

Welcome to Public Information Centre (PIC) #3B

Highway 7&8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class Environmental Assessment Study

Shakespeare and District
Optimist Hall
3976 Galt Street, Shakespeare
July 21, 2010
5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

(Brief Presentation at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm)

Welcome!



- Please sign in.
 - Please indicate if you would like your name to be added to the study mailing list to receive updates and information regarding the study and invitations to future public involvement events in your area.
- Comment sheets are available to record your comments and suggestions.
- Materials available tonight:
 - PIC reference materials study reports / plans, background materials, etc.
 - Handouts overview of study process, study newsletter, weighting sheets

Public Information Centres (PICs) are held at key stages of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study. The PICs provide an opportunity to review and comment on the material presented.

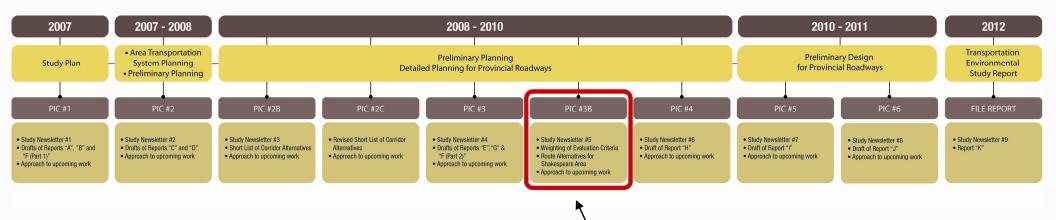
Purpose of PIC #3B



- Provide update on Highway 7&8 Transportation Corridor Planning Study
- Provide update on Study Process and Schedule
- Present and obtain information and input on the following key elements:
 - Results of Shakespeare Community Workshops
 - Proposed highway route alternatives for the Shakespeare area
 - Refined evaluation sub-factors, criteria and indicators for route selection for entire study area
 - Weighting of evaluation factors, sub-factors and criteria for route selection for entire study area
- The above noted material is draft and subject to change as a result of information and comments provided by stakeholders. Following the review period, all comments received will be considered in finalizing the draft material.

Overview of Study Process





Submission date for comments is September 3, 2010

Minimum Review Periods for Study Reports

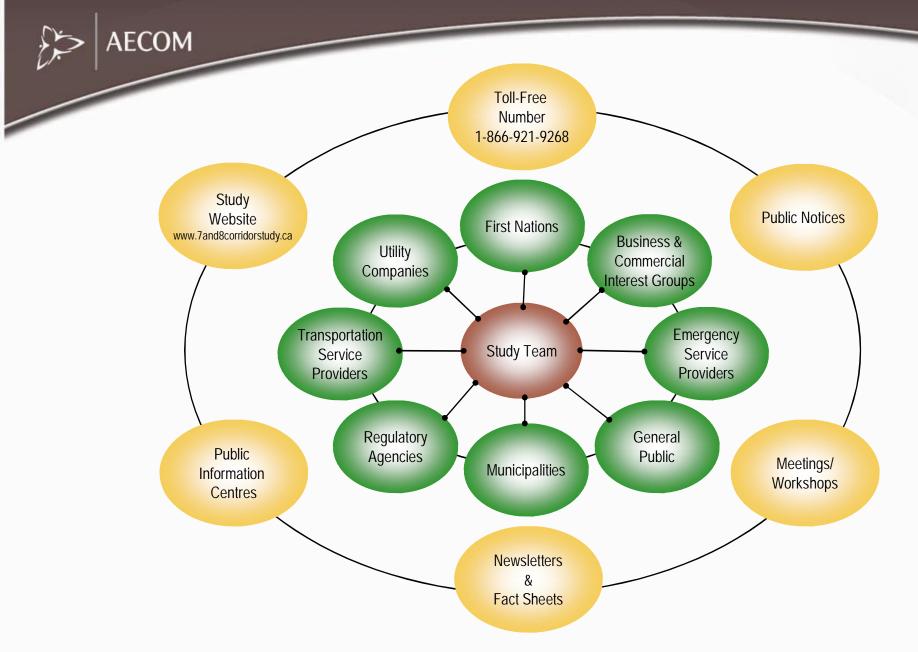
60-day Review Period for Milestone Reports

