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CREATING CONNECTIONS IN THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

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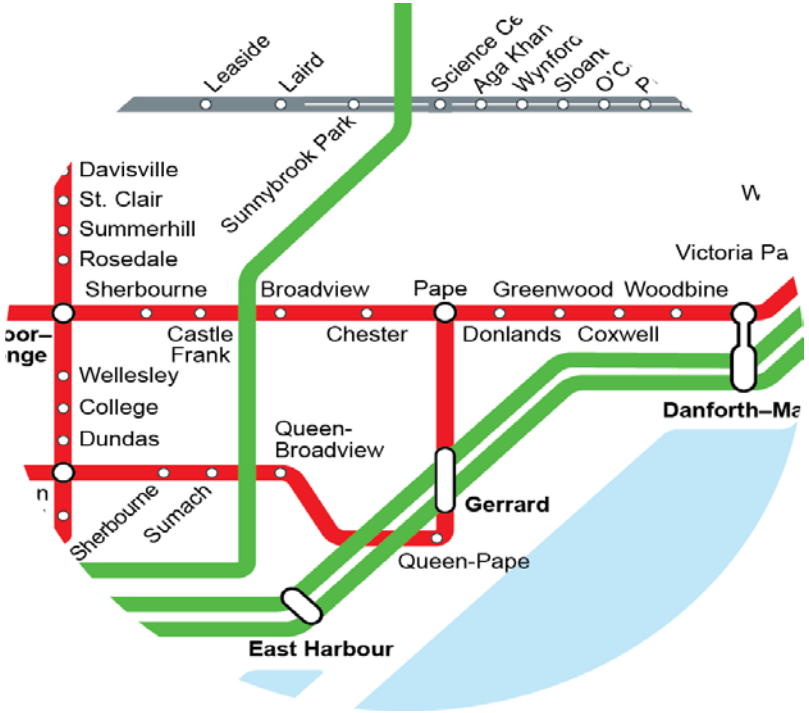
A REGION IN NEED OF A LONG-TERM PLAN




REGIONAL TRANSFORMATION

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PLAN



BUILD



OPERATE



BUILDING ON A PROUD TRADITION OF TRANSIT IN NIAGARA REGION



CURRENT GO TRANSIT NETWORK



CURRENT GO BUS SERVICES



35 DAILY BUS TRIPS

SEASONAL GO TRAIN SERVICE



21% INCREASE IN 2017



ST. CATHARINES STATION SECONDARY PLAN

- Metrolinx staff have been intimately involved with the Region on their station secondary plans
- Our staff have attended several public engagements and will continue to support this important work
- This work by the Region and City is aligned with Metrolinx's Regional Transportation Plan and the province's 2017 *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*
- We look forward to continuing to work together to build on the great work done to date

CANADA GAMES 2021

- We will work with Niagara Region as they develop their event schedule and locations to determine if there are any service gaps we might be able to address
- This is the same approach we took for the 2015 Pan Am Games
- Metrolinx will continue the conversation with all the stakeholders in the area to ensure that these Games are a success

