

Meeting Minutes

Project Name: GTA West Transportation Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, Stage 2 **Meeting:** Introductory MAG/RAAG Meeting
Assignment No. 2013-E-008 **Date:** June 16, 2014
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Courtyard Marriott, 90 Biscayne Crescent, Brampton, ON L6W 4S1

Project Team

Attendees: Natalie Rouskov MTO
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	Eric Flora	Peel Region
	Anthony Caruso	Metrolinx
	Rebecca Sciarra	Metrolinx
	Monisa Nandi	Metrolinx
	Marcus Bowman	Metrolinx
RAAG	Tim Haldenby	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attendees:	Jackie Van de Valk	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
	Linda Pim	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
	Amanda Graham	Ministry of the Environment
	Nisha Shirali	Ministry of the Environment
	Steven Strong	Ministry of Natural Resources
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	Liam Marray	Credit Valley Conservation
	Sharon Lingertat	Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
	Barb Veale	Conservation Halton

Welcome and MAG/RAAG Overview

G. Pothier welcomed the meeting attendees, reviewed the meeting agenda, introduced the key GTA West Project Team members, and facilitated introductions of attendees around the room. G. Pothier noted that this meeting is a combined MAG/RAAG meeting, but future meetings may be separate based on the stage of study and key issues to be discussed.

N. Rouskov, N. Ahmed and P. Puccini presented an introductory overview of the project, which included discussion on:

- Study background, process and schedule,
- The objectives of meeting with the MAG and RAAG stakeholder advisory groups,
- The importance of coordinating the GTA West study with ongoing municipal initiatives and clearly conveying how the various initiatives relate to the GTA West study to avoid the potential for stakeholder confusion,
- Key study issues, and
- The consultation program.

The presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period, after which G. Pothier initiated open discussion at attendee tables, asking participants to think about the following questions:

- What are some key considerations for the team?
 - Active Transportation Plans
 - Crossing Road Treatment
 - Future Development Plans/Aspirations
 - Secondary Plans
 - Environmental Features
 - Study Timelines
 - Others?
- What are your expectations for participation in this study?
- What do you view as your role in the project?
- What are some of the related challenges that you face?
- What are you hearing from the local community?

- Are there additional sources of data that we should be aware of?
- To which locations within the study area should the team be paying particular attention? Why?

The following summarizes key comments and questions shared during the Q&A and open discussion:

- How is the Project Team planning on advertising for the Introductory Community Workshops?
The Project Team will be sending letters and emails to all stakeholders on the project contact list providing dates and general locations of the workshops, but asking stakeholders to RSVP for more information. The municipalities will also be receiving a similar letter for information, and are asked to reinforce the importance of RSVP'ing with the Project Team if speaking to prospective workshop attendees.
- Be sure to include telecommunications infrastructure on the constraints mapping.
As the Project Team gets into the preliminary design phase, all agencies/organizations that have infrastructure that may be impacted by the preferred corridor alternative will be contacted to discuss the potential impacts and mitigation strategies.
- The TRCA Humber Watershed Alliance and Board is interested in meeting with the Project Team during the study. Suggestion for environmental specialists to have separate focused meetings with the Project Team.

Comment noted.

- The Town of Caledon inquired with respect to managing future developments, if MTO is on track to fulfill the terms of the signed Memorandum of Understanding?
MTO is working towards meeting the terms of the MOU. It is expected that progress will be made by the end of the year, and the Project Team intends to present the preliminary short list alternatives at PIC 1 by the end of the year. MTO will consider removing objections to development proposals within the Study Area after PIC 1, with public input. Objections will still remain throughout an area that will contain the short list of alternative routes. An identification of the potential change in status is anticipated to be presented at PIC 1.
- How is route generation conducted?
The Project Team includes technical specialists in route planning for transportation corridors that are generating a 'long list' of route alternatives. The factors outlined in the GTA West Terms of Reference (2008) are being used in this exercise to identify geometric design parameters, opportunities, constraints and potential impacts associated with each route, and will ultimately be used to assess the various alternatives.
- Environmental specialists noted the need to field truth the second-hand data collected from agencies/organizations.
The Project Team plans to send specialists to the field once the short list of alternatives has been identified. Intensive fieldwork will continue once the route has been selected.
- Hydro One noted the need for coordination between the GTA West Study and the future EA for the hydro corridor.

Comment noted.

- The Town of Caledon noted that they are initiating a study on the land use implications of the GTA West Study on their development lands, and that coordination between these two studies would be welcomed.

Comment noted.

- The Town of Caledon noted that the GTA West transportation corridor is an economic opportunity for the area. Caledon is a rural community but is looking to expand towards 2041 and interchange locations will have a major impact on the structure of the community. Town of Caledon would like to provide input on the interchange locations.

Comment noted.

- The need for coordination between the GTA West study and ongoing or future municipal initiatives was discussed. All parties agreed to engage in meaningful two-way communication and information sharing.

- Some attendees noted that local farming communities have said that they are concerned with where this new infrastructure may go, but they are not opposed to the GTA West transportation corridor. They are also concerned that this study is taking too long and the timing is limiting the ability of agricultural operations to plan for their future (e.g. should the family farm expand operations?).

Comment noted.

- Peel Region held a growth management workshop and there was discussion at the workshop that the GTA West transportation corridor should be at the northern limit for development.

Comment noted.

- Suggestion to include meetings with representatives of the Western Golden Horseshoe Municipal Network in the consultation program.

Comment noted.

- Inquired if the draft *Guideline for Planning and Design of the GTA West Corridor through the Greenbelt* will be made available for information.

The draft Guideline was subsequently uploaded to the project website on the 'reports' page (<http://gta-west.com/reports.html>).

- There was discussion around the use of 2031 population and employment growth projections from the Growth Plan instead of the 2041 numbers that are being developed given the length of time it will take to implement the project.

It is the Project Team's understanding that the 2041 population and employment growth projections have been allocated regionally but are not yet available at a traffic zone level and cannot therefore be incorporated into the transportation analysis.

- Bell Canada and OMAFRA noted that they have mapping tools available that they can share with the Project Team. Other agencies noted their limitations in terms of sharing existing conditions information and discussed strategies to share the information.
Comment noted.
- Metrolinx inquired if there has been any consideration given to bike lanes or a cycling network along the GTA West transportation corridor.
The Project Team noted that they are considering active transportation. Bike lanes will be considered on a case by case basis at crossing road locations but it is not currently envisioned that a cycling facility would be provided along the transportation corridor. MTO is currently developing a provincial cycling strategy which is expected to become available in the coming months.
- The Project Team will distribute a copy of the presentation along with minutes of this meeting to all attendees and regrets.

Closing Remarks

G. Pothier and N. Rouskov provided closing remarks, and thanked all participants for taking the time to provide their input.

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