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To the Board,

I am reaching out to the board for clarifications or to ask further questions about the status of the Hamilton LRT. Hamilton residents have been watching as a strip of their city has been demolished and left in disrepair in preparation for future LRT works. I would like to think we deserve some further clarity about the project and its current status as it relates to the matters you consider.

1. The Capital Projects Quarterly Report from Andrew Hope mentions that Enbridge has completed detailed designs for five sections along the corridor. How many total sections are there for the corridor? Completion of 5 does not provide much detail to the public without context of how many total sections there are.
2. With Rosewood/Main and Ottawa/Main seeing watermain construction planned for spring 2025.
 1. Is this where major works are expected to be started?
 2. How many watermain relocations need to be completed before major works can begin?
 3. What is the extend of the watermain work and how far from the LRT corridor will it extend?
3. When will detailed design plans be released for the board and public to review and additional renders of the project, both of which were mentioned at a November 2023 public session.
4. With road reconstruction for early works projects, what additional safety features can Hamilton residents expect for pedestrians and the complete streets guidelines considering the implementation of this guide and following vision zero principles.
5. Are the locations of these early works connected to timelines of future or existing works for watermains in the city, not directly related to LRT construction?
6. When is the RFQ/RFP process expected to begin as this will be a major capital expenditure for Metrolinx and take considerable time?

Without even an estimated timeline made public, Hamilton residents are unsure of when to expect the project to start major works, when to prepare their commutes, businesses and their every day lives for a half-decade of construction, and when they may expect to actually ride the new rapid transit.

Thank you for considering my questions. Answering them will provide a small but useful insight into the project's plan and the future lives of Hamilton residents.

Regards,

Chris Ritsma.