

Communication Update

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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Subject/Report No.: Hamilton LRT Procurement Update – Selection of Alliance Partner for Package 1

Ward(s) Affected: City Wide

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The purpose of this communication is to provide Council with an update on the Province's announcement of the successful proponent selected as the alliance partner for Package 1 of the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) project.

Summary

As noted in the previous [Communication Update](#) dated May 22, 2025, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to four shortlisted teams following the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) stage. The procurement process has now advanced to the selection of a preferred proponent. At the provincial announcement on April 30, 2026, the Province announced that Hamilton Transit Alliance, led by Aecon Infrastructure Inc., has been selected as the development partner (alliance partner) for the Hamilton LRT Civil and Utilities contract.

The provincial announcement represents a significant milestone in the delivery of the Hamilton LRT. The selected alliance partner will work collaboratively with the Province and project stakeholders over 18-24 months during the Development Phase to advance the design and construction planning of Package 1, followed by major construction.

Package 1 includes supporting key activities such as developing construction schedules, finalizing a target price for the civil and utilities package, and continuing preparatory work such

as utility relocations, building structures, grade separations, bridges, sidewalks and traffic control systems along the LRT alignment. The alliance delivery model is intended to promote collaboration, innovation and shared accountability among project partners.

Background

The Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) will provide safe, frequent, and reliable transit service along a dedicated corridor from McMaster University to Eastgate Square. The project will support sustainable transportation and help accommodate future growth in the city.

Next Steps

For additional details regarding the successful proponent and next steps, please refer to the [official announcement by the Province](#).

If you require any further information on the above matter, please contact Eleni Jalbout, Senior Communications Officer - LRT, by email at Eleni.Jalbout@hamilton.ca.