



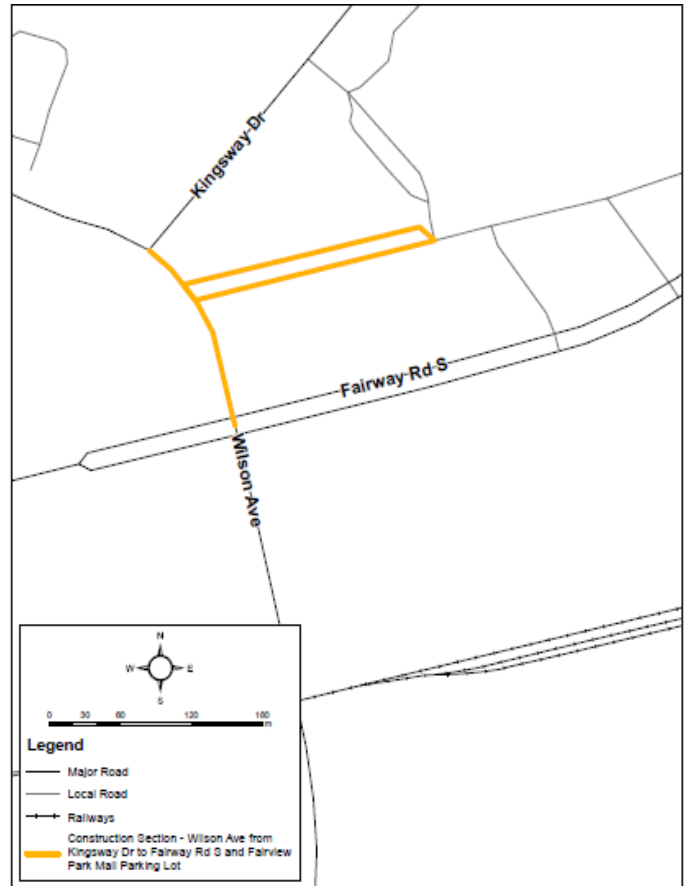
Construction Notice

Construction Ahead: Wilson from Fairway to Kingsway and the Fairview Park Mall parking lot, in Kitchener

Construction of Stage 1 ION, the Region of Waterloo’s light rail transit (LRT) service, is underway in select areas across Kitchener and Waterloo.

Beginning as early as March 11, weather permitting, construction to build an LRT stop platform and track bed will begin within the Fairview Mall parking lot at the south end. The planned work involves building a retaining wall, and preparing the ground for installation of the stop. While completing this work, the south end of the parking lot will be temporarily barricaded. Once the stop is complete, the area will be repaved, and the sidewalks reinstalled. We expect to install the new LRT tracks in summer 2016.

In late-spring, LRT construction will also begin on Wilson, from Fairway to Kingsway, to upgrade and replace underground services (e.g. water, storm and sanitary) and to make way for ION. To complete this work, Wilson, from Fairway to Kingsway, will have temporary lane closures for approximately two months. Early works by third party utility companies, including Kitchener Utility Gas, Kitchener Wilmot Hydro and Rogers, will precede GrandLinq Contractors’ planned work and will begin on Wilson in early-March.



Although Wilson will be closed to through traffic, local access to Fairview Park Mall, for emergency services, businesses and residences will be maintained. Pedestrian access around construction areas will also be maintained for the duration of the work. Detour signs alerting drivers, cyclists and pedestrians of the construction area will remain in place throughout construction, and way-finding signs will be in place to help guide visitors – including delivery trucks and customers – to the area.

Building the ION LRT service to support planned growth in Waterloo Region is an enormous undertaking and we recognize that this work may cause some temporary inconveniences. We will strive to keep disruption to a minimum.

GrandLinq will be installing a mobile groundwater treatment system to treat any groundwater that is collected during soil excavation. This ensures that collected groundwater is returned to the water system in the same or a better condition than when it was collected. Multiple mobile units will be installed for this purpose.

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What work is happening over the next six months?

- Work to build the LRT stop platform and track bed leading to the platform at Fairview Park Mall
- Replacement of underground water services (i.e. water, storm and sanitary) on Wilson starting at Fairview and heading towards Kingsway

What to expect during construction?

- Starting in late-March, for approximately two months, access to and from Wilson will be limited to emergency services, hospital patients, local residents and businesses only at the following intersections: Fairview and Kingsway
- Removal of trees and brush from select areas. During peak bird nesting periods, wildlife surveys will be completed before removal begins so as not to disturb active nests in the area (in accordance with the Federal Migratory Birds Convention Act and the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997).
- Temporary sidewalk closures, and safety barrier and fencing installation, near the active work area. Signs will direct pedestrians to alternative routes.
- Relocation of the Grand River Transit bus routes, including the IExpress 200. For information on Grand River Transit bus routes, please visit the GRT website: www.grt.ca
- Some noise, such as reversing alarms, and dust from on-site construction machinery. Noise levels will fall within the necessary compliance levels required by the City of Kitchener Municipal Code Chapter 450 (Noise)
- Some vibration. Vibration levels will be monitored to ensure work is performed within the necessary compliance levels required by The Regional Municipality of Waterloo Construction Activity Vibration Specification
- GrandLinq work crews will be on-site to help facilitate the movement of traffic and construction vehicles

More information on construction will be provided through local media and construction updates posted to our website at www.rideion.ca. The best way to receive the latest construction information is to sign-up for email updates on the www.rideion.ca website. Regular email updates are sent to subscribers.

If you have a question, please contact us. A GrandLinq representative will respond within one business day and will work with you to address any question or concern.

We appreciate your patience as we work to bring ION to Waterloo Region.


What is ION?

ION is a visionary plan that will help shape the community for the future by bringing LRT to Waterloo Region in two stages. Stage 1 includes a 19-kilometre route from the Conestoga Mall transit terminal in Waterloo to the Fairview Park Mall transit terminal in Kitchener. Stage 1 also features 17 kilometres of bus rapid transit (BRT) from the Ainslie Street transit terminal in Cambridge to the Fairview Park Mall transit terminal in Kitchener. Stage 2 will see the Region convert the BRT line to LRT, creating a seamless 37-kilometre route of LRT across the three urban centres – Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo. ION BRT service began in September 2015.

About GrandLinq

In March 2014, GrandLinq was awarded the contract to design, build, finance, operate and maintain ION LRT in Waterloo Region. GrandLinq is a partnership Of Plenary Group, Meridiam Infrastructure, Aecon, Kiewit and Keolis. The design and construction of ION will be carried out by GrandLinq Contractors, a joint venture of Aecon and Kiewit under a subcontract with GrandLinq.

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