

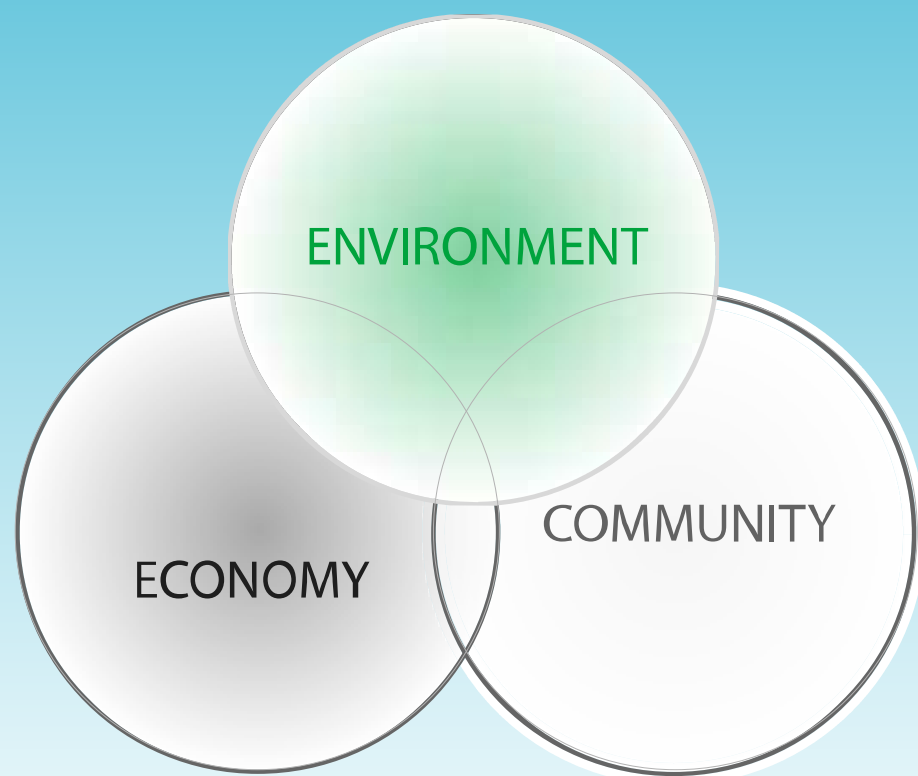
- ◆ **Opportunities: consideration of the “big picture” strategic benefits of an efficient transportation system**
- ◆ **Improvements to transportation system can help to promote: a protected environment, a growing economy, and livable communities**
- ◆ **Study is proceeding within an up-to-date policy framework**

We have an imbalanced system. There is flexibility to accommodate growth within current infrastructure in some modes (rail, marine, air) but not in the road system.

As noted in the Growth Plan:
“Ready and accessible public infrastructure is essential to the viability of Ontario’s communities and critical to economic competitiveness, quality of life and the delivery of public services”

- ◆ **Within the NGTA Corridor, we have an opportunity to look at how best to use the transportation system to:**
 - ◆ Protect our natural environment – resources, features and systems
 - ◆ Protect our unique and important cultural and heritage resources
 - ◆ Optimize public investment through wise use of existing infrastructure
 - ◆ Support links between economic nodes, international gateways and intermodal facilities
 - ◆ Support trade and tourism through efficient and multi-modal transportation systems
 - ◆ Facilitate the development of Urban Growth Centres as defined in the Growth Plan
 - ◆ Maintain the character of rural and agricultural communities

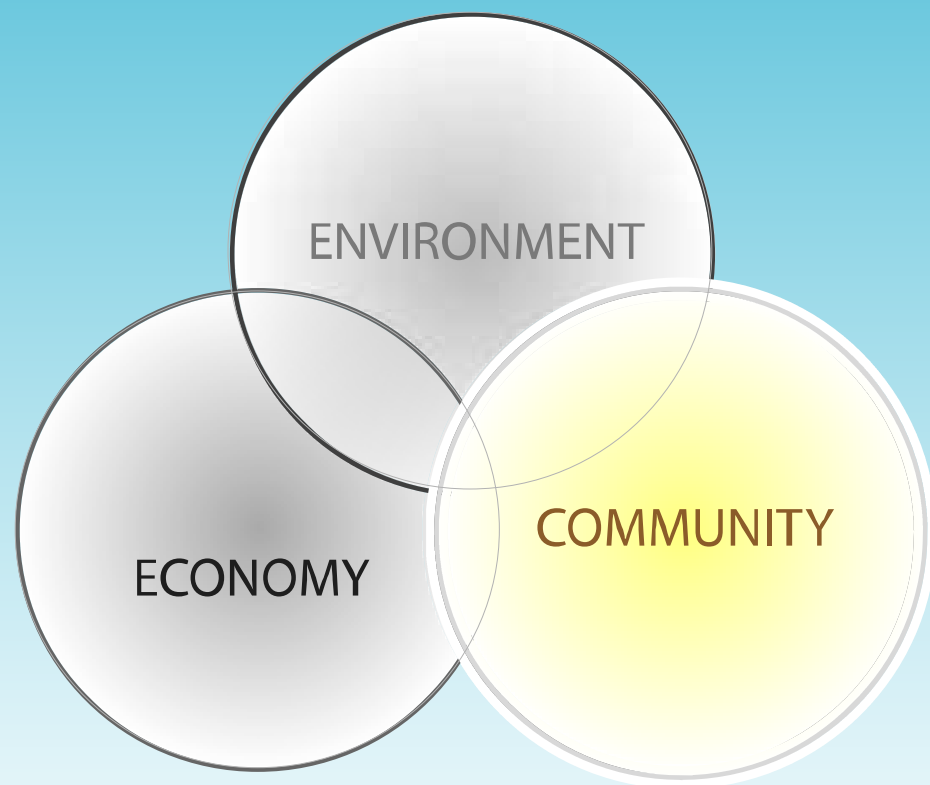
- ◆ **The recommended NGTA transportation solutions will strive to achieve as many of the goals established for this project as possible**
 - ◆ These objectives and goals will play an important role as we develop and evaluate options to increase the capacity of the transportation system in the Niagara to GTA corridor.



