

Invitation to the Upcoming Community Value Planning Meeting for Stage 2 of the GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking Stage 2 of the GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study. After reviewing feedback from Public Information Centre #2 (PIC #2), the Project Team worked diligently with advisory groups, municipal staff, agencies and other stakeholders to confirm the Preferred Route and 2020 Focused Analysis Area — these were published on August 7, 2020 (please refer to the enclosed key plan or view detailed mapping at <https://www.gta-west.com/>). The GTA West Project Team is now developing the preliminary design of the Preferred Route. As part of this process, a Community Value Plan (CVP) is being developed to incorporate public input into the design of the new multimodal transportation corridor. Members of our CVP Team will recommend design elements that reflect the social, cultural, historical and environmental interests of their communities (covering such things as heritage commemoration, aesthetics, landscaping, trails, connectivity, wildlife crossings, artistic elements at the gateways, etc.).

We are pleased to notify you of **CVP Meeting #2** taking place:

Tuesday November 3, 2020
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Stakeholder and Project Team member health and safety is of utmost importance. Therefore, given the current COVID-19 pandemic, CVP Meeting #2 will be conducted as an online session hosted through the Zoom platform. For the best experience, we encourage you to join the meeting on Zoom through your electronic device that has both video and audio capabilities. Alternatively, you can view the Zoom meeting through your electronic device and participate verbally through your telephone. If you do not have access to an electronic device, we can make alternative arrangements for you.

To register for CVP Meeting #2, please contact Kathryn Ross at project_team@gta-west.com or leave a message on the Project Team voicemail at 1-877-522-6916 by October 23, 2020. Once registered, we will provide you with a link to the Zoom meeting or assist you with alternative arrangements.

At CVP Meeting #2 we will:

- Review the purpose of the CVP and the roles/responsibilities of the CVP Team.
- Provide an overview of the GTA West Study and its current status.
- Provide examples of design elements for the themes identified by stakeholders on their CVP comment forms at CVP Meeting #1.
 - Theme 1 (noise), Theme 2 (aesthetics), Theme 3 (Greenbelt and natural environment), Theme 4 (connectivity), Theme 5 (agriculture, tourism and local economy).
 - To prepare for Theme 3, you can review the *Guideline for Planning and Design of the GTA West Corridor Through the Greenbelt*, which was developed during Stage 1 of the GTA West Study to propose key planning and design principles, and recommendations for mitigation measures (a toolkit) for placing the GTA West multimodal transportation corridor within areas of the Greenbelt where impacts are unavoidable. The document is available for download at: <https://www.gta-west.com/reports/>

- Split into 3 sub-groups based on the west, central and east geographical areas of the Route Planning Study Area (again, please refer to the enclosed key plan) and seek your input on the things you value most in your community and along the Preferred Route, the presented design elements as well as inquire if you have other design elements for consideration.
- Discuss next steps for the CVP Team.

Please remember that the CVP is focused on how best to implement the proposed new highway and transitway in the most context sensitive manner given the identified Preferred Route. The upcoming session is not about where these facilities should be located or whether they should be built.

When registering for CVP #2, please let us know which geographical area sub-group (west, central, east) you would like to be placed in. Since design elements can span across geographical areas, you can provide input on other geographical areas, but we ask that you join the one area at CVP Meeting #2 that is most relevant to you.

Comments and input regarding the study are encouraged and will be collected to assist the GTA West Project Team. 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 *Ontario 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, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please make Kathryn Ross aware. Study information is available on the project website: www.gta-west.com. Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant (289) 835-2484 (Yannick Garnier).

Sincerely,



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Encl. GTA West Route Planning Study Area Map with the Preferred Route Overlay

GTA West Route Planning Study Area with the Preferred Route Overlay

