



## HAVE YOUR SAY! Provide your input on the preferred rapid transit system option

### Study says Light Rail Transit is the preferred rapid transit system for Waterloo Region.

A Light Rail Transit (LRT) system from Conestoga Mall in Waterloo to the Ainslie Street Terminal in Cambridge provides the best long-term, environmentally sustainable solution to help manage our community's future growth and transportation needs. An LRT system will also best support the Region's growth management goals and deliver the most benefits. Implementing the system in stages to meet ridership demand and growth potential provides the best balance of costs and benefits.

Those are the key recommendations from the Region's project team – and an expert review panel who reviewed their findings – based on the results of three years of study and evaluation as part of the Rapid Transit Environmental Assessment. The most recent study, a Multiple Account Evaluation, measured the benefits and costs associated with four different rapid transit systems.

Based on the results of this study, the recommended Stage 1 includes:

- Light Rail Transit (LRT) from Conestoga Mall in Waterloo to Fairview Park Mall in Kitchener
- Adapted Bus Rapid Transit (aBRT) from Fairview Mall in Kitchener to Ainslie Street terminal in Downtown Cambridge

**You are invited to attend one of the upcoming public meetings and have your say about these recommendations.**

For dates, time and locations please see the back of this newsletter.

For more information on the detailed analysis that was completed to help select the recommended rapid transit system, visit our website at [www.region.waterloo.on.ca/transitea](http://www.region.waterloo.on.ca/transitea). Background on the rapid transit project can also be found online.



Another way to have your say!  
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The Region invites you to participate in *iEngage*, the newly launched consultation portal on the Rapid Transit website.



New and interactive features on the site are designed to make it easier for you to join in. These features include the discussion board, regular polls, a photo gallery to view and share rapid transit photos, an improved video viewer and a hot topics space to catch up on the latest project announcements and details.

# Add your voice to the discussion!

## Join us at one of these Public Consultation Centres (PCCs) to discuss the recommended rapid transit system:

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 from 2 to 8 p.m.  
at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,  
54 Queen St. N., Kitchener

Public parking is available at Queen Street  
and Ahrens Street and is free after 6 p.m.  
Please do not park in the church lot.

Thursday, May 21, 2009 from 2 to 8 p.m.  
at The United Kingdom Club,  
35 International Village Dr.  
(off of Dunbar Road), Cambridge

Located across Dunbar Road from the  
Cambridge Centre Transit Terminal.

Tuesday, May 26, 2009 from 2 to 8 p.m.  
at First United Church,  
16 William St., Waterloo

Public parking is available off of Caroline Street.  
Please do not park in the church lot.

## The Rapid Transit Team will also be at several community events this spring. Stop by our booth and chat with a staff member about the project.

Uptown Public Square Opening Ceremony –  
May 30, 2009  
at King Street and Willis Way, Waterloo

K-W Multicultural Festival –  
June 20 and 21, 2009  
at Victoria Park, Kitchener

Cambridge Riverfest –  
June 6, 2009  
at Riverbluffs Park, George Street, Cambridge

These meetings are served by Grand River Transit.  
For route information, visit [www.grt.ca](http://www.grt.ca) or call  
519-585-7555.

These events are accessible for people with disabilities. If you require assistance to participate in this meeting, or to access information in alternate formats, please contact the Rapid Transit Infoline at least five days prior to the meeting you plan to attend. For more information, please contact us at the Rapid Transit Infoline:  
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## Have you joined the Rapid Transit Contact List?

By adding your name to the Rapid Transit Contact List, you will receive notices of upcoming meetings, events and other public consultation opportunities. You'll also receive updates on the Environmental Assessment process and key decisions.

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