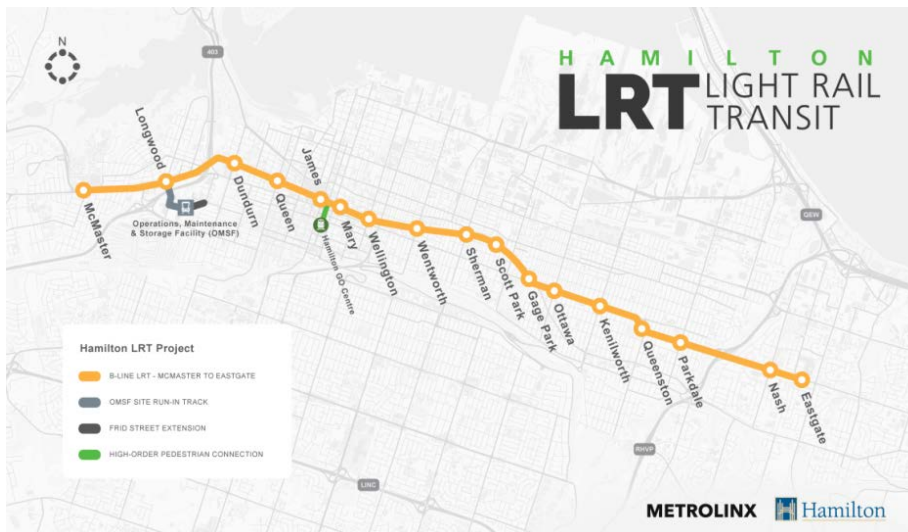


**NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT REPORT ADDENDUM
FOR THE HAMILTON B-LINE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT
PREPARED BY THE CITY OF HAMILTON AND METROLINX**

The Project

In 2011, the City of Hamilton conducted an environmental assessment for the B-Line Rapid Transit Project under the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) found in *Ontario Regulation 231/08*. An Environmental Project Report (EPR) for this transit project was completed on October 14, 2011 and a Statement of Completion was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change on January 11, 2012.



Subsequently, the City of Hamilton and Metrolinx have prepared an Addendum to the B-Line Rapid Transit Project EPR completed in 2011, now referred to as the Hamilton B-Line Light Rail Transit Project (the Project). Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton have revised the original scope of work to include:

- design modifications to the B-Line Rapid Transit Project EPR completed in 2011;
- new bus terminal at the McMaster University;
- an assessment of a High-Order Pedestrian Connection on Hughson Street connecting the Hamilton GO Centre on Hunter Street with LRT; and,
- an assessment of an Operations Maintenance and Storage Facility (OMSF) where light rail vehicles would be maintained and stored, along with its run-in track in mixed traffic on Frid Street and Longwood Road to Main Street West, across the Longwood Road bridge and via the Frid Street extension.

Design modifications were made to be consistent with the City of Hamilton’s desired LRT design principles promoting “Rapid, Reliable and Safe”. A new bus terminal at McMaster was developed to be consistent with the alignment design changes. The High-Order Pedestrian Facility was added to enhance connections between the LRT route and the Hamilton GO Centre and the OMSF was included as a necessary element of the project that had not been fully developed and assessed in the original EPR.

These changes to the Project were determined to be inconsistent with the B-Line Rapid Transit Project EPR completed in 2011. As described in Section 15 (1) of *Ontario Regulation 231/08*, any change that is inconsistent with a previous EPR for which a Statement of Completion was submitted requires an assessment of the impacts to the environment associated with the change and a description of potentially new mitigation measures, including potentially new monitoring systems, in an Addendum to the previously completed EPR.

The EPR Addendum Process

An addendum to the EPR for the Project, included a summary and all other required documents, has been prepared and is now available for a 30-day review period starting **May 29, 2017** on the project website (www.hamilton.ca/LRT) and (www.Metrolinx.com/HamiltonLRT) and at the following locations:

<p>Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Environmental Approval, Access and Service Integration Branch 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1P5 (416) 314-8001 or 1 (800) 461-6290 Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change West Central Region Ellen Fairclough Building 119 King Street West, 12th Floor Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y7 (905) 521-7640 or 1 (800) 668-4557 Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>
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<p>Hamilton City Hall Information Desk 71 Main Street West, 1st Floor Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5 (905) 546-2424, Extension 1110 Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Hamilton Public Library Central Library 55 York Boulevard Hamilton, Ontario L8N 4E4 (905) 546-3200 Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Hamilton Public Library Westdale Branch 955 King Street West Hamilton, Ontario L8S 1K9 (905) 546-3456 Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday: Closed Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Hamilton Public Library Red Hill Branch 695 Queenston Road Hamilton, Ontario, L8G 1A1 (905) 546-2069 Monday: Closed Tuesday to Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday: 10:00 am to 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>

Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by **June 28, 2017** to the project office:

Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Office (Metrolinx / City of Hamilton)
Attention: Community & Stakeholder Relations Coordinator
36 Hunter Street East, Hamilton, ON L8N 3W8
(905) 546-2424, Extension 6385
LRT@hamilton.ca

There are circumstances where the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change has the authority to require further consideration of the change to the transit project, or impose conditions on it. These include if the Minister is of the opinion that:

- The change to the transit project may have a negative impact on a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest; or,
- The change to the transit project may have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right.

Before exercising the authority referred to above, the Minister is required to consider any written objections to the change to the transit project that he or she may receive within 30 days after the Notice of EPR Addendum is first published.

If you have discussed your issues with the proponent and you object to the identified change to the project, you can provide a written submission to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change no later than June 28, 2017 to the address provided below. All submissions must clearly indicate that an objection is being submitted and describe any negative impacts to matters of provincial importance (natural/cultural environment) or Aboriginal rights.

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
Environmental Approval, Access and Service Integration Branch
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1P5
Attention: Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer
(416) 314-8001 or 1 (800) 461-6290
Fax: (416) 314-8452
E-mail: EAABGen@ontario.ca

If not already provided, a copy of the objection will be forwarded to the proponent by the ministry.

All personal information included in a submission - such as name, address, telephone number and property location - is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s.37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Project Officer or the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-314-4075.

This notice was first issued on May 29, 2017.