

407 EAST

Environmental Assessment

UPCOMING EVENTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #3 - TECHNICALLY RECOMMENDED ROUTE

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) initiated the 407 East Environmental Assessment (EA) study in February 2005. Key milestones in the project are marked by Public Information Centres (PICs) to seek feedback on the work to date.

This round of PICs will present the results from the evaluation of the refined route alternatives and a technically recommended route. Based on stakeholder and public input, the technically recommended route will be finalized and presented at the next round of PICs.

The PICs will be conducted in an open house (drop-in) format. Display material, mapping and study documentation will be available to view. Members of the project team and technical experts will be available to discuss the study and to respond to questions or concerns.

The dates, times and locations of the upcoming PICs are:

Clarington Area
Tues. June 26, 2007

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Garnett B Rickard
Recreation Complex
2440 Highway 2
Bowmanville

Whitby Area
Wed. June 27, 2007

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Faith Baptist Church
95 Taunton Road East,
Whitby

Ajax/Pickering Area
Tues. July 3, 2007

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Ajax Community Ctr.
HMS Room
75 Centennial Road
Ajax

Oshawa Area
Wed. July 4, 2007

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
General Sikorski's Polish
Veterans Club
1551 Stevenson's Road N
Oshawa

Peterborough Area
Tues. July 10, 2007

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Peterborough Public Library
345 Aylmer Street North
Peterborough

RECENTLY HELD EVENTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

November / December 2006

PICs were held in five locations to present route alternatives for the new east-west transportation corridor and the two north-south links.

The material presented at PIC #2 included:

- Long List of Route Alternatives
- Environmental Features Mapping
- Screening Factors, Criteria and Results
- Short List of Route Alternatives
- Evaluation Methodology for the Short List of Route Alternatives
- A Refined Study Area

A total of 520 people attended the PICs during this series. All PIC materials and summaries are available on the project website at www.407eastea.com.

The Project Team would like to thank all those who participated and provided valuable input during these PICs. We encourage your ongoing participation at future consultation sessions.

WORKSHOP FOR EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

April 21, 2007

Advisory group members, agencies and interested members of the public were invited to participate in this Saturday event. Thirty-nine interested stakeholders actively participated in the workshop.

Attendees were asked to provide feedback on the route alternatives evaluation processes based on a presentation by TSH and Gartner Lee Limited. Information was presented and discussed in a large group format and facilitated by independent public facilitators from Ogilvie, Ogilvie and Company.

The workshop presentation is available on the project website (www.407eastea.com) and a summary of this event will be posted shortly.

The Project Team thanks all those who participated in making the workshop a success!

- Upcoming Events / PIC #3
- Recently Held Events / PIC #2 and Workshop #2
- Final Short List of Route Alternatives

- Evaluation Methodology
- Concept Design
- Visualization

- Other News, What's Next?
- How Can I Get More Information?
- Project Contacts

CONCEPT DESIGN

'Concept Design' is a technical exercise which will be undertaken to develop plans to a more detailed level for the technically recommended route.

The Concept Design process includes:

- Generation of design alternatives for route refinements, interchange options, etc.;
- Assessment of the concept design alternatives; and
- Selection of the preferred design alternative.

The Concept Design for the preferred route alternative will include:

- Horizontal and vertical alignment and cross section of the highway / transitway;
- Transitway technology;
- Need / location / type of:
 - Interchanges, grade separations, road closures and intersections;
 - Transitway stations and commuter parking lots;
 - Commercial Vehicle Inspection Stations;
 - Operation Facilities;
 - Watercourse crossings;
 - Stormwater management facilities; and
 - Noise mitigation.
- Property requirements for the undertaking, including all supporting features noted above.

The level of engineering design information must be sufficient to support:

- A decision under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act on whether adverse environmental effects are significant or not (after mitigation), and
- EA approval under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, unless such approval has already been granted.

VISUALIZATION

The Project Team is working with the Niagara College Centre for Advanced Visualization (CFAV) to prepare a 'flyover' visual representation of the technically recommended route. Through the use of animation and aerial photography this visual aid will assist the public and other stakeholders in understanding the technically recommended route and its potential effects on the natural, social and cultural environmental features within the Study Area by offering a "birds-eye" view of the route.

Phase 1 of the visualization will be a basic 'flyover' showing the final short list of route alternatives superimposed onto an aerial video and photographs of the study area. These photos and/or video will be presented at PIC #3.

Phase 2 of the visualization will be a detailed animation of the technically preferred route at areas of special interest, such as interchanges, bridges, transit stations, noise walls, and landscaping features. Photos and/or video of these areas will be presented at public consultation events after PIC #3.

OTHER NEWS

- New fact sheets regarding Natural Environment Fieldwork and Wildlife have been added to the website and will be available at future PICs.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- PIC #3 - Technically Recommended Route
- Further Consultation with Stakeholders following PIC #3
- Ongoing Fieldwork
- Concept Design

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION OR COMMENT ON THE STUDY?

Your comments and questions are always welcome and can be submitted at any time during the Environmental Assessment process. Your interest in this study is greatly appreciated.

All stakeholders and interested members of the public, who are on our contact mailing list from PIC #1 and PIC #2 will once again receive a mailed invitation to attend PICs. If you are new to the area, or know someone who would be interested in being added to the mailing list, please contact the project team through the phone/address at the right of this newsletter, and watch for upcoming information.

Project Contacts

Mr. Doug Allingham, PEng.
Consultant Project Manager
TSH
300 Water Street
Whitby, Ontario L1N 9J2
E-mail: projectteam@407eastea.com
Tel: 905.665.3474 or
1.866.840.5529 toll-free

Mr. Dan Remollino, PEng.
MTO Project Manager
Planning & Environmental Office
Building "D", 3rd Floor
1201 Wilson Avenue
Downsview, ON M3M 1J8
E-mail: projectteam@407eastea.com
Tel: 416.235.5576

Visit our project website for regular updates and notices of events:
www.407eastea.com

Get Involved... Be involved... Stay involved.

FINAL SHORT LIST OF ROUTE ALTERNATIVES

