Construction will be staged in sections along the corridor as the project progresses. Staging specifics are being determined now. Once again, this corridor will be maintained at all times. Measures will be put in place to anticipate issues such as lane closures and restrictions on allowable length of time for consecutive construction work.

The Hamilton LRT project is currently in pre-design as part of the Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Three pre-qualified teams are preparing proposals that detail how they will deliver the project. RFP submissions are expected in early 2020 and a preferred proponent will be selected with contract award occurring later that year. The sequencing and timing of construction will be determined by the proponents through the RFP process.

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