



Project Update

March 2013

A major milestone was reached this month when Council approved a staff recommendation to pre-qualify three consortiums to Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Maintain (DBFOM) Stage 1 of the Region's Light Rail Transit (LRT) project. The decision brings the Region one step closer to construction of the \$818 million project that will bring LRT services to Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge in two stages.

Procurement Process

On March 6, 2013, Council officially approved the three short-listed consortiums to submit their proposals for Stage 1 of the LRT project.

The three consortiums were short-listed from a group of seven interested teams during a rigorous and highly-competitive Request for Qualification process (RFQ). The three consortiums are comprised of world-class firms with major transit-building experience. They include (in no particular order):

GrandLinq

- Plenary Group Canada Ltd.
- Meridiam Infrastructure Waterloo LRT ULC
- Aecon Construction and Materials Ltd.
- Aecon Concessions
- Peter Kiewit Infrastructure Co.
- Kiewit Canada Development Corp.
- Mass Electric Construction Canada Co.
- Keolis SA
- Keolis Canada Inc.

- AECOM Canada Ltd.
- STV Canada Construction Inc.
- CIBC World Markets Inc.

Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Transit Partners

- Gracorp Capital Advisors Ltd.
- Fluor Canada Ltd.
- Connor, Clark & Lunn GWest Traditional Infrastructure Partnership
- Parsons Canada Ltd.
- Parsons Enterprise Inc.
- Graham Infrastructure LP
- IBI Group
- exp Services Inc.
- E & E Seegmiller Ltd.
- Guild Electric Ltd.
- Alternate Concepts Inc.
- Investec North America Ltd.

Tricity Transit System

- SNC Lavalin Capital Inc.
- SNC Lavalin Constructors
- SNC Lavalin Operations & Maintenance Inc.
- SNC Lavalin Inc.
- EllisDon Capital Inc.
- Fengate Capital Management Ltd.
- URS Canadian Operations Ltd.
- Hatch Mott MacDonald Ltd.

During the RFQ phase of the Region's procurement process, the three consortiums demonstrated that they had the required design, construction, operations and maintenance capabilities and experience as well as the personnel and financial

For more information:

- Website: regionofwaterloo.ca/rapidtransit
- Phone: **519-575-4757 x3242**
- TTY: **519-575-4608**

- Email: rtinfo@regionofwaterloo.ca
-  [facebook.com/ROWRapidTransit](https://www.facebook.com/ROWRapidTransit)
-  [@ROWRapidTransit](https://twitter.com/ROWRapidTransit)

Rapid Transit



strength to deliver a project of this size and scope. The three short-listed consortiums will now move on to the final stage of the procurement process – the Region's Request for Proposal (RFP).

The RFP is expected to be released in April 2013 and will close in October 2013. During this six-month period, Regional staff will work with each of the three consortiums on various aspects of their proposal at regularly scheduled Commercially Confidential Meetings (CCM's) as well as Design and Technical Presentation Meetings (DPM's).

The purpose is to allow each of the consortiums an opportunity to provide comments on the Region's Project Agreement and to raise issues that require clarity. They also give each consortium the chance to present their design proposal to the Region during its development stage in order to receive feedback on ideas and concepts related to their specific submission.

Once the RFP closes, Regional staff will begin evaluating each submission. A Preferred Proponent or successful bidder will be identified in early-2014.

Following Council's approval, Regional staff will work with the Preferred Proponent on any remaining minor revisions, with the expectation of having everything completed by the spring of 2014. Construction of Stage 1 LRT will begin shortly thereafter, with service set to begin in late-2017.

Rapid Transit Tradeshow: April 23

In an effort to connect local businesses with each of the three consortiums in the running to build Stage 1 LRT, the Greater Kitchener Waterloo and Cambridge Chambers of Commerce and the Region will be hosting a Rapid Transit Tradeshow

on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Bingemans in Kitchener.

The purpose of the event is to encourage local business participation on each of the three short-listed consortiums. The event will be held right before the consortiums begin preparing their proposals for the Region's Rapid Transit service.