BRINGING MORE GO TRAIN SERVICE TO NIAGARA REGION

NIAGARA EXPANSION MILESTONES

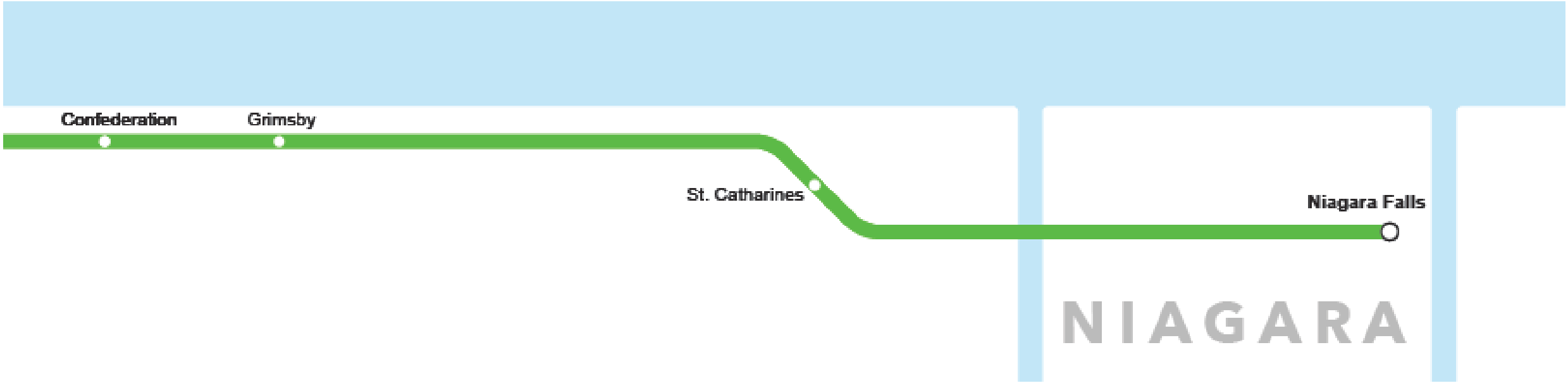
- **May 2015** – announcement of GO train service expansion to Hamilton-Stoney Creek with a new Confederation station – targeting service for 2019.
- **June 2016** – announcement of GO train service between the future Confederation station and the Niagara Region starting in 2021, with service to Niagara Falls by 2023. Service to Grimsby expected for 2021.
- **April 2017** – launch of additional GO bus stop at Niagara College.
- **June 2017** – start preliminary design activities for rail improvements and station facilities.
- **December 2017**– projected substantial completion of Hamilton Expansion Phase 1: Hamilton Junction-West Harbour Station.
- **Late 2017** – construction to begin on the new Confederation GO station.

WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR ON LAKESHORE WEST

- Valley Inn Road Embankment widening & pedestrian tunnel – completed June 2016
- Desjardins Canal Bridge Widening – completed December 2016
- Lewis Road layover facility – operational in April 2017
- Confederation Station construction to start by late 2017
- West Harbour GO Station 2nd platform complete, track installation estimated to be complete by end of 2017.
- John Street Bridge replacement is currently in design by CN Rail
- Track work, retaining walls adjacent to York Blvd. – will continue into late 2017
- Centennial Parkway Bridge Replacement/Widening

NEW & UPGRADED STATIONS

- New Stations
  - Confederation (Hamilton-Stoney Creek)
  - Grimsby at Casablanca Blvd.
- Station Upgrades
  - St. Catharines
  - Niagara Falls



NEW TRACK & INFRASTRUCTURE

- More than 25 km of new track and signals; crossing and drainage upgrades
- Bridge widenings, expansions and upgrades
- New train layover facility in Niagara Falls and expansion of the Lewis Road train layover facility

Given the magnitude, scope, and complexity of the work involved, we have an initial plan that phases implementation of the project.

- Initial phases focus on completion of work in the Hamilton-Stoney Creek area, followed by Grimsby Station
- Subsequent phases are focused on work to expand service to St. Catharines and Niagara Falls

