

Greetings Woodparkers,

You are probably wondering where can one get a program for the many City initiatives that are currently underway, all of which relate in some way to the proposed LRT. If it's not the LRT (Light Rail Transit route), then it's the traffic plan for the Byron Avenue and Richmond Rd corridor and if it's not the traffic plan, then it's the Intensification Planning Study for the same area.

These are all inter connected due to the LRT project, but each are separate components and initiatives on their own. It certainly can get confusing though. You must be wondering...what are all these meetings about and if I go to a City sponsored 'Open House', what am I going to hear and learn?

On our website, we have tried to identify and describe the 3 different initiatives. You can get more information on each of these by selecting the URLs provided there. Here in summary are the individual initiatives:

- The Stage 2 LRT route and corridor. This is the part of the LRT project which will extend the LRT further to the East, West and South. From Woodpark's perspective, we are interested in how it extends to the west, just north of our community through the Byron linear park to further points west (ie. Lincoln Fields, Bayshore....and on.). It also deals with the LRT Station that is being proposed for the New Orchard area on the Byron linear park.
- The Byron Corridor Traffic Options. These are options for how best to handle, direct and limit the traffic along Byron Ave once the LRT Station at New Orchard is in place.
- The Byron Corridor Intensification Study/Options. This study will look at the most appropriate kinds of redevelopment options around future LRT stations, like Cleary Ave and New Orchard.

So now you might ask....how do all of these impact us in Woodpark and what's going to happen next? Well, needless to say the full LRT implementation is going to take several years before we end up with a finished product, but in the mean time the City needs to plan for and work on many different components. The planning of these other components cannot be left until the last minute.

Hopefully the aforementioned has thrown some light on most of the activity that is underway and yet to take place. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Community Association by going to our 'Contact Us' page. Your questions and concerns if any, will be passed along to the Woodpark Community's LRT Liaison Committee, who have been working closely with the City.