

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #5

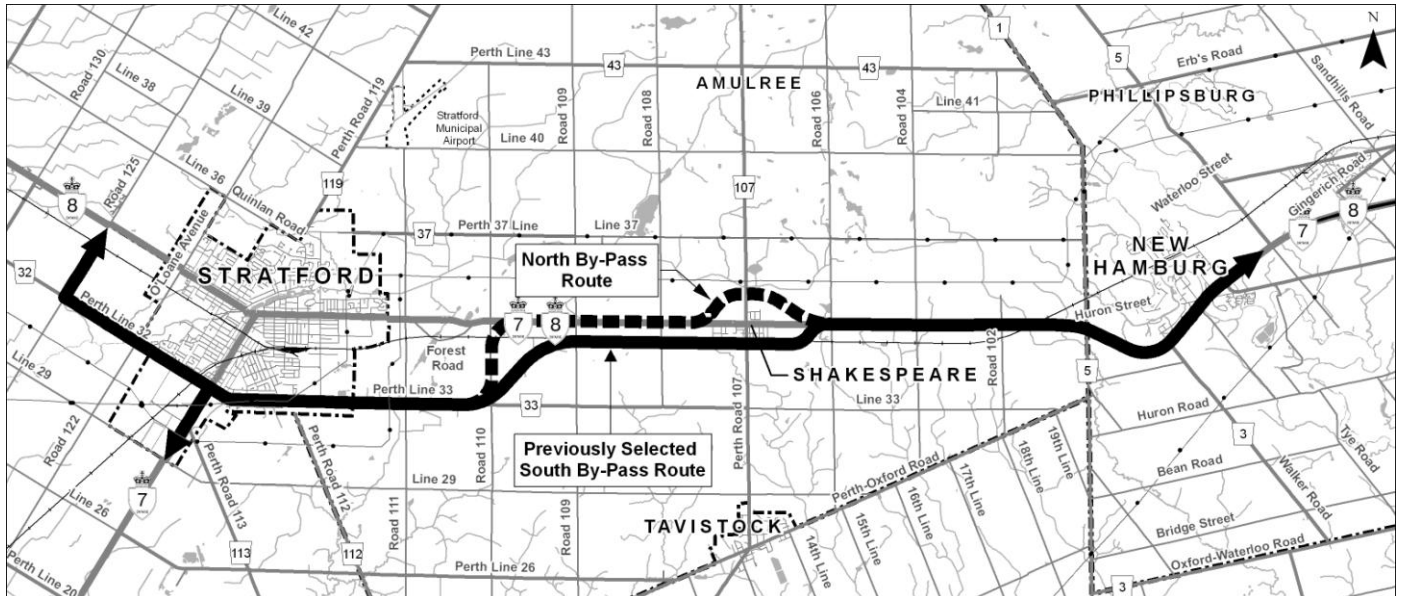
STUDY OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking the Highway 7&8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study, from Greater Stratford to the New Hamburg Area. The purpose of the study is to identify and address the long-term transportation needs for the Analysis Area and prepare a preliminary design for the provincial roadway components of the recommended plan.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #5

The public is invited to attend Public Information Centre (PIC) #5 to review and comment on the preliminary design alternatives, including preliminary roadway cross sections and crossing road treatments, and the evaluation process to be used to determine a preferred preliminary design for the entire study area from Greater Stratford to the New Hamburg area.

In response to municipal stakeholder input, the study team will be examining in greater detail the route alternative that uses existing Highway 7&8 west of Shakespeare via a north by-pass of Shakespeare, and a segment of Road 110 as the linkage from existing Highway 7&8 to Lorne Avenue. To accomplish this, preliminary design alternatives for the north by-pass route have been generated and will be collectively evaluated with preliminary design alternatives for the previously selected south by-pass route, at the same level of detail. Both routes are illustrated below.



The PIC is offered on three dates:

Wednesday July 25, 2012

Shakespeare & District Optimist Hall
3976 Galt Street, Shakespeare
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thursday July 26, 2012

Stratford Rotary Complex
Community Hall B
353 McCarthy Road, Stratford
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday August 15, 2012

Wilmot Recreation Complex
1291 Nafziger Road, Baden
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Drop-in style open house format
Brief presentations at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
The same information will be presented at each PIC.

Information to be presented at this PIC will be on the study website, at local municipal offices and at local libraries beginning on July 25, 2012. Comments may be submitted at the PIC or via the study website at www.7and8corridorstudy.ca.

PROCESS

The study is following the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* process for a Group A project. External agency and public consultation will take place throughout the study. To date, seven rounds of PICs have been held.

Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for public review. A Notice will be published at that time to explain the review process and identify the locations where the TESR is available for the 30-day public review period.

COMMENTS

Your comments on the information presented at PIC #5 are requested by **September 28, 2012** so they can be considered in the selection of a preferred preliminary design.

To obtain additional information, provide comments or to be placed on the study mailing list, please contact:

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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this study please contact one of the Study Team members listed above.