



GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment Planning and Environmental Assessment Study – Stage 1

Draft Supplemental Consultation Record

February 2011

1. SUPPLEMENTAL CONSULTATION RECORD OVERVIEW

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is working to provide for the efficient movement of people and goods within the context of the province's *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*. To support the policy directions in the *Growth Plan*, MTO has commenced the formal environmental assessment (EA) process for the GTA West Corridor. The purpose of this Study is to examine long-term transportation problems and opportunities and consider alternative solutions to provide better linkages between *Urban Growth Centres* within the GTA West Corridor Preliminary Study Area, such as Downtown Milton, Brampton City Centre, Vaughan Corporate Centre and Downtown Guelph.

The Study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act). The GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference was submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment on July 15, 2007 and was approved on March 4, 2008.

Since the commencement of the study in January 2007, the following tasks have been completed:

- Preparation and approval of an Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference;
- Preparation of two draft existing conditions reports: "Overview of Transportation and Economic Conditions" and "Overview of Environmental Conditions and Constraints" – released in July 2008 for public review and comment. Revised drafts dated December 2010 include updated information and addressed any comments received;
- Preparation of a draft "Transportation System Problems and Opportunities Report" for public review and comment in July 2009. A revised draft dated December 2010 addresses any comments received;
- Preparation of the draft "Area Transportation System Alternatives Report" for public review and comment in March 2010. A revised draft dated January 2011 addresses any comments received;
- Selection of preferred Group #1 (Optimize Existing Network) and Group #2 (New / Improved Non-Roadway Infrastructure) Alternatives;
- Assessment and evaluation of Group #3 (Widen / Improve Existing Roads) and Group #4 (New Transportation Corridors) Alternatives;
- Conducted extensive consultation with municipalities and Advisory Groups regarding the elements of the Draft Transportation Development Strategy and other study milestones;
- Held four rounds of Public Information Centres; and,
- Preparation of the draft "Transportation Development Strategy Report" for public review and comment in February 2011.

Consultation Records for each round of Public Information Centres have been prepared to document all of the consultation activities undertaken as part of the study. These Consultation Records are available under separate cover.

This Draft Supplemental Consultation Record outlines the events, activities and correspondence received outside of these events but during Stage 1 of the GTA West Corridor EA Study, including:

- All formal comments and correspondence received from municipalities and agencies – see **Appendix A** for copies of all municipal comments and responses, and **Appendix B** for copies of all agency comments and responses. The responses to comments pertaining to the draft “Transportation System Problems and Opportunities Report”, “Area Transportation System Alternatives Report”, “Overview of Transportation and Economic Conditions” and “Overview of Environmental Conditions and Constraints” reports have been addressed in the revised draft reports appendices. Copies of these tables are provided in **Appendix C**.
- Other municipal technical meeting summary notes (see **Appendix D**). The following is a list of these meetings, the date they were held and their overall purpose:

Date	Meeting	Purpose
March 18, 2008	Town of Caledon Council Workshop	Updated Council on the study’s progress since the approval of the ToR, reviewed the purpose of study and addressed questions.
April 11, 2008	Corridor Protection Meeting with Municipalities, MAH, MEI [formerly the Ministry of Public Infrastructure and Renewal (MPIR)]	Provided an update on the study’s progress, discussed corridor protection issues and addressed questions.
May 16, 2008	Town of Caledon Council and Staff	Provided an update on the study’s progress and answered questions.
February 23, 2009	Municipal Workshop – Halton Region	To discuss corridor protection issues, review areas of interest identified by the Project Team, discuss opportunities to refine these areas and identify any additional areas known by municipalities.
February 24, 2009	Municipal Workshop – Peel Region	
February 24, 2009	Municipal Workshop – York Region	
March 2, 2009	Municipal Workshop – Guelph/Wellington	
April 24, 2009	Town of Halton Hills Council Workshop	To discuss corridor protection and development issues related to the areas of interest identified by the Project Team.
June 8, 2009	City of Vaughan Planning Department	Discussed development activity and municipal planning studies and the need to consult regarding potential corridor protection.
June 9, 2009	Township of King Planning Department	Discussed development activity and municipal planning studies.
June 25, 2009	Town of Caledon Planning Department	Discussed development activity and municipal planning studies and the need to consult regarding potential corridor protection.
July 3, 2009	City of Brampton Planning Department	Discussed development activity and municipal planning studies and the need to consult regarding potential corridor protection.

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July 3, 2009	Town of Halton Hills Planning Department	Discussed development activity and municipal planning studies and the need to consult regarding potential corridor protection.
October 13, 2009	Halton Transportation Advisory Committee	Presentation and discussion on the Draft Area Transportation System Problems and Opportunities Report
May 25, 2010	Halton Transportation Advisory Committee	Presentation and discussion on the Draft Area Transportation Systems Alternatives Report
June 14, 2010	Town of Milton Staff	Follow-up meeting to MAG #5 to present and receive feedback on preliminary planning alternatives.
September 7, 2010	Municipal Workshop – York Region	To discuss and obtain input on the draft route planning study area limits for new transportation corridor alternative(s) that would be carried forward into the next stage of the EA.
September 9, 2010	Municipal Workshop – Halton Region	
September 13, 2010	Municipal Workshop – Peel Region	
September 10, 2010	City of Guelph Staff	To provide an update on the progress of the GTA West TDS and summarize the City of Guelph's Transit Growth Strategy and Plan.

