GRAND BEND

CLASS EA TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC CONGESTION ALONG THE ONTARIO STREET CORRIDOR

MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES





PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

AUGUST 24, 2016





MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

SUMMARY OF CLASS EA PROCESS:

- PLANNING AND DESIGN PROCESS FOR MUNICIPAL WATER, WASTEWATER, AND ROAD PROJECTS
- CONDUCTED TO EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE

PROJECT ON THE NATURAL, CULTURAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND BUILT ENVIRONMENTS

STUDY PHASES:



SCOPE OF THIS STUDY:

- RECONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD OR WATER CROSSING WHERE THE RECONSTRUCTED FACILITY WILL NOT BE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE, USE, CAPACITY OR AT THE SAME LOCATION (CAPACITY REFERS TO EITHER HYDRAULIC OR ROAD CAPACITY)
 - SCHEDULE B PROJECTS APPROVED SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OF

PHASES 1 AND 2 OF THE CLASS EA PROCESS (

- GENERAL STUDY COMPONENTS:
 - DEFINE PROBLEM / OPPORTUNITY;
 - IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS;
 - CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC / REVIEW AGENCIES;
 - SELECTION OF A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE;
 - EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES / IMPACT MITIGATION;
 - PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING REPORT ; AND
 - FINAL PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

CLASS EA STUDY PROCESS (PHASES 1 & 2)

DEFINE PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY

IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS





CLASS EA INVESTIGATION

STUDY PURPOSE:

- TO IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVES TO ADDRESS CURRENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION ISSUES AFFECTING ONTARIO STREET CORRIDOR IN GRAND BEND;
- EXAMINE CONDITION OF BRIDGE ON HWY 21, AND ADJACENT PROPERTIES, IN ORDER TO EVALUATE OPTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH POSSIBLE WIDENING OF THE STRUCTURE TO ACCOMMODATE MORE TRAFFIC LANES;
- CONSIDER OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CORRIDOR INCLUDING LANE CONFIGURATION/BIKE LANES/ETC.
- DEFINE ANY POTENTIAL IMPACTS WITH THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES AND EVALUATE MEASURES TO MITIGATE ANY IDENTIFIED CONCERNS; AND
- SELECT A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (INCLUDING DEFINING ANY REQUIRED MITIGATION).

CLASS EA ALTERNATIVES:

1) BUILD A NEW BRIDGE WITH GREATER CAPACITY

2) CONSTRUCT A BYPASS ROUTE AROUND GRAND BEND

- 3) WIDEN THE EXISTING BRIDGE TO ACCOMMODATE MORE LANES OF TRAFFIC
- 4) MODIFY LANE CONFIGURATION ALONG CORRIDOR
- 5) DO NOTHING

PROJECT TIMELINES

MARCH 2015 – PROJECT INITIATED

SEPTEMBER 2015 – GRANT APPLICATION

 GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO ONTARIO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND – OCIF

WINTER 2015/16 – PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

- INSPECT EXISTING BRIDGE STRUCTURE ON 21
- SURVEY PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO BRIDGE/INTERSECTION
- CREATE PRELIMINARY LIST OF ALTERNATIVES

FEBRUARY 2016 – TRAFFIC STUDY

- EVALUATE OPERATIONS OF INTERSECTION
- TRAFFIC COUNTS COMPLETED
- PRELIMINARY REPORT PREPARED

JUNE 28, 2016 – COUNCIL PRESENTATION

- PRESENTED RESULTS OF TRAFFIC STUDY
- REVIEWED PRELIMINARY LIST OF ALTERNATIVES

JULY 2016 – MEETING WITH MTO

- REVIEWED SCOPE OF PROJECT
- EXPANDED SCOPE PROPOSED TO ADDRESS CORRIDOR

AUGUST 24, 2016 – PUBLIC MEETING

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS STUDY

PURPOSE

- ANALYSE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS AT INTERSECTION OF ONTARIO STREET AND MAIN STREET IN GRAND BEND
- COMPLETE TRAFFIC & PEDESTRIAN COUNTS DURING PEAK

PERIODS, INCLUDING DURING SUMMER LONG WEEKENDS

- ANALYSE IMPACTS OF VARIOUS LANE MODIFICATIONS ON TRAFFIC FLOW AND VOLUME
- PROVIDE INPUT TO PROJECT TEAM REGARDING ALTERNATIVES

