



ION Update April 2015

April LRT construction



On **Caroline, between Allen and Erb**, work continues to ready the area for ION, including relocating and upgrading the underground utilities and third party services.

In April, work to relocate and upgrade the remaining underground utilities, such as watermain and stormwater, commenced on **Caroline from Willis Way to William**.

On March 30, GrandLinq crews tested the soil conditions along the CN railway tracks in the **North Parking Lot** near Waterloo Town Square. Starting mid-April, crews will begin to clear vegetation and remove pavement along the rail alignment. The North Parking Lot and access to Waterloo Town Square will remain open during construction.



Work continues on **King, from Union to Wellington**, to accommodate the relocation and upgrading of underground utilities, such as watermain and stormwater.

Traffic is one directional going northbound from **Wellington to Green**. **In front of Grand River Hospital from Union to Green, two-way local traffic will be maintained to the hospital**. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/1EG0cej> or find out more on this video: <http://bit.ly/1zYvi9Y>

Construction is underway on King

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To accommodate construction of the King grade separation, **King, from Moore to Victoria**, will be closed to all traffic for up to 18 months. This work is scheduled to begin in early May.

Work continues on **Charles, from Borden to Benton**, to accommodate the relocation and upgrading of underground services. Traffic is one directional going southbound from **Benton to Cedar**. Whenever possible, two-way local traffic will be maintained.

In early April, **Charles, from Victoria to Benton**, was closed to through traffic to accommodate the relocation and upgrading of underground services. Initial work includes staging traffic, removing tree and brush from select areas, removing concrete and pavement from the roadway and installing the temporary watermain. This week, GrandLinq began work to replace underground water services at the **Gaukel and Charles** intersection. For this work the intersection will be closed for approximately 4 weeks.

Starting early-May, GrandLinq will begin to relocate and upgrade the underground water services starting at **Gaukel towards Victoria**. Traffic will be one directional on some portions of **Charles** with traffic moving from **Victoria to Benton**. Whenever possible, two-way local traffic will be maintained.

In early April, work will begin to upgrade and relocate underground utilities on **Borden, from Courtland to the CN railway tracks in Kitchener**.

In late-April, work will continue on **Borden, from Charles East to Courtland**, to relocate and upgrade the remaining underground services.

For the latest information on ION construction, please log on to: www.ridelION.ca

The ION construction overview that was presented at Regional headquarters on February 24 is available at: <http://bit.ly/1wkDAgu>

Please note that the timing of construction is subject to weather. Local access for emergency services, businesses and residences will be maintained throughout construction.

GRT detour

Stops will be closed on King between Victoria and Union and on Charles between Victoria and Ottawa during ION construction. For more information, please see this link: <http://bit.ly/1EJyn1O>

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ION aBRT construction

aBRT construction continues this spring and is expected to be completed this summer, ahead of the service launch in September.

Construction continues at the ION aBRT stops along Hespeler. The remaining work will require some rolling lane closures from time to time.

At the Ainslie Street transit terminal, work is almost complete.

ION aBRT is the first step towards bringing LRT to Cambridge. Watch for public information sessions later this year on the transit project assessment process for Stage 2 LRT to Ainslie Street transit terminal.

Hydro One construction

Hydro One's work to relocate and bury a section of existing overhead transmission infrastructure is continuing to progress along Hydro One's right-of-way in the City of Kitchener, between the Fairview Park Mall parking lot and Courtland. This work will accommodate the future construction of ION.

The installation of the new underground cables along the right-of-way has now been completed. Beginning in April, additional steel structures will be installed in the junction located near Courtland Avenue and additional

work will continue in the junction located near the Fairview Mall Parking lot.

Once these activities are completed, work to energize and connect the new cables will begin. This work will be followed by removing the old, existing towers. The entire project is expected to be completed this summer.

Stay in touch: construction website



A website dedicated to ION construction is available for residents and visitors. The site features an interactive ION route map, information on ION stops as well as an opportunity to sign-up for regular construction updates.

A link to Grand River Transit (GRT) is also included in construction updates for areas where construction may affect GRT service.

The website contains the most up-to-date information on all aspects of ION construction.

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The latest ION Construction Updates are available at: <http://bit.ly/1tpNcko>

Sign-up for Construction Updates:
<http://www.rideion.ca/sign-up-for-updates.html>

#IONbiz promotes local businesses during construction

Twitter users in Waterloo Region are encouraged to use the #IONbiz hashtag to highlight the fact that businesses along the ION corridor are open and accessible during construction.

This could be an #IONbiz tweet that says your favourite Waterloo Region business is offering a great lunch special, or that an exciting two-for-one deal is taking place.

ION will continue to promote Waterloo Region businesses on social media by retweeting all tweets with the #IONbiz hashtag.

This is a simple way to show your support for all the businesses that make Waterloo Region unique.

About ION

ION, the Region of Waterloo's rapid transit service, which was approved by Council in June 2011, is a visionary plan that will help shape the community for the future by bringing LRT to the region in two stages.

Stage 1 includes a 19-kilometre LRT route from the Conestoga Mall transit terminal in Waterloo to the Fairview Park Mall transit terminal in Kitchener, with stops at 16 destinations including the University of Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier, UpTown Waterloo, Grand River Hospital, King/Victoria transit hub and Downtown Kitchener.

Stage 1 also features a 17-kilometre route of aBRT from the Ainslie Street transit terminal in Cambridge to the Fairview Park Mall transit terminal in Kitchener.

Stage 2 ION will see the Region convert the aBRT line to LRT, creating a seamless 37-kilometre ION route with 23 stops between Cambridge and Waterloo.

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