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## Main Street Transformation

### 1. Context

Main Street (Longwood to the Delta) is an arterial road in lower Hamilton. It is an **auto-centric, one-way street** that regularly has **speeding vehicles** (12 to 50% higher than the speed limit). There were **1,873 collisions in the past five years ('17 to '21)**, including one fatality and 108 involving pedestrians and cyclists.

**The B-Line LRT on King Street, the westbound pair of Main Street, will soon start construction.** It will ultimately not allow vehicles to continuously travel westbound as it does today, requiring personal and transit vehicles to use alternative routes.

### 2. Direction

In May 2022, Hamilton City Council approved staff to:

- **Immediately implement safety improvements** on Main Street.
- **Develop a short-term two-way conversion** plan that applies a Complete Streets lens.
- **Create a long-term vision and design for the corridor** that leverages a Complete Streets, EDI and Climate Change approach.

### 3. Action

Staff planned and designed interventions from May to July and implemented them starting in August (within ten weeks).

#### Main Street in Context



Legend:  
 Designated & Separated Cycling Facilities  
 Shared and Suggested Cycling Routes



### 4. Outcomes

- Speeds have been reduced.**
- Some neighbourhood traffic infiltration** reported.
- Added parking has **been well received** in certain areas.
- No long-term negative impacts on transit service.** Some unintended positive benefits for transit are due to wider lanes and catch-basin avoidance.
- Public feedback has been positive** on changes to the pedestrian experience.

### 5. Next Steps

- Finalize draft design** for two-way conversion and engage with stakeholders.
- Develop an implemented plan** for conversion.
- Continue to **add complete streets elements.**
- Plan for ultimate configuration** and full road reconstruction.

### 6. Lessons Learned

- Traditional traffic analysis becomes irrelevant when afforded opportunities** to implement complete streets and MMLoS approaches.
- Quick implementation can accelerate progress** to a longer-term vision.
- Transit speed and reliability are important, **but riders may be willing to make trade-offs between speed and pedestrian experience.**