- Other agency technical meeting summary notes (see **Appendix E**). The following is a list of these meetings, the date they were held and their overall purpose:

Date	Meeting	Purpose
December 15, 2008	Ontario Chamber of Commerce	To discuss the identification of problems and opportunities within the Preliminary Study Area.
May 19, 2009	Conservation Authority Workshop – Conservation Halton/Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC)	To discuss current Conservation Authority/NEC studies and the sensitive environmental features within the Preliminary Study Area.
May 20, 2009	Conservation Authority Workshop – Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	
May 20, 2009	Conservation Authority Workshop – Credit Valley Conservation	
May 26, 2009	Conservation Authority Workshop – Grand River Conservation Authority	Workshop to update agency members on the work completed for NGTA and GTA West and to engage agency members in a discussion to encourage the members to provide comments and / or potential policy issues with the preliminary alternatives.
September 25, 2009	GTA West and Niagara to GTA Provincial Agency Workshop	
September 28, 2009	Ontario Growth Secretariat	Reviewed purpose of study and addressed questions.
November 16, 2009	Meeting with Greenbelt Council	Reviewed how Greenbelt Plan policies will be addressed.

Date	Meeting	Purpose
January 21, 2010	Niagara Escarpment Commission, Board Meeting	Joint Niagara to GTA and GTA West presentation providing a study progress update.
February 9, 2010	Ontario Power Authority/Hydro One	To discuss coordination opportunities between the GTA West Study and prospective Hydro Corridor study as per the issued agenda.
February 24, 2010	Ontario Power Authority/Hydro One	To further discuss coordination opportunities between the GTA West Study and prospective Hydro Corridor study as per the issued agenda.
April 22, 2010	GTA West and Niagara to GTA Inter-Governmental Provincial Agency Workshop (MTO, MEI, MAH, GO Transit, Metrolinx)	Purpose of the workshop is to present Preliminary Planning alternatives, preliminary assessment of the alternatives developed, discuss potential implementation responsibilities and discuss conformity with existing provincial policies/regulations and coordination with other related provincial initiatives.
June 17, 2010	Niagara Escarpment Commission, Board Meeting	Provided a study progress update and addressed questions.
July 29, 2010	Joint GTA West/NGTA meeting with the Southern Ontario Gateway Council (SOGC)	To discuss the draft Transportation Development Strategies.
September 10, 2010	Joint GTA West/NGTA meeting with Greenbelt Council	To present the draft Transportation Development Strategies.
September 16, 2010	Conservation Halton, Water Management Advisory Committee Meeting	To provide a study progress update, discuss sensitive environmental features within the Preliminary Study Area and address questions.
September 20, 2010	MOE – EAAB	To provide a study update, overview of recommendations, the process followed and compliance with the Terms of Reference, and review key comments / issues and First Nations consultation held to date.
September 24, 2010	Ontario Power Authority/Hydro One	To further discuss coordination opportunities between the GTA West Study and prospective Hydro Corridor study as per the issued agenda.
October 5, 2010	Joint GTA West/NGTA meeting with Ontario Chamber of Commerce	To discuss the draft Transportation Development Strategies.
November 30, 2010	Ontario Power Authority/Hydro One	To further discuss coordination opportunities between the GTA West Study and prospective Hydro Corridor study.

- Individual Transportation Service Providers (TSP) / Business and Commercial Stakeholders (BCS) technical meeting summary notes (see **Appendix F**). The following is a list of these meetings, the date they were held and their overall purpose:

Date	Meeting	Purpose
October 21, 2008	GO Transit	Reviewed the study purpose and transportation forecasting approach.
July 27, 2009	407 ETR	Discussion of the projects in relation to the 407 ETR.
October 14, 2009	Metrolinx/GO Transit	To provide a study update and present and seek feedback on the group alternatives that had been generated.
February 19, 2010	Metrolinx/GO Transit/Smart Commute	Joint meeting with Metrolinx, GO Transit and Smart Commute to Discuss Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and transit concepts.
June 10, 2010	407 ETR	To present and receive feedback on preliminary planning alternatives.
October 13, 2010	Joint GTA West/NGTA meeting with 407 ETR	To discuss the draft Transportation Development Strategies.

- Additional Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting summary notes (see **Appendix G**):
 - CAG Meeting #7 (September 21, 2010) – to provide an update on the project’s status and to present and receive feedback on the draft Transportation Development Strategy.

The Draft Supplemental Consultation Record will be finalized upon completion of Stage 1 of the GTA West Corridor EA Study.

LIST OF APPENDICES

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