Local businesses and organizations will be encouraged to exhibit at this one-of-a-kind tradeshow as well as highlight their business during a guaranteed one-on-one meeting with each of the three short-listed consortiums.

For more information, please contact Julie Tedesco at the Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce at 519-749-6052 or itedesco@greaterkwchamber.com.

Grand River Hospital Stop

In partnership with Grand River Hospital and the Cities of Kitchener and Waterloo, the Region will be hosting a Public Information Centre (PIC) on Wednesday, March 20 at Knox Presbyterian Church (50 Erb Street West) in Waterloo. The drop-in event will take place from 4-8 p.m.

The PIC is being held to communicate location, access and traffic flow changes around Grand River Hospital and along the Rapid Transit route on King Street, between Union Street and Green Street.

The Region, Grand River Hospital and the Cities of Kitchener and Waterloo have prepared a design for maintaining access to key points at the hospital, while also providing safe and efficient Rapid Transit service in the area. The PIC also addresses all of

For more information:

- Website: regionofwaterloo.ca/rapidtransit
- Phone: **519-575-4757 x3242**
- TTY: **519-575-4608**

- Email: rtinfo@regionofwaterloo.ca
-  [facebook.com/ROWRapidTransit](https://www.facebook.com/ROWRapidTransit)
-  [@ROWRapidTransit](https://twitter.com/ROWRapidTransit)

Rapid Transit



the measures being taken to minimize changes for local residents and businesses.

LRT Vehicles

Negotiations continue with Bombardier. The Region intends to order its Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) through an existing contract between Metrolinx and Bombardier. In total, the Region needs 14 LRVs for the start of revenue service in 2017.

Rapid Transit staff are working with Metrolinx and Bombardier on the Contract Agreement and expect to bring a recommendation to Council in May.

Branding

In January, three brand names (Ion, Trio, Arc) were released to the community for public consultation. Rapid Transit staff continue to review the feedback they received and expect to make a final recommendation to Council in April.

Stakeholder Consultation

On-going discussions continue with City and Regional staff regarding utilities, operations and maintenance agreements, design, station area planning and overall project implementation.

Agreements with each of the Cities for operations and maintenance of local and Regional roads are expected by the summer of 2013.

Early utility relocation work is already underway by Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro, while Kitchener Utilities and Bell Canada will begin their early works shortly. Rapid Transit staff are working with utility, City and Regional staff on all construction details, including scheduling and timing.

Property Acquisition

Legal and Real Estate Services staff have completed all acquisitions for Phase I of the Rapid Transit property requirements. Property acquisition for Phases II and III are now underway. The Region hopes to have all lands acquired by the end of 2013.

About Rapid Transit

The Region of Waterloo's Rapid Transit Project, as approved by Council in June 2011, is a visionary plan that will fundamentally shape the community for the future by bringing Light Rail Transit in two stages.

Stage 1, which is expected to open in 2017, features a 19 km LRT route from Conestoga Mall to Fairview Park Mall, with stops in Downtown Kitchener, Grand River Hospital, UpTown Waterloo and both Universities. It also includes a 17 km route of adapted Bus Rapid Transit (aBRT) from Fairview Park Mall to the Ainslie Street Terminal. The aBRT service is expected to begin operating in late-2014 or early-2015.

Stage 2 will convert the aBRT line to LRT, creating a seamless 37 km rapid transit system of 23 stations between Cambridge and Waterloo.

For more information on the Region's Rapid Transit Project, visit www.regionofwaterloo.ca/rapidtransit.

For more information:

- Website: regionofwaterloo.ca/rapidtransit
- Phone: **519-575-4757 x3242**
- TTY: **519-575-4608**

- Email: rtinfo@regionofwaterloo.ca
-  [facebook.com/ROWRapidTransit](https://www.facebook.com/ROWRapidTransit)
-  [@ROWRapidTransit](https://twitter.com/ROWRapidTransit)