

Opportunities to comment on GTA West Corridor Study

There will be chances for the public to comment on the next stage of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the GTA West Transportation Corridor.

Building on the recommendations from the first stage, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has announced the EA Study continues with a focus on identifying the route and developing the preliminary design for a new transportation corridor within the previously identified Route Planning Study Area.

MTO has announced the new corridor will include a 400-series highway, a transitway and potential goods movement priority features. As part of the study, a preferred route and interchange locations will be selected and developed.

Public involvement is encouraged. Public Information Centers (PICs) and Community Workshops will be held throughout the study. Notices advising of the time and location of PICs will be published in local newspapers and advertised on the study website (www.gta-west.com).

The Ministry has stated the Corridor is a vital factor in providing the transportation infrastructure to meet projected growth in both population and employment identified in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe in 2006. The anticipated benefits include greater connectivity between urban growth centres; enhanced movement of people and goods; improved commuting; and greater economic vitality.

This new transportation corridor is only one component of the host of multi-modal recommendations that are included in the Transportation Development Strategy (TDS), developed as part of the first stage. These recommendations also included transit improvements, transportation demand management measures, opportunities to optimize the existing transportation system, as well as widening of several key provincial facilities in the western GTA. These recommendations are being pursued as separate initiatives.

For further information, visit the project website at www.gta-west.com

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