- Report A: Study Plan for Technical Work, Outreach and Consultation
- Report D: Area Transportation System Alternatives
- · Report E: Transportation Corridor Needs Assessment
- Report H: Selection of Detailed/Route Planning Alternatives for Provincial Roadway
- Report J: Selection of Preliminary/Concept Design Alternatives for Provincial Roadway
- Report K: Transportation Environmental Study Report

30-day Review Period for Working Papers

- Report B: Overview of Transportation, Land Use and Economic Conditions within Analysis Area
- Report C: Area Transportation System Problems and Opportunities
- Report F: Environmental Conditions and Constraints
- Report G: Generation of Detailed/Route Planning Alternatives for Provincial Roadway
- Report I: Generation of Provincial Roadway Preliminary Design Alternatives

Outreach and Consultation



Outreach and Consultation are a major component of the Study.

Study Background – PIC #1 (July/August 2007)



Study Plan for Technical Work, Outreach and Consultation (Report A) Overview of Transportation, Land Use, and Economic Conditions within the Analysis Area (Report B) Identification of Area Transportation System Problems and Opportunities (Report C) Working Paper - Environmental Conditions and Constraints (Report F-1) Develop Long List of Area Transportation System Alternatives "Do Local Provincial Marine Municipal Regional Nothing" Transit Highways/ Service* Service* Roads* Transit / Transitways* Passenger Rail* Determine Degree to which Individual Area Transportation System Alternatives address **Problems and Opportunities** Develop Elements of Area Transportation System Alternatives and Group them into Combinations "Do Nothing" "Combination #1" "Combination #2" "Combination #3" "Combination #4" New Expanded Non-Existing infrastructure Optimize Existing Widen Municipal Roads New Provincial and programmed Network Road Infrastructure and/or Provincial Highways/Transitways improvements (all modes) Highways Elements from Elements from Combination 1 (Optimize Existing Local Fransit, Interregional Transit, Passenger Rail, Freight Rail, Elements from Combination 3 Gocal Transit Interregion Combination 2 den / Improve Municipal Roads Provincial Highways) Determine the Degree to which Combination Alternatives Address the Problems and Opportunities and Select the Preferred Combination(s) Select the Alternatives that will Proceed to Preliminary Planning

Report A:

 Documents the framework and commitments for conducting the planning and Class EA Study

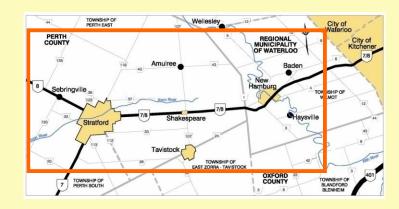
Report B:

 Provides a comprehensive overview of transportation, land use and economic conditions within the analysis area

Report F (Part 1):

 Documents environmental conditions background data (existing/secondary source information – mapping / constraint mapping, data, reports, supplemented by preliminary field reconnaissance)

Analysis Area



Study Background - PIC #2 (June 2008)



Overview of Transportation, Land Use, and Economic Conditions within the Analysis Area (Report B) Identification of Area Transportation System Problems and Opportunities (Report C) Working Paper - Environmental Conditions and Constraints (Report F-1) Develop Long List of Area Transportation System Alternatives "Do Local Provincial Marine Municipal Regional Nothing" Transit* Highways/ Service' Service* Roads* Transit / Transitways* Passenger Rail* Determine Degree to which Individual Area Transportation System Alternatives address Problems and Opportunities PIC#2 Develop Elements of Area Transportation System Alternatives and Group them into Combinations "Do Nothing" "Combination #1" "Combination #2" "Combination #3" "Combination #4" New Expanded Non-Existing infrastructure Optimize Existing Widen Municipal Roads New Provincial and programmed Network Road Infrastructure and/or Provincial Highways/Transitways improvements (all modes) Highways Elements from Elements from Combination 1 Elements from Combination 3

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Select the Alternatives that will Proceed to Preliminary Planning

Combination 2 Widen / Improve Municipal Roads

Provincial Highways)

Study Plan for Technical Work, Outreach and Consultation (Report A)

