

Key Messages

O-Train Safety Awareness Campaign

(Overhead Catenary System going live)

- Safety awareness for all residents is a priority for the City of Ottawa.
- Starting in late September or mid-October (precise date still to be confirmed), potential safety hazards will exist along the O-Train Confederation Line tracks that the public should be aware of in order to avoid electrocution or getting in the way of a moving LRT vehicle.
- The City is reaching out to residents, businesses and schools to promote safety awareness in order to highlight the dangers of the electrified overhead wires and of being on or near the LRT corridor.
- We are telling residents to never try to reach the wires or throw things at them. Do not fly kites or any other airborne object near the LRT corridor. Stay clear of the corridor at all times to avoid the risk of electrocution.
- Stay away from the tracks at all times. Since there are no at-grade crossings and the entire alignment is fenced off and secure, there is no reason for anyone to be on or near the tracks at any time.
- We are also encouraging all parents to talk to their children about rail and electrical safety, and discourage them from going near the LRT corridor at any time.
- Despite the risks that come from any light rail or public transportation system, the City wants to assure all residents that this is a well-established and safe system that is used widely in many cities, without incident.
- We appreciate everyone's cooperation in adhering to these safety measures.
- This is an exciting milestone for the Confederation Line project. But we want to emphasize safety as the priority.