

Video Transcript – The Rideau Transit Group Presents the Confederation Line

Welcome to Confederation Line, Ottawa's new Light Rail Transit system. The Rideau Transit Group (RTG) is excited to partner with the City of Ottawa on this significant transportation project—one that will transform our city for generations.

RTG is composed of three of the world's largest and most successful international and local infrastructure developers, who will bring their combined expertise to the Nation's Capital. The RTG Partners have constructed more than 2500 km of rail and transit projects around the world.

The Confederation Line is a world-class LRT system connecting the city from Westboro to Gloucester and providing convenient access to the City's bus and O-Train networks. Generating approximately 3200 direct person-years of skilled trade employment, along with thousands of other direct and indirect jobs, this is the largest public infrastructure investment in Ottawa's history.

RTG has designed the Line to the highest standards of sustainability and convenience. It will also provide the best-proven safety and accessibility systems and technologies in the world.

Our journey begins at Tunney's Pasture where the new station connects to the western bus network. At Bayview station, the new Line will connect to the O-Train.

RTG has created iconic stations combining a spacious and elegant design with convenient passenger-flow systems—stations that are comfortable, intuitive, safe and accessible.

At LeBreton, the work of Ottawa's area Algonquin artists completes the design. As in all stations, Canadian ash is featured on ceilings, walls and benches, using timber retrieved from the devastation of the emerald ash borer beetle.

We then enter the tunnel. Traditional subway building is loud, dirty and disruptive. No massive construction project can be invisible, but RTG's expertise and modern tunnelling technology are designed to minimize pollution and inconvenience.

From the Downtown West station at Queen and Lyon to Downtown East at Queen and O'Connor, the Line passes Canada's Parliament, the Rideau Canal and arrives at the Byward market at Rideau Station.

Standing on the platform at the University of Ottawa's Campus Station, passengers will see a sleek modern accessible vehicle emerge above ground. The new vehicles will be assembled in Ottawa. Paralleling the Queensway, the Line passes Lees and Hurdman stations to connect with Via Rail, and from St. Laurent and Cyrville to the terminus at Blair.

Passengers will enjoy the same quality of experience with common signage, entrance and bike rack locations, ensuring across the Confederation Line a first time user has just as enjoyable an experience as a veteran commuter.

The RTG partners have made a 35-year commitment to Ottawa. This public-private partnership combines the world's industry leaders with the strengths of the City of Ottawa to create a transit system of which Ottawa will be proud for generations to come.