

## Queen Street South Conversion – Chronology

### September 2012

Hamilton City Council approved a two-way conversion “grass roots” study group to look at Queen and Cannon Streets. A public meeting was held November 2012 to discuss the process.

### June 2013

*Queen Street South Citizen Audit Results*

*Prepared for the One Way Two Way (OWTW) Study Group*

The study group consisted of the ward councillors, residents, staff and included public consultation with interested residents, businesses, neighbourhood associations and affected residents. The study group gathered on April 6 and June 15, 2013 to conduct a block-by-block audit of Queen Street from Aberdeen Avenue to King Street. Participants offered 93 recommendations in 9 categories and included items aimed at making the area safer and friendlier for pedestrians and cyclists.

### October 2016

Hamilton City Council directed staff to study the feasibility of converting Queen Street South from one-way to two-way between Aberdeen and King St. West. The engineering firm AECOM Canada Ltd is brought on to undertake the study and prepare a functional design. There are no identified principles to guide the feasibility study (e.g. To enhance Pedestrian safety)

### March 2017

AECOM Canada Ltd. submit their report and conclude that Queen Street can be converted from one-way to two -way from Aberdeen to Main Street. The section of Queen from Main to King is excluded due to unknowns regarding the design and construction schedule of LRT.

In the report to Council, Hamilton City staff note that a conversion of Queen Street, from Aberdeen to Main will (emphasis added):

- Provide two-way traffic flow and new access opportunities with traffic travelling in two directions
- Exclude the section north of Main Street without final LRT plans for the area of King Street and Queen Street
- Effect on-street parking on Queen Street from its current situation
- Could help with traffic travelling east of Queen Street by not forcing all traffic to use Herkimer Street
- Will not provide a significant benefit for traffic travelling west of Queen Street with the current uncertainty related to LRT plans

AECOM identified its preferred option (option 3) if a conversion is to go ahead - - one northbound and two southbound lanes.

### June 2017

Hamilton City Council receives the AECOM report. Hamilton staff offer a number of alternatives for Council’s consideration:

- Council could decide that the conversion of Queen Street, from one-way to two-way traffic operation from Aberdeen to Main is a priority and include AECOM’s option 3 (see above) as the preferred conversion configuration

- Council could proceed with AECOM's option 3 but postpone the conversion until the full details of the impact of the B-line LRT system is known
- Council could reconsider the recommendation of not proceeding with a reversible lane option on Queen and direct staff to proceed with the conversion from Herkimer to Main Street and include a reversible lane, but with additional costs.
- Council could consider the implementation of AECOM's option 3 and restrict all on street parking from 7 am to 6 pm and allow on street parking on the west side of Queen from 6 pm to 7 am to accommodate on-street parking during off peak hours. Staff recommended that if this recommendation was chosen then Queen should be designated as an Emergency Snow Route and all vehicles would be required to be removed during winter control activities or be towed.
- Council could approve the additional conversion of Queen to two-way from King Street to Main Street. But staff recommended that this be postponed until the LRT operational plan was resolved.

### **November 2017**

Hamilton City Council passed the following motion regarding Queen Street South

1. That the design and conversion of Queen Street from Aberdeen Avenue to Main Street from one-way to two-way traffic operations, based on the report prepared by AECOM Canada Ltd., to be funded in the amount of \$1,100,400 from the Red-Light Camera Reserve, be approved;
2. That staff from the Public Works Department and the Light Rail Transit office meet, with the objective of including the King to Main block in the conversion of Queen Street from Aberdeen Avenue to Main Street from one-way to two-way traffic operations, without delaying progress on the currently presented route.

### **February 2019**

Councillor Wilson hosted a public information meeting regarding the conversion of Queen St S from Aberdeen Ave to Main St W one-way to two-way.

### **April 2019**

Hamilton City Council passes the following motion for Queen Street South from Main Street West to King Street West

1. That Queen Street South from King Street West to Main Street West be converted from one-way to two-way traffic and that the appropriate bylaw be passed; and,
2. That staff be directed to begin designing the two-way conversion of Queen Street South between Main Street West and King Street West in 2019 to be funded from Capital Account No. 4661820522 (Design) and that construction be tentatively scheduled for 2020 and that the costs associated with implementation be submitted as part of the 2020 Capital Budget submission for Council's consideration.

### **May 2020**

City of Hamilton awards contract

Staff finalizing phasing of construction with contractor

Start date expected in late Spring