METHODOLOGY

- CONDUCT SITE VISITS
- CONDUCT COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC COUNTING PROGRAM IN VICINITY OF INTERSECTION
- TURNING MOVEMENT VOLUMES COUNTED AT INTERSECTION
 - Weekday in June 2015
 - Victoria Day Long Weekend
 - Canada Day Long Weekend
- PERFORM OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS
- PREPARE DEMAND FORECASTS FOR A 5 YEAR (2020) HORIZON
- COMPLETE TRAFFIC SIGNAL WARRANTS FOR HIGHWAY 23 AND COUNTY ROAD 86 INTERSECTION
- EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES AS NECESSARY
- DOCUMENT STUDY

ONTARIO STREET CORRIDOR



Crosswalk north of Intersection

Corridor adjacent to Oakwood



Corridor north of No Frills

Crosswalk at No Frills





Corridor north of Merrywood Drive

Corridor north of Pinedale Road

HIGHWAY 21 BRIDGE





TRANSPORTATION STUDY

PEDESTRIAN COUNTS

EXISTING CONDITIONS (2015)

PEDESTRIAN VOLUMES WERE COLLECTED AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND ONTARIO STREET DURING THREE EVENTS; WEEKDAY IN JUNE, MAY LONG WEEKEND AND JULY 4TH LONG WEEKEND.

Weekday Counts

Date	Time	Main St West Leg	Main St East Leg	Ontario South Leg	Ontario North Leg
June 3–4 (Wed & Thur)	3 – 6:00 pm & 7 am – 1:00 pm	46	49	69	54
June 3, 2015 Wednesday	3:00 - 4:00 pm (Peak Hour Data)	6	10	12	14
June 4, 2015 Thursday	9:00 - 10:00 am (Peak Hour Data)	10	7	0	6
June 4, 2015	11am - 12pm (Peak Hour Data)	0	14	0	0
June 4, 2015	12:00 - 1:00 pm (Peak Hour Data)	6	4	14	7

Weekend Counts

Date	Time	Main St West Leg	Main St East Leg	Ontario South Leg	Ontario North Leg
May 16, 2015 (Saturday)	10am - 5:15 pm (Total Day Count)	396	189	429	373
May 16, 2015	11am - 12:00 pm (Peak Hour Data)	39	10	28	38
May 16, 2015	12:30 - 1:30 pm (Peak Hour Data)	65	32	72	56
July 4, 2015 (Saturday)	10am - 5:15 pm (Total Day Count)	679	235	758	859
July 4, 2015	11am - 12:00 pm (Peak Hour Data)	43	32	40	61
July 4, 2015	12:30 - 1:30 pm (Peak Hour Data)	111	26	151	114

TRAFFIC COUNTS

EXISTING CONDITIONS (2015)

THE CURRENT CONFIGURATION OF THE SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION AT ONTARIO STREET AND MAIN STREET IS INSUFFICIENT TO HANDLE THE TRAFFIC VOLUMES SEEN BY SUMMER WEEKEND VOLUMES, PARTICULARLY ON HOLIDAY WEEKENDS, WITH THE 95^{TH} PERCENTILE QUEUE BEING CALCULATED AS BEING OVER CAPACITY FOR THE NORTHBOUND THROUGH MOVEMENT.







July Long Weekend Saturday Peak Hour



TRAFFIC COUNTS

FUTURE OPERATIONS (2020)

GROWTH RATES WERE CALCULATED USING HISTORICAL VOLUME DATA PROVIDED BY MTO FOR AADT (ANNUAL AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC) AND SADT (SUMMER AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC). A GROWTH RATE OF 0.3% WAS DETERMINED FOR THE INTERSECTION, WHICH **RESULTED IN LITTLE CHANGE FROM CURRENT** CONDITIONS





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EXISTING AND PROPOSED LANE CONFIGURATIONS <u>WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 21 BRIDGE (COMMUNITY OF GRAND BEND)</u>

EXISTING











ALTERNATIVE 2C

EXISTING AND PROPOSED LANE CONFIGURATIONS <u>WIDENING OF HIGHWAY 21 BRIDGE (COMMUNITY OF GRAND BEND)</u>





ALTERNATIVE 2A & 2B







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Illustrated Cross-Section of Lane Configuration - Merrywood to No Frills

BNROSS engineering better communities

PARK COUR

STREET

PRINCESS STREET 72

BREWSTER BOULEVARD NORTH

BREWSTER BOULEVARD

SHERWOOD CRESCENT

SHERWOOD CRESCENT

Illustrated Cross-Section of Lane Configuration - Merrywood South

