



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	July 19, 2021
SUBJECT:	Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Transit Stream Funding Announcement (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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On July 19, 2021, the Governments of Canada and Ontario announced grant allocations under the Transit Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for 7 projects in the City of Hamilton representing an investment of approximately \$370.1 M. The Federal government's contribution is \$201.9 M and the Provincial share is \$168.2 M. The total gross cost of the capital projects approved for the City is \$504.7 M with the City's share amounting to \$134.6 M as shown in Table 1. The City's municipal cost share will be funded from a combination of debt financing for \$82.3 M and the Transit Vehicle Reserve (110030) for \$52.3 M.

Table 1
ICIP - TRANSIT Infrastructure Stream Approved Projects

Project Description	Total Gross (000's)	Total Eligible (000's)	Cost Sharing Breakdown		
			Federal 40% (000's)	Provincial 33.33% (000's)	City 26.67% (000's)
Approved – announced publicly					
HAM-01 Birch Bridge/Road Works/Salt Facility	\$ 39,965	\$ 39,965	\$ 15,986.0	\$ 13,320.3	\$ 10,658.7
HAM-03 CAD/AVL	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 3,600.0	\$ 2,999.7	\$ 2,400.3
HAM-04 Expansion Fleet	\$ 73,334	\$ 73,334	\$ 29,333.6	\$ 24,442.2	\$ 19,558.2
HAM-05 Active Transportation Connections	\$ 9,800	\$ 9,800	\$ 3,920.0	\$ 3,266.4	\$ 2,613.7
HAM-06 A-Line Priority Bus Measures	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 3,400.0	\$ 2,833.1	\$ 2,267.0
HAM-07 Replacement Fleet	\$114,077	\$114,077	\$ 45,630.8	\$ 38,021.9	\$ 30,424.3
HAM-08 Maintenance & Storage Facility	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$100,000.0	\$ 83,325.0	\$ 66,675.0
Total	\$504,676	\$504,676	\$ 201,870	\$ 168,208	\$ 134,597

Anomalies due to rounding.

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

Background

On March 14, 2018, the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario signed an Integrated Bilateral Agreement (IBA) for \$11.8 B in federal funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). The IBA included \$8.3 B of federal and \$7.3 B of provincial funding to support public transit projects.

On July 22, 2019, the City was advised the application process for funding under the Public Transit Stream of ICIP was open for municipalities inside the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area. The initial application window was open for a period of 90 days, closing on October 24, 2019.

As first outlined in Report FCS18048 to the General Issues Committee at its meeting on April 18, 2018, the Public Transit Stream of ICIP will provide funding to address the construction, expansion and improvement of public transit infrastructure. Funding can be directed to new construction, rehabilitation or replacement of eligible infrastructure projects. Eligible transit infrastructure projects include rolling stock assets (e.g. buses, subway car, street car, vehicles for transporting persons with disabilities), fixed assets, transit-exclusive infrastructure and active transportation infrastructure that are directly connected to the public transit system.

Projects must meet one of the following outcomes in order to be eligible for funding:

- Improved capacity of public transit infrastructure
- Improved quality and safety of existing and future transit systems
- Improved access to a public transit system

Report PW19083 / FCS18048(a) was approved by Council on October 9, 2019. Council approved an amending motion on December 16, 2020 for the following projects:

- New Transit Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF)
- Replacement Revenue Fleet (2020-2026)
- Expansion Fleet per Ten Year Local Transit Strategy
- A-Line Priority Bus Corridor
- Birch Avenue Bridge Replacement and associated road works
- Presto Equipment Device Refresh (Denied by Province of Ontario)
- Computer-Aided Dispatch / Automatic Vehicle Locator (CAD/AVL) Replacement
- Active Transportation Connections

Projects must be substantially completed by March 31, 2027. Further terms and conditions of the Transit Infrastructure stream will be included in the Transfer Payment Agreements between the Province of Ontario and the City of Hamilton to be executed for each project.

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