

407 EAST

Environmental Assessment

UPCOMING EVENTS: COMMUNITY VALUE PLAN (CVP) WORKSHOPS

What is a Community Value Plan (CVP)?

Public involvement is an integral component of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. It provides opportunities for two-way communication between proponents of the undertaking (MTO) and affected and/or interested stakeholders. Developing a Community Value Plan (CVP) with active participation from representatives further enhances public involvement allowing input from the community to identify, prioritize and develop a plan that will attempt to retain the character, history and culture of the area located along or within close proximity to the Technically Recommended Route (TRR).

During the current Preliminary Design phase of the 407 East EA study, workshops will be held to obtain community feedback from neighbourhoods affected by the TRR. With the cooperation and input from the participants, a plan will be developed that recognizes selected priority community values.

The 407 East EA project team is inviting interested residents to participate in these workshops. Please note that CVP workshops will likely be held on the weekends. The timing, number and location will be determined shortly.

If you are interested in participating in a workshop to develop the CVP and/or identify your priority community values, please contact us by April 15th, at projectteam@407east.com, or by calling (905) 665-3474 or toll free at 1-866-840-5529.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #3 - June / July 2007

Public Information Centre (PIC) #3 was held at 5 locations to present the Technically Recommended Route (TRR) and supporting documentation for the new east-west transportation corridor (highway/transitway) and the two north-south links.

The following material was presented at PIC #3:

- Short List of Route Alternatives
- Evaluation Factors and Criteria
- Assessment and Evaluation of the Short List of Route Alternatives (Alternative Methods Report)
- Technically Recommended Route (TRR)

Representatives from the ministry of transportation and consultant project team were on hand to respond to questions and comments. More than 1,180 people attended these events.

The TRR has been carried forward to the next phase of the study (Preliminary Design) taking into consideration stakeholder input. During Preliminary Design the recommended route will be refined to further avoid or mitigate effects to the natural, social and built environment.

The project team would like to thank all those who attended, participated and provided valuable input during the PICs and comment period. We look forward to your ongoing participation at future consultation sessions.

All PIC materials and summaries are available on the project website at www.407eastea.com.

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TECHNICALLY RECOMMENDED ROUTE

PROPERTY IMPACT NOTICES

Since the selection of the Technically Recommended Route, properties directly impacted by the Technically Recommended Route have been identified.

In November 2007 letters were distributed to directly impacted property owners. A map, letter and fact sheet were sent to provide more information on MTO's property acquisition process.

Property requirements are subject to refinement/changes as the project team proceeds with Preliminary Design.

It is anticipated that additional property will be required in some areas to accommodate infrastructure such as stormwater ponds, transitway stations and maintenance/patrol yards.

Property owners will be notified of additional requirements and/or changes in impacts to their property as the study proceeds.

Impacted property owners will continue to be consulted as we proceed with the study and can contact the project team at any time for more information.

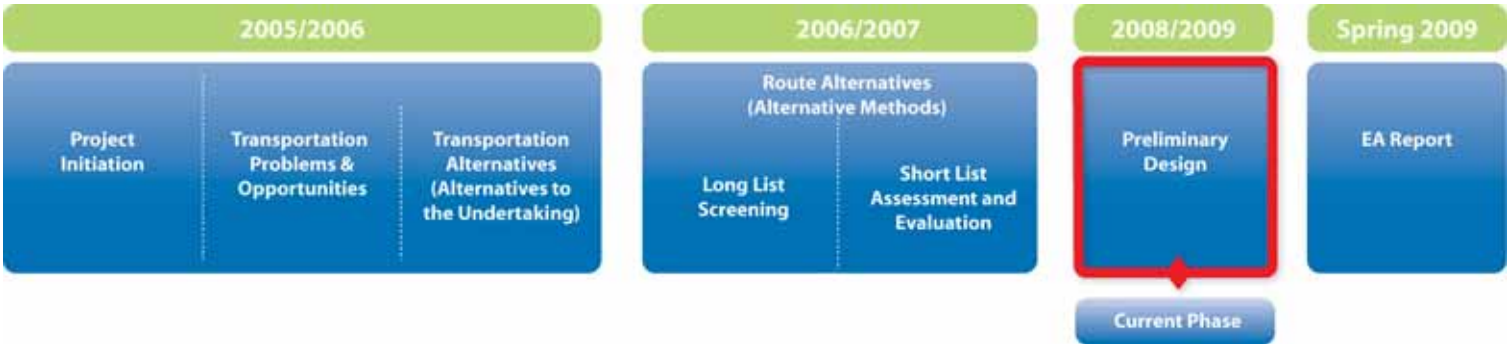


I HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT MY PROPERTY WILL BE IMPACTED, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If you have received a letter notifying you that your property will be impacted by the Technically Recommended Route (TRR), you can:

1. Contact the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) Project Manager, Dan Remollino for more information.
2. Request an Advance Property Purchase by submitting a written request to the MTO's Project Manager, Dan Remollino. All Advance Property Purchases will be based on a willing seller / willing buyer premise. Please note that the June 2007 TRR is still subject to change and refinements. Any changes will be shown at the next round of Public Information Centres, which is planned for late spring of 2008.
3. Wait until the Environmental Assessment is approved. At that time, if your property is still required, the MTO will be contacting you to initiate the property acquisition process.

To ensure that you are properly informed about the Environmental Assessment Study, property impacts, and the MTO's property purchase program, please direct all questions to the project team. Contact information is provided on page 4 of this newsletter.



