



## ION Progress Update

April 7, 2017

### Open House for first ION train: April 8

The Region is excited to invite the community to the ION Operations, Maintenance and Storage Facility (OMSF) on April 8 to see and tour the first ION train during a community open house.

The OMSF is located at 518 Dutton Drive in Waterloo. The Open House will run from 1 to 5 p.m. Parking and admission is free and doors will open at 1 p.m.

### New 'Ask ION' video

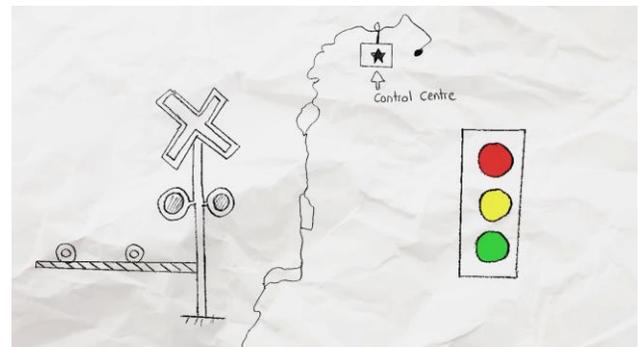
A new video has been added to the 'Ask ION' series explaining [how ION light rail vehicles are operated.](#)

'Ask ION' launched in 2016 to answer common questions about the Region's light rail transit (LRT) service. The first video in the series discussed [how ION light rail vehicles are powered.](#)

Click the images below to watch the newest video and stay tuned for more information on the next installment of 'Ask ION'.



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**OPEN HOUSE**  
Saturday, April 8, 2017  
1 to 5 p.m.  
ION facility – 518 Dutton Drive, Waterloo  
Come see and tour the first ION train!



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## ION testing and safety

Residents will soon see ION trains being tested along the LRT tracks between the Northfield stop and the Erb/Caroline intersection in Waterloo.

This section of test track will also be the first area to see the overhead LRT wires powered up. In advance of this testing and powering up, the Region will launch an ION safety campaign, dubbed 'train your brain.'

The '[train your brain](#)' campaign will focus on three key safety messages:

- **Overhead wires are live** – look up, stay clear and stay safe.
- **Obey new signage** – tracks are for trains. Do not stop or park on the LRT tracks.
- **Stay alert** – safety begins with you.

For more safety information please visit [www.GRT.ca/ION](http://www.GRT.ca/ION).



## ION signage

New signage has been installed along the ION LRT route. While the rules of the road haven't changed, residents should familiarize themselves with the new signs and remain alert while driving, walking or cycling around the LRT route.

To learn more about new signage and signals, check out [this quick video](#) or visit [www.GRT.ca/ION](http://www.GRT.ca/ION).

## Signage highlights



No left/right turn, illuminates when train is approaching an intersection

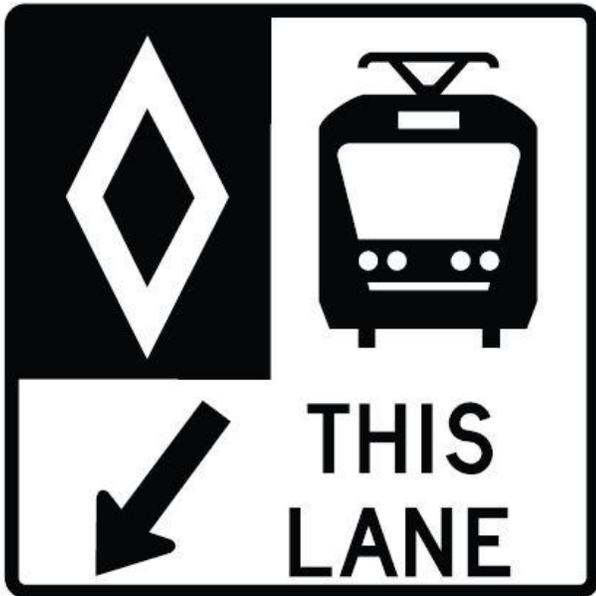
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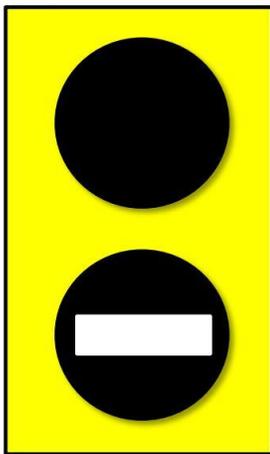
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### ION signage



Lane reserved for ION trains



Light rail vehicle 'stop' signal, [learn more about LRV signals](#)

### New by-law includes no stopping or parking on the LRT tracks



New changes to the Region of Waterloo's Traffic and Parking by-law includes no stopping or parking on the LRT tracks. The new by-law went into effect on January 1, 2017.

The new by-law means that any vehicle stopped or parked anywhere along the LRT route will be fined or towed at the owner's expense. The LRT tracks are reserved for light rail vehicles and construction or maintenance vehicles only. For more information, visit our [website](#).

please give crews  
space to complete  
their work



Click the image above to view a quick [video](#) about parking on the LRT tracks

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## About ION

ION, the Region of Waterloo's rapid transit service, which was approved by Council in June 2011, is a visionary plan that will help shape our community for the future by bringing LRT to the region in two stages.

Stage 1 includes a 19 kilometre LRT route from the Conestoga Mall transit terminal in Waterloo to the Fairview Park Mall transit terminal in Kitchener. Construction of ION LRT is underway, with the service set to launch in 2018.

Stage 1 also features a 17 kilometre route of BRT from the Ainslie Street transit terminal in Cambridge to the Fairview Park Mall transit terminal in Kitchener. ION BRT service began operating in September 2015.

Stage 2 ION will see the Region replace the BRT line with LRT, creating a seamless LRT route across the community's three urban centres.

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