EXAMPLES OF GO STATION DESIGNS





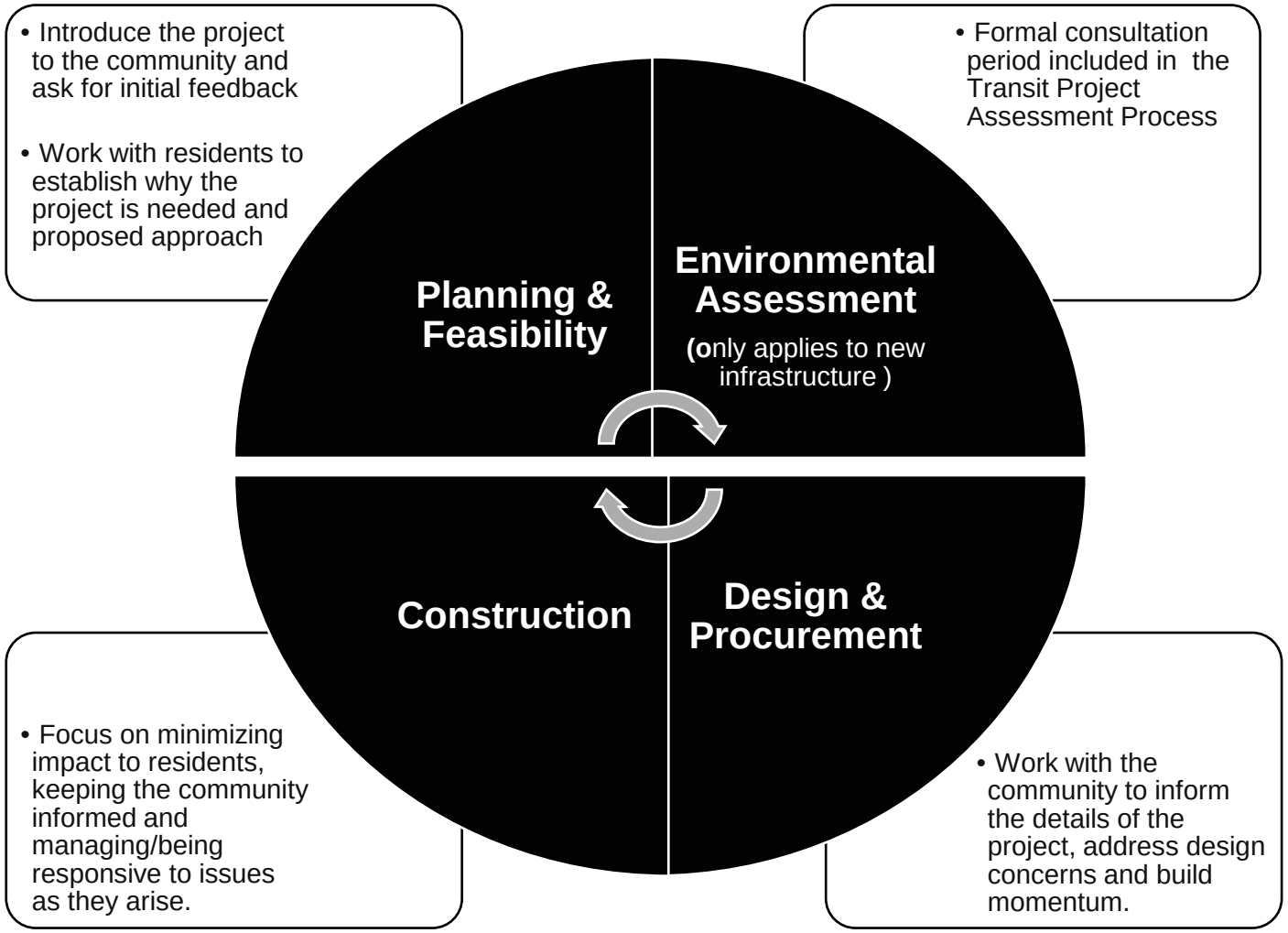




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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: PROJECT



BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION

- Transit Town Hall with MPP Miller in Winona – May 11, 2017
- Niagara Regional Council presentation – May 18, 2017
- Metrolinx presence at Niagara Regional public meetings (St. Catharines)
- We are hosting a series of public meetings to begin the conversation:

Tuesday, November 21, 2017	Wednesday, November 22, 2017
Southward Community Park 84 Mud Street Grimsby, ON	St. Catharines Public Library 54 Church Street St. Catharines, ON

Monday, November 27, 2017	Wednesday, December 6, 2017
Hamilton Public Library - Red Hill Branch 695 Queenston Road Hamilton, ON	Niagara Falls Public Library 4848 Victoria Street Niagara Falls, ON

- We will install ‘Future Home Of…’ signs at station locations in coming weeks

WORKING TOGETHER

WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO:

- Maintain ongoing and regular coordination through the joint ***Metrolinx-Niagara Region Working Group***
- **Finalize Agreement-in-Principle** between Metrolinx, Niagara Region and local municipalities
- **Confirm funding agreement and commitments** between Niagara Region and MTO
- **Support station planning efforts**, collaborate on ongoing regional planning studies and the community engagement process for new GO rail stations
- **Support new Niagara Inter-municipal Transit authority** and integrated transit planning
- **Identify and plan interface work** – e.g. regional studies, development applications, utility servicing, road improvements, etc.

NEXT STEPS

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- Metrolinx will initiate any environmental assessment for the Niagara service expansion in early 2018
- Start of construction at Confederation Station site this year
- Finalizing service plan for the Niagara expansion
- Planning, procurement, design, and construction of:
  - New Grimsby station at Casablanca Boulevard
  - Refurbishment of St. Catharines and Niagara Falls VIA Stations
  - New Niagara Falls train layover and expansion of the Lewis Road train layover
  - CN corridor design and construction activities are ongoing
- Targeted start of initial service:
  - Confederation - 2019
  - Grimsby - 2021
  - Niagara Falls and St. Catharines - 2023

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