Individual Alternatives

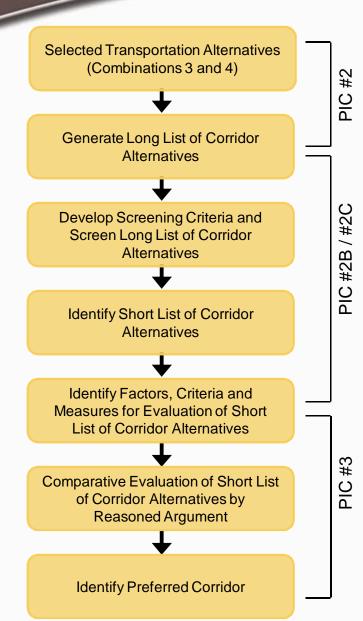
- Individual alternatives do not address the identified problems and opportunities.
- **Transportation Demand Management** (TDM), Transit, Municipal Road and Provincial Highway/ Transitway alternatives carried forward as supporting elements of Combination Transportation System Alternatives.

Combination Alternatives

 Combination 3 (TDM/Transit plus) widen Hwy 7&8) and Combination 4 (TDM/Transit plus local bypasses or new highway corridor) carried forward for further review.

Study Background – PIC #2B/C (Nov/Dec 2008 / April 2009)





- Long List of Corridor Alternatives
 - Existing Highway 7&8 Corridor Alternative
 - By-Pass Corridor Alternatives
 - New Corridor Alternatives
- Screening Process
 - Screened out (removed) corridor alternatives from further consideration which were significantly less desirable than other available alternatives
- Short List of Corridor Alternatives
 - Carried forward to evaluation phase to determine preferred corridor

Study Background – PIC #3 (July / August 2009)



Key Presentation Material

Comparative Evaluation of Short List of Corridor Alternatives by Reasoned Argument (documented in Report E)



Preferred Corridor (documented in Report E)

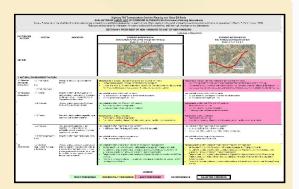


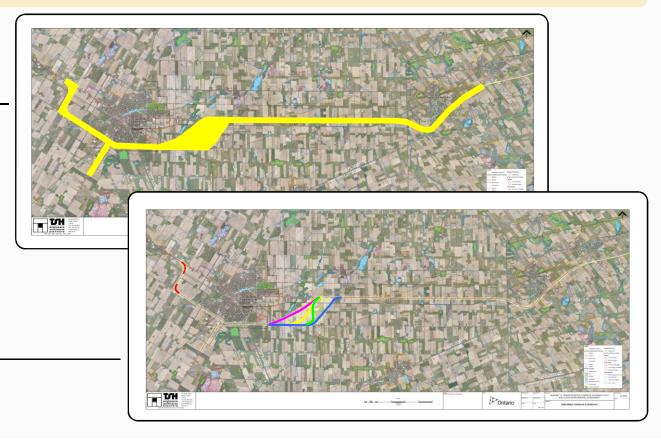
Environmental Conditions and Constraints for Preferred Corridor (documented in Report F – Part 2)



Widening / New Route Alternatives Generated for Various Sections of Preferred Corridor (documented in Report G) Broad range of factors, sub-factors, criteria and indicators, which were refined based on stakeholder input, were used to evaluate the short list of corridor alternatives.

- Natural Environment Factors
- Land Use / Socio-Economic Environment Factors
- Cultural Environment Factors
- Transportation Factors





