

# NOTICE OF DETAIL DESIGN COMMENCEMENT & PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

## The Windsor-Essex Parkway: Bridge No. 13, Bridge No. 14 & Noise Mitigation Adjacent to Southwood Lakes Community

### THE PROJECT

The Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study is a bi-national planning study being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* (OEAA) and the Canadian *Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) in Canada and coordinated with the U.S. *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) in the United States. The purpose of the Detroit River International Crossing study is to improve the movement of people and goods across the Canada-US border which will support the economies of Ontario, Michigan, Canada and the United States. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), in coordination with Transport Canada, has led the Environmental Assessment study in Canada and retained URS Canada Inc. to assist in the undertaking. The Windsor-Essex Parkway was identified as the recommended solution to the new access road that will connect Highway 401 to a new inspection plaza and crossing of the Detroit River.

As a component of The Windsor-Essex Parkway, the Ministry of Transportation is proceeding with the design of two bridges (No.13 and No.14) as well as noise mitigation along the easterly end of the study area from Howard Avenue to North Talbot Road. The detail design for the remaining components of The Windsor-Essex Parkway will be addressed in future design stages.



### THE PROCESS

Proceeding with construction of the two bridges and noise mitigation is conditional on receipt of the required approvals under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. The Ministry of Transportation is also seeking approval under the *Ontario Endangered Species Act, 2007*. In accordance with Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared and made available for review. The DCR will document how the commitments and mitigation outlined in the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Report* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Screening Report* have been addressed. Notices advising of the availability of the Design and Construction Report will be published in local newspapers.

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT – VISIT THE OPEN HOUSE

The design of two bridges (No.13 and No.14) as well as details on noise mitigation along the easterly end of the study area from Howard Avenue to North Talbot Road will be on display at a Public Information Open House. You are encouraged to attend the upcoming Open House, view the materials on display and the Consultation Plan, speak to the study team representatives and provide comments. The PIOH will be held on:

**Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**  
2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.  
Macedonian Community Centre  
5225 Howard Avenue  
LaSalle

Information collected at the Open House will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments become part of the public record.

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