

The Detroit River International Crossing Study August 2007 Public Information Open Houses

For more than two years, teams of experts in both Canada and the United States have been working diligently on the Detroit River International Crossing study. From developing a coordinated study framework to completing technical studies on Practical Alternatives within the Area of Continued Analysis, we are making excellent progress.

The Canadian study team has been intently focused on collecting more detailed data and completing specific technical studies of the Practical Alternatives announced in March 2006. We continue to work closely with the community to both meet the purpose of the study – to provide for the safe, efficient and secure movement of people and goods across the Canadian-U.S. border in the Windsor-Detroit corridor – and to achieve the local community's goals of:

- Improving quality of life
- Taking trucks off local streets
- Improving the movement of traffic across the border.

We're listening to you. In fact, over 150 public consultation sessions have been held since the beginning of the study, and we have met with more than 50 stakeholder groups including local homeowners and business owners since March 2006, as part of ongoing consultation.

All options being considered achieve the community's goals outlined above, and we are working to further refine the alternatives to ensure that when the final preferred alternative is identified, community and environmental impacts are minimized as much as possible. How we do that is by evaluating each of the alternatives based on the seven evaluation factors. Detailed fact sheets on the seven evaluation factors and the technical findings are contained in this package and can also be found on our website www.partnershipborderstudy.com.

The purpose of these Public Information Open Houses (PIOHs) is to inform you, the public, about the latest technical analysis on the original five access road Practical Alternatives introduced in March 2006 and presented for further refinements in December 2006. In addition, at the PIOHs, you will be able to see a new access road alternative that the public has helped to develop through community consultation – the Parkway alternative, a green transportation corridor with a number of short tunnels that places the access road below the level of the adjacent land.

The Parkway reflects the study goals and the community input received to date and provides the opportunity for new trails and parkland for pedestrians and cyclists, and includes short tunnels at various locations that will allow communities on both sides of the corridor to connect. The Parkway will protect people and communities as well as provide opportunities for gateway entrance features to Canada, Ontario and Windsor, and the opportunity for new amenities for residents of Windsor and LaSalle.

To better help you understand the information presented at this round of Open Houses, we have put together this information kit. In this kit you will find a list of Questions and Answers, maps and summaries of the key technical findings in fact sheet format.

These fact sheets include:

- The Environmental Study Process
- Analysis of the Seven Evaluation Factors: Practical Alternatives
- Analysis of the Seven Evaluation Factors: Plaza and Crossing Alternatives
- Changes to Air Quality
- Improvements to Regional Mobility
- Protection of Community and Neighbourhood Characteristics: Noise Impact Assessment
- Context Sensitive Solutions
- Property Acquisition
- The Parkway: A New Option

Fact sheets on topics including tunnelling, construction staging, foundations investigations, and economic impacts are available from any study team member upon request.

All of these documents can be found on the DRIC study website (www.partnershipborderstudy.com) along with all previously published/presented DRIC study materials. Speak to any of the DRIC study team members for more details on these and other topics related to the ongoing environmental assessment.

The DRIC study team is engaged in a thorough and systematic Environmental Assessment study that meets both provincial and federal legislation. By attending the PIOH and providing feedback, the DRIC study team and the community will be able to achieve the common goals of getting trucks off local streets, moving traffic through the border safely and efficiently while improving quality of life for residents of Windsor and affected municipalities.

Your feedback is important. Study team members at the Open Houses are interested in hearing what you have to say. You may also contribute your thoughts by filling out comment sheets that are available at the Open Houses or by submitting your comments through the website.