Revisiting Alignment Alternatives in Shakespeare Area

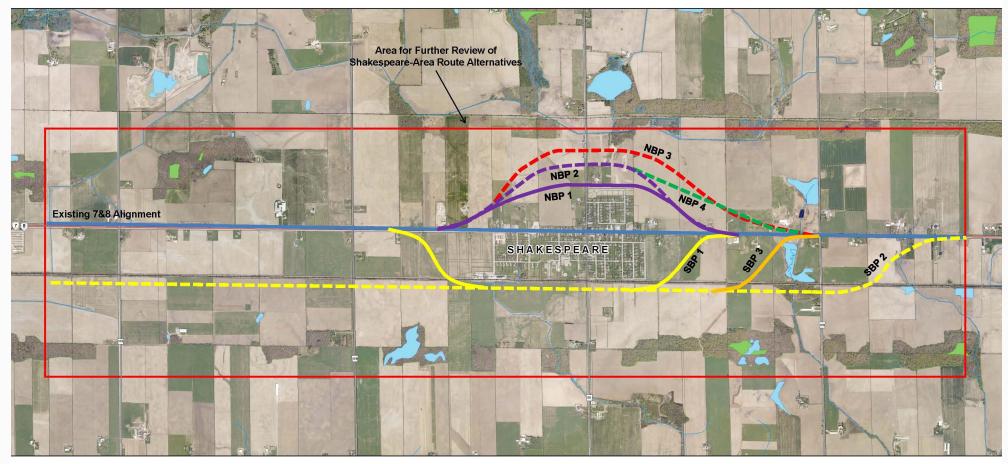


- A widened Highway 7&8 through Shakespeare was part of the preferred corridor presented for public review in the summer of 2009. In response to comments received, the study team is conducting a more detailed review of route alternatives in the Shakespeare area.
 - Re-examining alignment alternatives on a "route" rather than a "corridor" basis
 - Alignments for routes are "lines" rather than "bands" on a map
 - Evaluation indicators for routes are at a higher level of detail that better addresses concerns expressed
 - Two Shakespeare Community Workshops held in March 2010
 - Results documented in Shakespeare Community Workshops Summary Document which is available at the reference table and is posted on the study website
 - Input received at workshops used to develop a broader range of Shakespeare area highway route alternatives and refined sub-factors, criteria and indicators for their evaluation
 - Additional PIC (today's PIC) being held to obtain input on proposed highway route alternatives for the Shakespeare area and the evaluation sub-factors, criteria and indicators for their evaluation

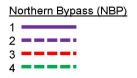
Proposed Highway Route Alternatives for Shakespeare Area

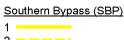


Larger plans detailing the route alignments presented below are available on the tables.



Proposed Route Alternatives for Shakespeare Area







Connection Options for Shakespeare By-Pass Alignments



A range of connection options will be considered for the Shakespeare By-Pass alignments, including:

- Connection at Perth Road 107
- Connection at the tie-in point west of Shakespeare
- Connection at the tie-in point east of Shakespeare
- Combinations of the above as appropriate

Potential connection options are illustrated conceptually on the larger plans on the tables. The connection options will be developed in more detail following the selection of the preferred alignment.

There will be further opportunities for stakeholders to review and comment on the connection options at future Public Information Centres prior to the selection of a preferred connection option.

Process Overview for Assessment and Evaluation of Widening / Route Alternatives



Widening / New Route Alternatives
Generated for Various Sections of
Preferred Corridor
(to be presented in revised Report G)



Identify Factors, Sub-Factors, Criteria and Indicators for Route Selection (to be presented in revised Report G)



Comparative Evaluation of Widening / New Route Alternatives using "Reasoned Argument Method" augmented by "Arithmetic Method" (as appropriate) (to be presented in Report H)



Identify Recommended Route for entire study area (to be presented in Report H) Widening / route alternatives for the entire study area to be evaluated using a broad range of factors, subfactors, criteria and indicators (further details provided on next display board and in documentation at reference table):

- Four (4) Factor Groups: Natural Environment, Land Use / Socio-economic Environment, Cultural Environment, Transportation
- Twenty-three (23) Sub-Factors
- Sixty-nine (69) Criteria
- Multiple Indicators for each criterion

Evaluation will be carried out using both the "reasoned argument method" and the "arithmetic method" where appropriate:

- Reasoned Argument Method: Presents a clear and thorough presentation of the trade offs between various evaluation factors, sub-factors, criteria and indicators
- Arithmetic Method: Allows comparison of the alternatives based on a numerical scaling with weights (level of importance) assigned to the evaluation factors, sub-factors and criteria

Evaluation Factors, Sub-Factors, Criteria and Indicators for Route Selection



Refinements have been made to subfactors, criteria and indicators since study inception based on stakeholder input. New / modified criteria and indicators have been added for the following sub-factors (highlighted in table):

- Land use / community
- Noise sensitive areas
- Agriculture
- Air quality
- Safety
- Mobility and accessibility

A complete listing of evaluation factors, sub-factors, criteria and indicators is available at the reference table.

