

A Joint Municipal Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) / Regulatory Agencies Advisory Group (RAAG) meeting was held regarding the Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and EA Study on June 4, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel and Conference Centre (3063 South Service Road, Burlington) from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Representatives of the Ministry of Transportation (John Slobodzian, Terry Hilditch and Darlene Proudfoot), URS, TSH, MRC and Ecoplans Ltd. staffed the Joint MTAG / RAAG meeting.

Purpose of the MTAG Orientation Session

The purpose of this MTAG / RAAG Meeting was to present the following:

- Why a Joint MTAG / RAAG Meeting?
- Overview of the Work Completed to Date
- Study Documentation
- Roles of the MTAG and RAAG
- Generating and Evaluating Transportation System Alternatives

Question and answers were responded to throughout the meeting and after the presentation.

Attendance and Comments

A total of 25 members (9 RAAG and 16 MTAG) attended the Joint MTAG / RAAG Meeting. Provincial representation included the Ministries of the Environment, Natural Resources, Public Infrastructure Renewal and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. A representative from the Niagara Escarpment Commission was also in attendance. Attendance also included representation from the Federal Department of Environment Canada. Refer to the attached list for a summary of the municipalities represented at the meeting.

In addition to verbal comments, the Project Team encouraged MTAG / RAAG members to express all suggestions, comments or concerns that they had regarding the information presented, as well as any constraints / problems in terms of providing input into the study.

Summary of Questions and Comments

The following summarizes the key questions and comments:

- Who attended the May 17th Transportation Service Providers meeting (TSP)?
- Could the MTAG / RAAG receive a copy of the meeting minutes?
- How well were the Public Orientation Sessions (POS) attended?
- How will the Project Team address economic impacts within the corridor?
- What has changed from the ToR to the Study Plan?
- MTAG / RAAG requires more time to review material.
- MTAG / RAAG would like the Project Team to be more specific in their requests for: 1) data and 2) document review.
- Concerns that municipalities are not required to finalize their land use numbers (i.e., population and employment) until 2009; yet interim numbers will be established for this study.
- How are the Growth Plan directives of land use being factored into this study?
- MTO should consider partnerships with private organizations to develop innovative solutions for adding transportation capacity.
- Would there be an opportunity to review the criteria used for the study?
- What is the role of the Community Advisory Group (CAG)?
- What will be presented to the Minister's Advisory Group Meeting?

MTAG / RAAG Sign-In Sheet**RAAG**

Denise Fell	Environment Canada
Cora Sheppard	Ministry of the Environment
Mike Eckersley (teleconference)	Ministry of Natural Resources
Mike Stone (teleconference)	Ministry of Natural Resources
Drew Crinklaw (teleconference)	Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Janet Lo (teleconference)	Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal
Marion Plaunt	Niagara Escarpment Commission
Darren Kenny	Hamilton Conservation Authority
Jennifer Lawrence	Conservation Halton

MTAG

George Nicholson	Niagara Region - Planning
Eric Flora	Niagara Region - Transportation
Kris Jacobson	City of St. Catharines
Betty Matthews Malone	Haldimand County
Edward Soldo	Haldimand County
David Ferguson	City of Welland
Tim Stuart	City of Port Colborne
David Wong	Town of Oakville
Christine Lee-Morrison	City of Hamilton
Ian Izzard	Town of Fort Erie
Bill Mann	Town of Milton
Andrew Head	Region of Halton
Steve Robichaud	Region of Halton
John Grubich	City of Niagara Falls
Bob Wheildon	Township of Puslinch
Paul Allen	City of Burlington