



Hamilton

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Transit Assessment

PURPOSE:

This document explains the guidelines for the preparation of a Transit Assessment which may be required for the submission of an application under the *Planning Act*. All Transit Assessments shall follow the guidelines referenced in this document. Failure to adhere to the guidelines may result in a submission being considered unsatisfactory and a submitted application being deemed incomplete.

A Transit Assessment assess the ability of the existing or planned transit services to accommodate the additional development related transit demand and identifies when new or increased services or infrastructure may be required. A Transit Assessment ensures the development will promote and facilitate transit as an alternative mode of transportation, resulting in a reduction in auto trips to other modes of transportation.

A Transit Assessment may be required when a development has the potential to create or increase transit trips, resulting in the need for improvements to existing services or facilities or provision of additional capacity/new routes or services. The need for a Transit Assessment will be identified during the Formal Consultation stage.

PREPARED BY:

The Transit Assessment is to be prepared by a qualified transportation consultant experienced in transportation or transit planning. The consultant must be registered as a Professional Engineer in the province of Ontario.

CONTENTS INCLUDE:

The need for a Transit Assessment and the terms of reference for the Assessment are to be confirmed through a pre-study consultation with Transportation Planning staff. The Transit Assessment may be provided as a standalone document or as a separate section within a broader document containing the required transportation studies.

The Transit Assessment may be required to:

- Identify the existing transit routes serving the study area including frequency of service.
- Identify when existing routes and services are operating at or near capacity.
- Identify other alternative transportation options within the study area that provide first mile/last mile connections to existing transit stops or stations.

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- Outline how the development will connect to the existing or future transit services.
- Outline the expected change in ridership due to the development proposal.
- Provide recommendations on changes to existing transit service to support the development such as increased frequency or route modifications/extensions.
- Identify the need for new transit service to support the development and proposed routing and frequency of service.
- Provide recommendations on transit stop or station upgrades to enhance user comfort and experience.

REVIEWED and APPROVED BY:

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