Factors/Sub-Factors	Criteria
	Natural Environmental Factors
1.1 Fisheries and Aquatic Ecosystems	1.1.1 Fish Habitat
	1.1.2 Fish Community
1.2 Terrestrial Ecosystems	1.2.1 Wildlife
	1.2.2 Wetlands
	1.2.3 Forests
	1.2.4 Vegetation
	1.2.5 Designated/Special/Natural Areas
1.3 Groundwater	1.3.1 Areas of Groundwater Recharge and Discharge
	1.3.2 Groundwater Source Areas and Wellhead Protection Areas
	1.3.3 Large Volume Wells
	1.3.4 Private Wells
	1.3.5 Groundwater-Sensitive Ecosystems
1.4 Surface Water	1.4.1 Watershed / Subwatershed Drainage Features/Patterns
	1.4.2 Surface Water Quality and Quantity
	2. Land Use / Socio-Economic Environmental Factors
2.1 Land Use Planning	2.1.1 First Nations' Land Claims
2.1 Land Use Planning Policies, Goals, Objectives	2.1.2 Provincial / Federal Land Use Planning Policies/Goals/Objectives
	2.1.3 Municipal (local and regional) Land Use Planning Policies / Goals / Objectives
	2.1.4 Development Objectives of Private Property Owners
2.2 Land Use -	2.2.1 First Nations' Reserves
2.2 Land USE – Community	2.2.2 First Nations' Sacred Grounds
	2.2.3 Urban and Rural Residential
	2.2.3 Commercial/Industrial
	2.2.5 Tourist Areas and Attractions
	2.2.6 Community Facilities / Institutions
	2.2.7 Municipal Infrastructure and Public Service Facilities
	2.2.8 Downtown Historic Crossroads Function
2.3 Noise Sensitive Areas (NSA's)	2.3.1 Highway Noise
	2.3.2 Construction Noise
2.4 Agriculture	2.4.1 Agriculture Canada Land Inventory (CLI) Class 1, 2, 3 Land
	2.4.1 Agriculture – Farm Infrastructure
	2.4.3 Agriculture – Operations on Individual Farms 2.4.4 Agriculture – Transportation Linkages between Integrated Agricultural Business Uni
2.5 Land Use -	
Resources	2.5.1 First Nations' Treaty Rights or Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes 2.5.2 Parks and Recreational Areas
	2.5.3 Aggregate and Mineral Resources
2.6 Major Utility Transmis	
	ty and Waste Management
2.8 Landscape	2.8.1 Scenic Composition
Composition	2.8.2 Sensitive Viewer Groups
	2.8.3 Scenic Value of Views/Vistas From the Transportation Facility
	2.8.4 Specimen Trees
2.9 Air Quality	2.8.4 Specimen Trees 2.9.1 Local and Regional Air Quality
2.0 All Wuality	2.5.1 Local and Regional Air Quality

	3. Cultural Environmental Factors
3.1 Cultural Heritage – Built Heritage and	Buildings or "Standing" Sites of Architectural or Heritage Significance, or Ontarion Heritage Easement Properties
Cultural Landscapes	3.1.2 Heritage Bridges
	3.1.3 Areas of Historic 19 th Century Settlement
	3.1.4 Cultural Heritage Landscapes
	3.1.5 First Nations' Burial Sites
	3.1.6 Cemeteries
3.2 Cultural Heritage – Archaeology	3.2.1 Pre-Historic and Historic First Nations' Archaeological Sites
	3.2.2 Historic Euro-Canadian Archaeological Sites
	4. Area Economy Factors
Factor/sub-factors deleted d Community.	ue to duplication of consideration in Transportation System Capacity and Land Use /
	5. Transportation Factors
5.1 Area Transportation System Capacity and Efficiency	5.1.1 Federal / Provincial / Municipal Transportation Policies / Goals / Objectives (not considered after the Corridor Planning Phase)
	5.1.2 Efficient Movement of People
	5.1.3 Efficient Movement of Goods
5.2 Area Transportation S	ystem Reliability/Redundancy
5.3 Safety	5.3.1 Traffic Safety (safety of the transportation system user)
	5.3.2 Emergency Access
	5.3.3 Pedestrian, Cyclist and Snowmobile Safety within the Highway Right-of-Way
5.4 Mobility & Accessibility	5.4.1 Modal Integration, Balance and Efficiency
	5.4.2 Linkages to Population and Employment Centres
	5.4.3 Recreation and Tourism Travel
	5.4.4 Accommodate Mobility of Pedestrians, Cyclists and Snowmobiles
5.5 Network Compatibility	5.5.1 Network Connectivity (within and to/from the analysis area)
	5.5.2 Flexibility for Future Expansion
5.6 Engineering	5.6.1 Constructability
	5.6.2 Compliance with Design Criteria
5.7 Traffic Operations	·
	of municipal infrastructure that is an inherent component of inter-regional transportation, but not including property and engineering costs)

These criteria will be used to evaluate the widening / new route alternatives for the entire study area. Please provide your input on the evaluation criteria and their relative importance for the evaluation of widening / new route alternatives.

