



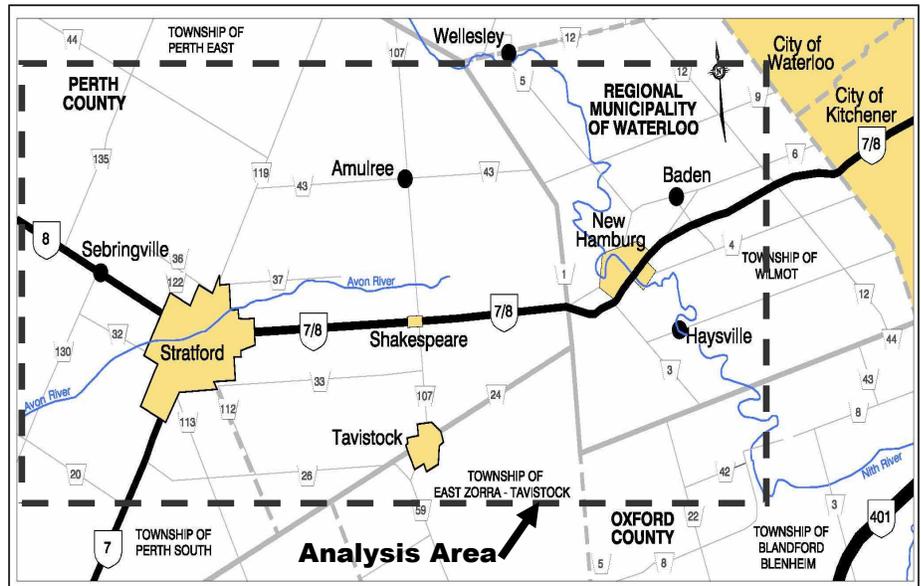
Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre No. 1

Highway 7 & 8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class EA Study G.W.P. 13-00-00

THE STUDY

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is initiating a Highway 7 & 8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study. The Study will:

- Develop a plan that:
 - Identifies factors driving 'Area Transportation Systems' needs;
 - Provides multi-modal strategies (road, transit, etc.) to address the 'Area Transportation System' problems and opportunities within the Analysis Area; and
 - Identifies provincial highway and/or provincial transitway alternatives to be carried forward.
- Prepare a preliminary design for the provincial roadway components of the recommended plan; and
- Prepare a Transportation Environmental Study Report for public review at study completion.



The study will also:

- Review and build on the MTO Highway 7&8 Study Design – Greater Stratford to New Hamburg Area, December 2005;
- Address the transportation policies and directions of the 'Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe' (recognizing that a portion of the analysis area for this project lies within the GGH);
- Recognize several municipal transportation initiatives in the area; and
- Recognize other relevant transportation corridor studies being undertaken by MTO.

A major component of the study is an outreach and consultation program structured around six key points of decision-making, each of which will be supported by:

- The release of a newsletter;
- The release of draft reports for review and comment;
- A round of Public Information Centres;
- Posting of information on the study web site; and
- Newspaper Notices.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC) #1

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the first round of PICs, which will be held as indicated below.

July 24, 2007

**at New Hamburg Community Centre
251 Jacob Street, New Hamburg
from 4:00 to 8:00 pm**

July 25, 2007

**at Stratford Optimist Hall
(Ab Flood Memorial Hall)
72 Water Street, Stratford
from 4:00 to 8:00 pm**

August 14, 2007

**Shakespeare and District Optimist Hall
3976 Galt Street, Shakespeare
From 4:00 to 8:00 pm**

The first round of PICs will be informal drop-in centres, at which draft reports on the following will be presented:

- Study Plan for Technical Work, Outreach and Consultation (Report A);
- Working Paper – Overview of Transportation, Land Use and Economic Conditions (Report B); and
- Working Paper – Environmental Conditions and Constraints (Report F, Part 1).

Copies of these draft reports are also available for review on the study web site and at local municipal offices, beginning on July 24, 2007. Your comments are requested by October 30, 2007, so that they can be considered as the study moves forward.

Staff from MTO and their consultant, TSH, will be in attendance at the PIC to answer questions. You are encouraged to attend the PIC and provide your views and comments so they can be considered. For further information, or if you wish to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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Additional information is available at the Highway 7 & 8 Transportation Corridor web site at: www.7and8corridorstudy.ca
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.