

MEMO / NOTE DE SERVICE



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From / Expéditeur	Steve Kanellakos City Manager	Date: October 18, 2021
Subject / Objet	Update on O-Train Confederation Line 1 and Safe Return-to-Service	

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Mayor and Members of Council and the Transit Commission with details on the plan to safely return the O-Train Confederation Line 1 into service, following the September 19 derailment, and provide a further update to the information provided to Council on October 13, 2021.

As per my Friday, October 15th email to Council and Transit Commissioners, Rideau Transit Group (RTG) has provided the City with a return-to-service date. RTG has proposed a return to partial service (up to seven trains plus one spare) of the O-Train Confederation Line 1 on Monday, November 1, 2021. RTG's proposed relaunch on November 1st is conditional on the completion by RTG of an intensive inspection program on the vehicle fleet. Based on the steps necessary to verify the safety of the system, the City anticipates that partial service will resume within the first two weeks of November.

RTG has also committed to providing the City with a date to return to full-service by the end of the week. Further, and as Council was advised on Wednesday, October 13th, the O-Train Confederation Line 1 will only resume service once the City deems RTG can relaunch light rail service safely and reliably.

Transportation Research Associates (TRA) has been engaged and on the ground here in Ottawa since Friday, October 1st, and has undertaken their preliminary assessment of the situation. Now that RTG has provided a proposed return-to-service date and associated workplan, TRA is developing their detailed workplan. TRA will provide an overview of the workplan and will be available to address questions at the October 20th Transit Commission meeting. RTG will also be in attendance to provide further information and answer questions.

TRA will review RTG's relaunch plan and make recommendations to the City on the proposed LRT relaunch of service plan. RTG is responsible for implementing the return-to-service plan. TRA will monitor the effective execution of the plan.

Once TRA recommends to the City that RTG is ready to resume service, the City will take the steps necessary to verify RTG's ability to safely and reliably relaunch LRT. This will include one to two days of testing. The final date for return-to-service will only be determined once the City is satisfied that it is safe to do so.

Finally, the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) has been actively engaged since the derailment occurred on September 19th. Their investigation is ongoing and is independent of the City's review and investigation into this matter.

I have also been consulting with Sam Berrada, the City's Rail Monitor and Compliance Officer (RMCO), on the safety of the system and on the soundness of the City's overall approach to ensuring a safe return to service.

Regular progress updates will be provided to the Mayor and Members of Council and the Transit Commission on these activities as new developments unfold.

Sincerely,

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