

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study Phase 1

THE STUDY:

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has initiated Phase 1 of the Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the Niagara to GTA Corridor, following approval of the EA Terms of Reference by the Minister of the Environment. The planning and EA study 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:

1. Develop a Study Plan
2. Identify transportation problems and opportunities and verify the need for transportation improvements
3. Identify and assess transportation system alternatives (i.e. fundamentally different ways of addressing the problems and opportunities)
4. Select preferred transportation system alternative(s) and recommend a Transportation Development Strategy
5. Make recommendations for future work in the Niagara to GTA corridor.

We encourage you to get involved in this important study. Come out to the first round of Public Information Centres, view the work currently in progress and find out how you can get involved in the process of identifying transportation solutions that will support the Province's vision for growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

PROCESS:

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE:

The first of four rounds of Public Information Centres has been arranged for this study on the following dates:

Tuesday, June 12th, 2007 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Rockton World Fairground 812 Old Highway 8, Rockton	Thursday, June 14th, 2007 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Quality Hotel St. Catharines Chardonnay / Concord Ballroom 327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines	Monday, June 18th, 2007 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Holiday Inn Burlington Halton Hall 3063 South Service Road, Burlington
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The focus of this round of PICs is to present an overview of environmental conditions and transportation trends in the analysis area, the draft Study Plan for technical work, and the draft plan for consultation and outreach. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn about, and submit, an application for participation on the **Community Advisory Group** (CAG) that is being established for this study. The CAG will act as a sounding board and provide the Study Team with advice and community perspectives on project issues.

COMMENTS:

Comments and information regarding this project will be collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the OEAA. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. 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 project website or contact:

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