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Metronauts Hamilton: An Unconference About the Future of Transportation

Grassroots Metronauts initiative engages public and planners around new perspectives for regional transportation

TORONTO (April 23, 2008) – With the population of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area growing quickly, transportation issues in the region are moving to the forefront of public conversation.

Building on the tremendous success of its first event at the MaRS Centre in Toronto on April 5th, 2008 the Metronauts community, with the sponsorship and active participation of Metrolinx, is pleased to announce the second event in a series of Metronauts unconferences.

Event: Metronauts Hamilton: An Unconference About the Future of Transportation
Date: Saturday, May 3, 2008
Venue: McMaster University, Kenneth Taylor Hall
Address: 1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON

Registration is free and now open at <http://www.metronauts.ca>

This project aims to engage citizens in developing solutions for the region's transportation plan. This initiative comprises two parts: an online community at <http://metronauts.ca> and a series of community events held across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton region between April and September 2008.

The events are organized as an unconference, an intense interactive format where every participant will have the opportunity to suggest topics of discussion and share their knowledge, ideas and experiences with the group. The event, however, is not a venue for venting frustrations. Mark Kuznicki, steward of the Metronauts community, stresses that, "this is not a complaints department, it is a solutions playground."

Participation is free, but participants must register in advance for the event by visiting

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the Metronauts.ca website. The website also provides event participants and interested citizens with an avenue for discussion about the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan, and facilitates individual and group projects for those looking to get more involved.

Information on future events and initiatives will be listed on the Metronauts website as they become available.

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