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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Sidewalk Enhancement at Washington Mall – Reid Street**

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Work on the City sidewalk at the southern entrances to the Washington Mall on Reid Street started in the new year. In 2018, owners of the mall, Washington Properties, completed renovations to the eastern wing of the ground floor and the work currently being carried out will be a continuation of that upgrade, accentuating the entrance to the mall.

Paul Slaughter, General Manager at Washington Properties, said of the project, ‘Washington Properties is delighted to collaborate with the Corporation of Hamilton on this sidewalk enhancement project. We’ve recently completed work on our new entrance and the sidewalk improvements will add to the public enjoyment of this area. The new glass canopy over our two Reid Street entrances unifies the mall frontage and the coloured lighting added some ambiance to the late-night shopping during the Christmas period. The new seating, planters, upgraded lighting and decorative paving will look very attractive and create a relaxing social area on Reid Street.’

City Engineer, Patrick Cooper, added, ‘With all of the infrastructure upgrades as well as public art that has been done around the City, this is just another improvement that will help to beautify a high-traffic area in the City and enhance the pedestrian experience. We have worked closely and seamlessly with Washington Properties to ensure that this project progresses in a timely fashion and that impact to the public during construction is minimal. I believe the finished product will certainly improve the aesthetics in that area.’

The City of Hamilton purchased the brick and seating to be used in the project while Washington Properties is absorbing the cost of the design work by Linberg Simmons and the installation by Horsfield Landscaping. The work is expected to be completed in approximately three to four weeks. The area may experience some temporary traffic congestion with the unloading of materials and while lane closures are not expected, should one be necessary at some point during the project the appropriate notices and signage will be posted by the City.

The City apologizes for any inconvenience caused throughout the duration of this project and thanks the public for its patience.

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