Protect our natural environment – resources, features and systems.

Find transportation solutions that uphold the objectives and policies of the province's *Greenbelt Plan* and take into consideration significant environmental features such as the Niagara Escarpment.

Protect our unique and important cultural and heritage resources.



Facilitate the development of Urban Growth Centres as defined in the *Growth Plan*.

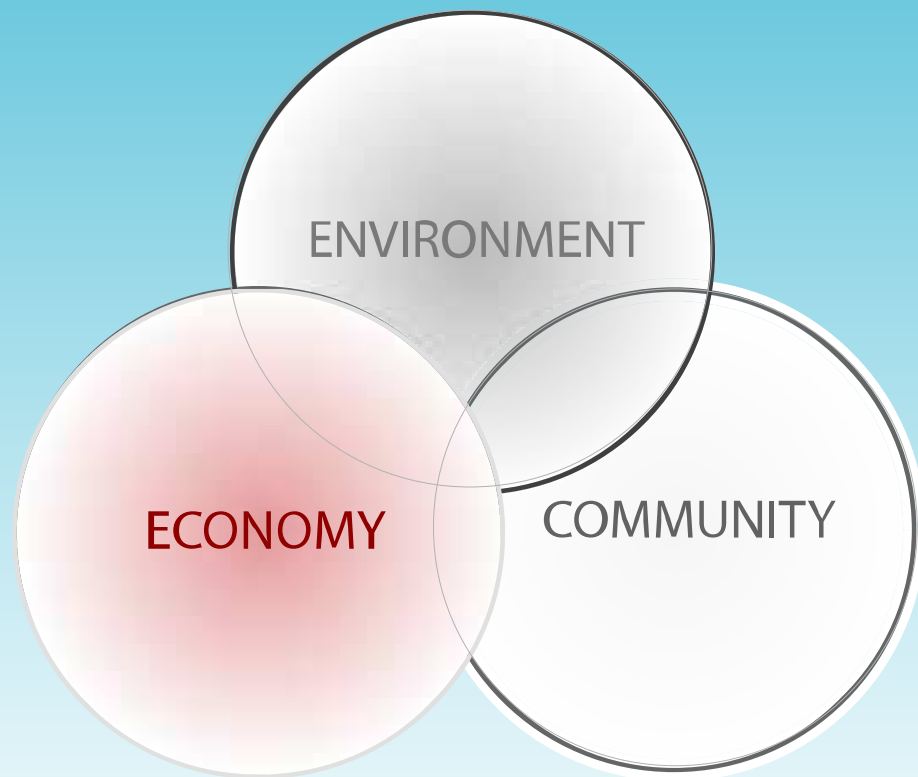
- ◆ Downtown St. Catharines
- ◆ Downtown Hamilton
- ◆ Downtown Burlington
- ◆ Midtown Oakville
- ◆ Downtown Milton

Maintain the character of rural and agricultural communities.

Find transportation solutions that minimize impacts to Tender Fruit Lands and other key agricultural lands.

Support municipal land use plans within the study area.

Link existing and new transportation infrastructure in a manner that supports the development of complete communities, and is sensitive to community impacts.



Optimize public investment through wise use of existing infrastructure.

Examine improvements to the existing transportation system before new facilities are considered (e.g. QEW, Highway 406, Highway 403, VIA and GO Transit services).

Support links between economic nodes, international gateways and inter-modal facilities.

Seek solutions that facilitate access for the economic nodes:

- ◆ John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport
- ◆ Port of Hamilton
- ◆ Gateway Economic Zone (Niagara Border)
- ◆ Gateway Economic Centre (Southern Niagara)
- ◆ Planned employment growth lands in Milton, Oakville and Burlington

Support trade and tourism through efficient and multi-modal transportation systems.

Provide greater transportation choice and improved travel time reliability for shippers and tourists.