

The City of Ottawa has completed an Environmental Project Report (EPR) in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08 for the Bayshore to Moodie Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Conversion to Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Assessment (EA) study.

#### **The Project**

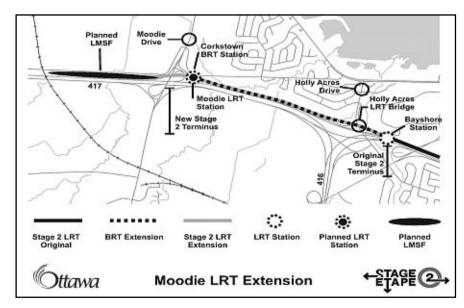
As part of planning for Stage 2 Light Rail Transit (LRT) program, an opportunity has been identified to extend LRT from the current planned western terminus of the Confederation Line (Bayshore Station), approximately 2.5 km further west to Moodie Drive, with one station located east of Moodie Drive at Corkstown Road and a Light Maintenance and Storage Facility (LMSF) in the north-west quadrant of Moodie Drive and Corkstown Road.

The rationale for extending LRT beyond the previously identified terminus at Bayshore is to:

- Provide an LRT station in closer proximity to a large employment node (Department of National Defence complex); and,
- Support a Light Maintenance and Storage Facility (LMSF) for the operation of the Confederation Line East and West extensions in the west with optimized operational and cost benefits.

The alignment for the proposed LRT extension has been previously approved as part of the approved West Transitway Extension Bayshore Station to Moodie Drive (WTEBM) project, and is currently under construction as a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) facility, with revenue operation expected to commence in late 2017.

## **Study Map**



## **The Process**

The environmental impact of this transit project was assessed and an EPR has been prepared according to the Transit Project Assessment Process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings. The EPR documents the entire study process, including a description of the planned project, its anticipated environmental impacts, and the project's consultation program.

The EPR for the Bayshore to Moodie BRT conversion to LRT EA will be available for a 30-day public review period starting December 22, 2017. Please note that the Draft EPR has been available for public review on <a href="https://docs.python.org/dtawa.ca">ottawa.ca</a> during the 120-day Notice of Commencement phase, which began on August 24, 2017. The final EPR will be available as of December 22, 2017 at the locations noted below during their regular business hours.

#### Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

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# **City of Ottawa**

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A digital version of the draft EPR will also be available for downloading: ottawa.ca/bayshore-moodie-bus-rapid-transit-brtconversion-light-rail-transit-lrt

Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by January 22, 2018 to the project contacts listed below.

There are circumstances where the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change has the authority to require further consideration of the transit project, or impose conditions on it. The Minister may require further consideration or impose conditions if he is of the opinion that:

- The transit project may have a negative impact on a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest; or,
- The transit project may have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right.

Before exercising the authority referred to above, the Minister is required to consider any written objections to the transit project that he or she may receive within 30 days after the Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report is first published. If you have discussed your issues with the proponent and you object to the project, you can provide a written submission to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change no later than January 22, 2018 to the address provided below. All submissions must clearly indicate that an objection is being submitted and describe any negative impacts to matters of provincial importance (natural/cultural environment) or Aboriginal rights.

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If not otherwise provided, a copy of the objection will be forwarded to the proponent by the Ministry. For further information on the proposed transit project or if you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact:

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Direct submissions to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change are subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act. Unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

Notice of Completion first issued on December 22, 2017.