

## **COMMUNICATION UPDATE**

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	February 9, 2024
SUBJECT:	Hamilton Light Rail Transit Community Connector Canvass of International Village BIA (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council of an upcoming Community Connector canvass of the LRT corridor in the International Village. The Connectors will visit all businesses in the International Village BIA on King Street (Mary Street to West Avenue N) during the week of February 12.

The Community Connectors will collect data from businesses about current parking, loading and delivery operations to help inform LRT planning and design. The LRT project team is also developing an alleyway strategy and will use the data collected to inform plans for waste collection, deliveries and alternate access during construction.

The LRT Community Connectors Program was launched in May 2016 in partnership with Metrolinx. The Community Connector team, made up of a diverse group of individuals from across the city, is committed to visiting every affected property on the corridor twice per year. Their role is to inform, educate and engage property owners and gather feedback to help inform LRT plans. The Connectors also staff event outreach booths and pop-ups at residential towers on the corridor to share project information. Following re-initiation of the project, the program was relaunched in Fall 2022.

The timing of additional canvasses of the LRT corridor for 2024 has yet to be confirmed by Metrolinx. If you require any further information on the above matter, please contact Jessica Scott, Manager, Communications and Engagement, LRT by e-mail at Jessica.Scott@hamilton.ca or by phone at (365) 323-5953.