

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #3

Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study Phase 1

The public is invited to attend the third round of Public Information Centres (PICs) to review and comment on the transportation alternatives under consideration in the Niagara to GTA (NGTA) corridor.

Study team members will be available to answer questions and receive comments. PIC #3 will be held on:

Tuesday November 24th, 2009

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion

Upstairs Hall

383 Morningstar Avenue, Welland

Thursday November 26th, 2009

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ancaster Fairgrounds

Marriott Hall

630 Trinity Road, Jerseyville

Tuesday December 1st, 2009

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Burlington

Halton Hall

3063 South Service Road, Burlington

Information to be presented at the PICs will be available on the study website beginning on November 24th, 2009. Comments may also be submitted via the study website at: www.niagara-gta.com.

THE STUDY:

Phase 1 of the Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the NGTA Corridor, initiated by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), will support the transportation objectives of the provincial *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* by providing for the efficient movement of people and goods within the corridor.

Phase 1 of this study includes the following key steps:

- develop a Study Plan (PIC #1);
- identify transportation problems and opportunities (PIC #2);
- identify and assess transportation alternatives that address the identified problems and opportunities (PIC #3); and
- select preferred transportation alternative(s) and recommend a multi-modal Transportation Development Strategy for future work (PIC #4).

Since the last round of Public Information Centres (PICs #2), the following has been completed:

- the *Draft Area Transportation System Problems and Opportunities Report* was made available for public review in July 2009;
- consultation with Municipalities and Advisory Groups regarding the generation of alternatives and the process for assessing alternatives;
- development of Individual Transportation System Alternatives and Draft Discussion Papers for each Transportation Mode;
- development of Combination Transportation Alternatives; and
- assessment of the Individual and Combination Alternatives.

THE PROCESS:

The Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and EA study is being undertaken in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) and the Niagara to GTA Corridor Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference, which was approved by the Minister of the Environment in June 2006.

COMMENTS:

Comments and information regarding this study will be collected to assist the MTO. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation to meet the requirements of the EA Act. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information (e.g., name and address), all comments will become part of the public record.

For further information, or to be added to the mailing list for this study, please visit the study website or contact:

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