

December 9, 2020

Mayor John Tory
and Councillors of the Executive Committee

**RE: The importance of Waterfront Transit Network advancement
EX19.5 Update on the City's Transit Expansion Projects**

Dear Mayor John Tory and Councillors of the Executive Committee,

Our BIA's mandate is to support the development of the waterfront as a premier destination that is well-connected to the rest of the City and beautiful, fun and vibrant year-round. We wish to express appreciation for the work the City of Toronto is advancing today with the TTC and Waterfront Toronto to increase transit connectivity, including Waterfront Transit Network phasing. We also greatly appreciate the [Mayor's remarks of December 3](#) on the importance of building out the Waterfront Transit Network to support both current development and planned new development.

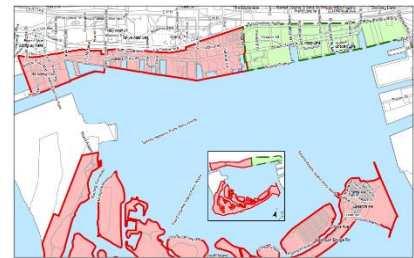


Figure 1 - Waterfront BIA boundaries, including green expansion area for 2021. The east end of the BIA is the area benefiting from Phase 1 of the Waterfront East LRT.

The work on Phase 1 of the Waterfront East LRT appears to be on track to be eligible for full funding at the end of 2021, and we are pleased to hear there are coordination opportunities with Ontario Line planning.

As seen in the map at right, we are grateful to begin representing the eastern waterfront business community with our expansion approved for 2021. The entire neighbourhood is excited to see work advancing on the LRT, and please find additional details on the next page from our BIA's waterfront commuter survey and economic impact study on the LRT. Having the Waterfront East LRT ready to be connected through the Port Lands soon will be key to unlocking the density and investment needed toward a world-class waterfront all of Toronto deserves.

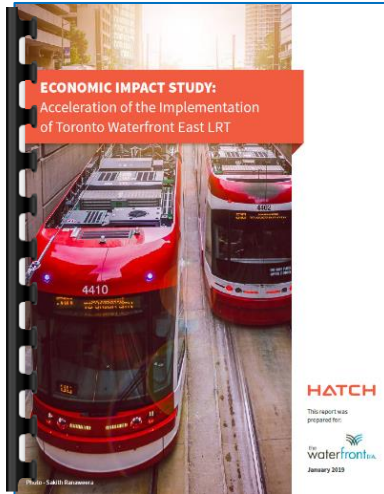
For additional questions, please contact at tkocur@waterfrontbia.com.

Thank you,

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Waterfront East LRT: The benefits of accelerating construction



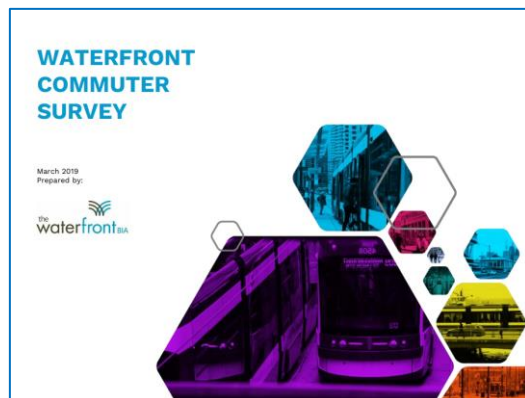
If the Waterfront East LRT were constructed by 2025 through the Port Lands, the following development would be supported by 2045:

67,000 new residents

132,000 new jobs

44% decrease in automobile use by incoming works and residents along the LRT corridor.

Economic impact study on acceleration of the Waterfront East LRT prepared by Hatch: <https://bit.ly/2RpLRNf>



53.5%

of workers in 2019 said that they would use public transit more if additional subway and LRT lines connecting downtown and the waterfront were built.

Waterfront Commuter Survey prepared by the Waterfront BIA: <https://bit.ly/2R0Nv97>