



Chatham-Kent Matters

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MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT • CHATHAM WESTERN TRANSPORTATION LINK NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent completed a Transportation Master Plan (TMP) (January 2008) to provide strategic direction for the Municipality's transportation system to guide the development of future transportation networks, standards and policies. As outlined in the master plan, the five bridges crossing the Thames River in the municipality do not have enough lanes to accommodate projected long term traffic volumes. With the planned residential and industrial growth on the north and south side of the Thames River, the master plan recommends the need to identify a corridor containing four additional lanes (two in each direction) and a crossing at the Thames River to be constructed at some time in the future when the need arises.

Furthermore, the master plan also highlights safety concerns related to routing provincial truck traffic on Highway 40 through the downtown core of Chatham and the need to provide access to the major population and employment growth areas planned at the west side of Chatham. The new corridor will be along the west side of Chatham, from Highway 401 in the south to Highway 40 in the north.

In addition to the needs for a western transportation link outlined in the master plan, it is recognized that Highway 40 is a strategic transportation corridor in the region, connecting Highways 401 and 402 and the two major international border crossings. The establishment of this transportation link is seen as an important component to sustained economic development in the region in the long term.

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent retained Dillon Consulting Limited to complete the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the new Chatham Western Transportation Link. This project is being completed under the planning and design process for a Schedule C project as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2007, as amended in 2011). The Transportation Master Plan was completed following Phases 1 and 2 of the Class EA, which identified the need for the transportation link and the recommendation that it be along the west side of Chatham. This study will now continue with completion of Phases 3 and 4 of the Class EA process to identify the preferred alignment of the new corridor, including the location of the new bridge over the Thames River.

The Class EA process involves the collection and integration of input from various engineering, social science and scientific studies, as well as public and agency consultation. The major components of the study include:

- Identify alternative alignments for the new corridor, including using existing roadways where feasible.
- Evaluate and select the preferred alignment, based on engineering principles, impacts to the natural, socio-economic and cultural environment and public and agency input.
- Complete an impact assessment and identify mitigation measures for consideration during the design phase.
- Document the study process and recommendations in an Environmental Study Report. The report will be made available for public review and comments.

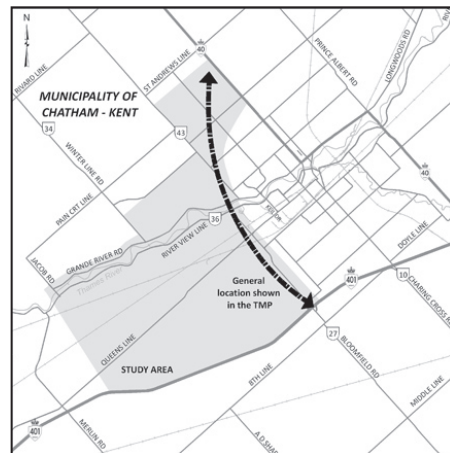
Input from the public and agencies will be an important component of this study. A minimum of two public meetings will be held at key decision points in the study. The first meeting is planned for the spring of 2012 where the background information and alternative alignments for the corridor will be presented. The second meeting, which will identify the preferred alignment, is planned for late 2012. Public notification of these meetings will be provided through the local media.

There is an opportunity at any time during this project for interested persons to review outstanding issues and bring concerns to the attention of the project team. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent posts all employment opportunities available for the public under JOBS on our website. Please see our website for the application process and opportunities.

JOB#	POSITION TITLE, DEPARTMENT	CLOSING DATE (DD/MM/YY)
BEL 12-1	Building Inspector/Bylaw Enforcement Officer (Building, Enforcement & Licensing)	February 21, 2012
SS DA 12-2	Dietary Aide (permanent casual call-in) (external job registry)	June 30, 2012

(For other vacancies available with the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, please see JOBS on our website)

TENDERS & QUOTATIONS

The following tender(s) are available. For complete tender details please visit the Chatham-Kent web site.

Contract Number	Name & Description	Tender Available (dd/mm/yy)	Tender Close (dd/mm/yy)
T11-235	Wallace Street Culvert over Cornwall Creek	30/01/12	16/02/12
T11-160	Rehabilitation of Dawn Mills Bridge	06/02/12	01/03/12
T12-141C	Bluff Line Relocation	02/02/12	15/02/12