

## **Challenge: How can we increase active and sustainable travel before, during, and after LRT construction?**

The city of Hamilton will soon begin the implementation of a [Light Rail Transit](#) (LRT) system from Eastgate Square to McMaster University, and construction is expected to last a decade. This will inevitably disrupt roads and impact how we travel around our city. In planning for the construction, the City aims to “shift commuters to consider walking, cycling, transit and carpooling.”<sup>[1]</sup> The City also works with community groups to advocate for safer, friendlier, and complete streets focused on active and sustainable modes of transportation.

**More about Hamilton’s LRT:** This system will connect key areas, destinations and institutions along Queenston Road, Main Street and King Street, creating a 14 kilometre, 17 stop, multi-modal corridor and an enhanced streetscape. Major arterial roadways, like Cannon Street and Main Street, will likely experience heightened congestion, so alternative modes of transportation will need to be utilized.

### **Recent LRT News**

- Christine Rankin. December 5, 2019. Pedestrians favoured 'over all other users' in new LRT design plans. CBC. Online: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/city-hamilton-lrt-designs-1.5383116>
- Desmond Brown. July 18, 2022. Procurement process for LRT to start later this year, construction in 2024. CBC. Online: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/hamilton-lrt-project-1.6524030>

### **Related Resources**

- City of Hamilton Projects – Light Rail Transit. August 16, 2022. Online: <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-council/plans-strategies/city-projects/light-rail-transit?pedisable=true#community-engagement>
- Cycle Hamilton. <https://www.cyclehamont.ca/>
- Friendly Streets: [https://www.environmenthamilton.org/friendly\\_streets\\_hamilton](https://www.environmenthamilton.org/friendly_streets_hamilton)
- Getting Around. City of Hamilton. <https://www.hamilton.ca/home-neighbourhood/getting-around>
- Hamilton Chamber of Commerce. LRT Ready. <https://www.lrtready.ca/resources/> See "Session 3: Hamilton Laneway Tour" and "Session 4: Re-thinking Travel During Construction".
- Hamilton Transit Riders Union. <https://htru.ca/>
- Hamilton Street Rail (HSR). <https://www.hamilton.ca/home-neighbourhood/hsr>
- Smart Commute Hamilton. <https://www.hamilton.ca/home-neighbourhood/getting-around/smart-commute>