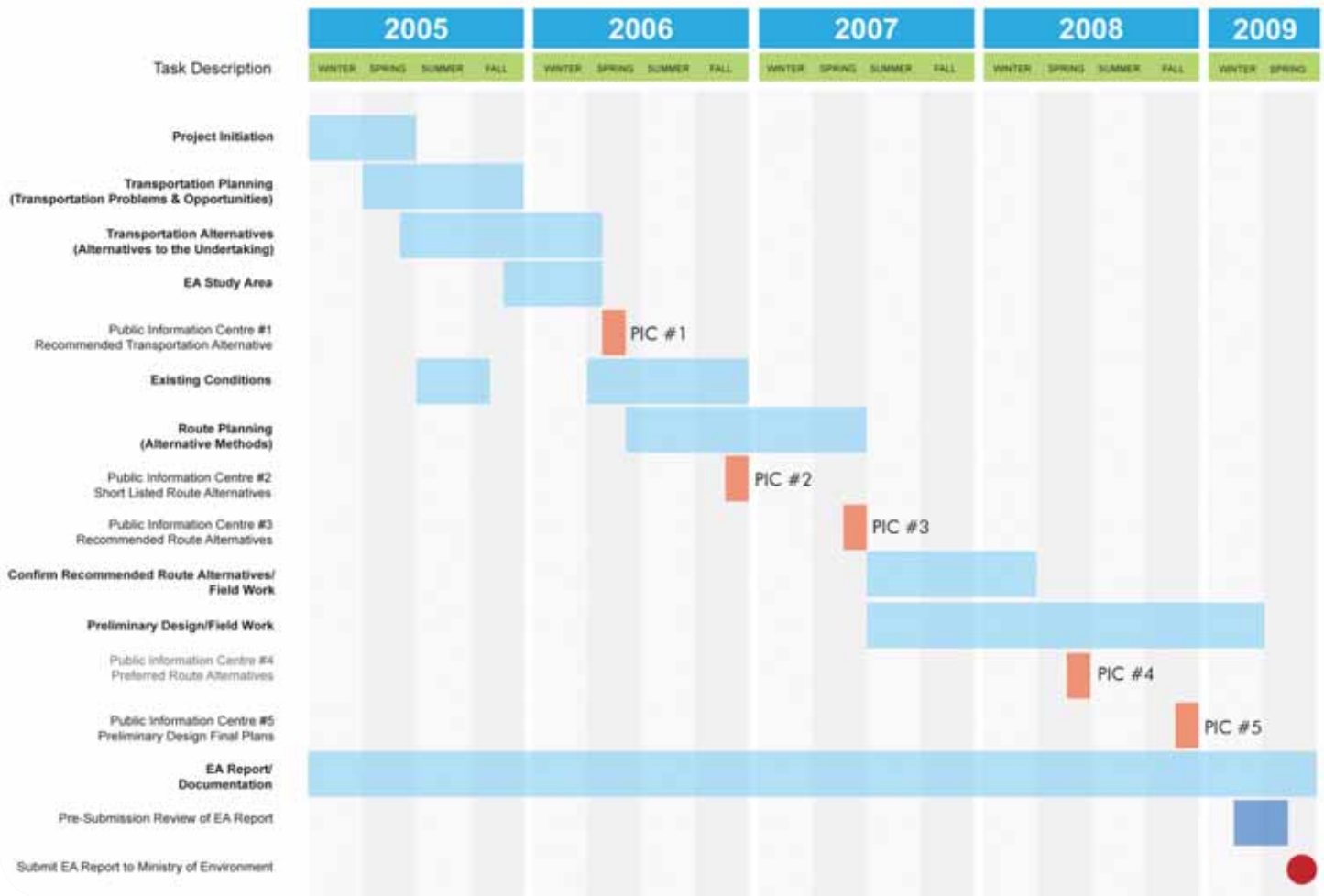
FIELD WORK & PERMISSION TO ENTER

Property owners located along or within close proximity to the Technically Recommended Route (TRR) should have received letters from MTO requesting "Permission to Enter" their property to undertake various types of field work. Letters to undertake additional field work will be sent over the remainder of the Study for activities such as well water surveys, archaeological investigations and soil investigations.

Please be assured that staff will not enter onto your property and no field work will be undertaken without your prior authorization.

If you have any questions regarding the "Permission to Enter" letters or the field work, please contact the Project Team through the contact information provided on page 4.

407 EAST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT SCHEDULE (As of March 2008)



NEXT STEPS / PRELIMINARY DESIGN PHASE

To establish the design of all of the components of the 407 transportation corridor in greater detail, the Project Team has begun Preliminary Design to review:

- Horizontal and vertical alignment of the highway and crossing roads
- Right-of-way (ROW) width and cross section design
- Interchange locations and configurations
- Local road realignments associated with the 407 Technically Recommended Route
- Potential mitigation measures (e.g. landscaping, noise walls / berms, etc.)
- Railway, watercourse and utility crossings
- Location and approximate size of stormwater ponds, transitway stations maintenance/patrol yards and other infrastructure to support the transportation corridor.

Refinements to the TRR and the above design elements will be shown at the upcoming PIC (#4) scheduled for late spring, 2008.

The Ministry will not be able to

- Determine land use or zoning adjacent to the route (Regional/Municipal responsibility)
- Determine Regional/Municipal networks (Regional/Municipal responsibility)
- Compromise MTO design standards (horizontal and vertical alignment design elements, interchange spacing, etc.)

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