Weighting of Evaluation Criteria

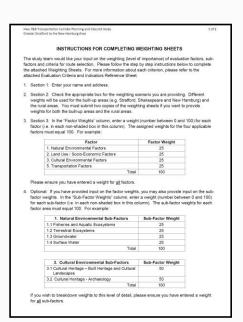


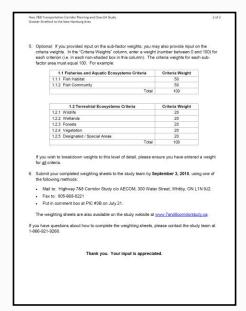
- The study team would like your input on the weighting (level of importance) of evaluation factors, sub-factors and criteria for route selection.
 - Weights are requested for the built-up areas (Stratford, Shakespeare and New Hamburg) and the rural areas.
- Please fill out the weighting sheets available at the reference table and drop them in the comment box or return them to the study team via mail or fax by September 3, 2010.
 - Please speak with a study team member if you have any questions about the weighting process and/or how to complete the weighting sheets.
- A reasonable number of sensitivity tests will be run, taking into consideration the range of weights received from stakeholders and the public.

Weighting of Evaluation Criteria



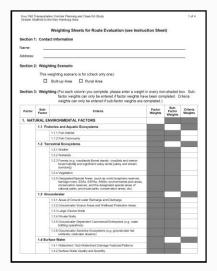
Instruction Sheet

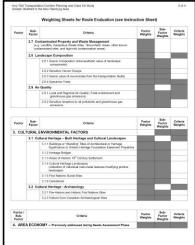


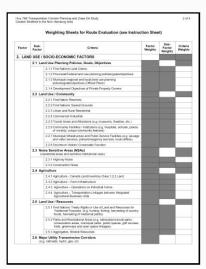


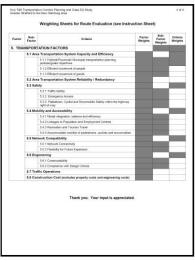
An Evaluation Criteria and Indicators Reference Sheet is also available. It provides more detail about what each criterion considers.

Weighting Sheets



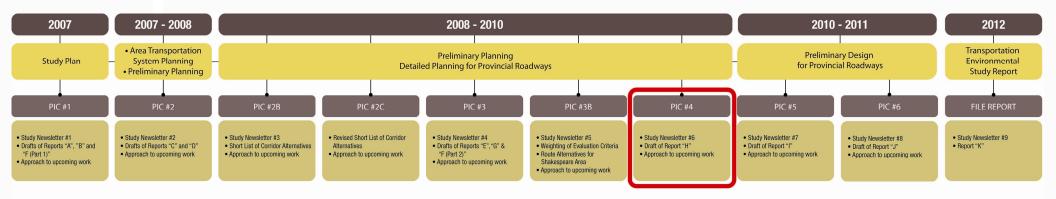






Next Steps





Following this PIC, the Study Team will:

- Respond to comments received through the PIC#3B consultation process
- Finalize widening / new route alternatives to be evaluated
- Assess and evaluate widening / new route alternatives
- Prepare Draft Report H to document evaluation of widening / new route alternatives and selection of the Recommended Route for the entire study corridor
- Continue outreach and consultation PIC #4 (Present Recommended Route), Late Fall 2010

Get Involved...Be Involved...Stay Involved



Thank you for participating in tonight's PIC.

Your comments are important to us. The following options are available:

- Place your Comment Sheet in the box provided tonight or submit to the Study Team by September 3, 2010.
- Mail a letter (Highway 7&8 Corridor Study c/o AECOM, 300 Water Street, Whitby, ON L1N 9J2) or send a fax (905-668-0221).
- Phone the Study Team toll free at 1-866-921-9268.
- E-mail the Study Team through the Website at <u>www.7and8corridorstudy.ca</u>

All comments are requested by

September 3, 2010