



DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL CROSSING
E N V I R O N M E N T A L A S S E S S M E N T

**Welcome to the Initial
Community Consultation Group Meeting**

May 11, 2005



Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Remarks – 10 minutes
 2. Overview of the EA Process – 30 minutes
 3. Role of the CCG – 20 minutes
 4. Overview of Public Meetings & Illustrative Alternatives
Evaluation – 35 minutes
 5. Looking Ahead – 10 minutes
- Closing Remarks

1. Opening Remarks (10 minutes)

Getting and Giving the Most

- The issue is old...our group is new
- Focus on the future
- It's OUR meeting...participate enthusiastically
- Terminology expertise is secondary
- There is such a thing as a bad idea!
- Build, don't duplicate
- Respect (for each other and the process)
- Voices without titles
- Consensus on no consensus
- Informal style, structured approach
- No dissertations (rather, 'rap and roll')

Food for Thought

"The knowledge of the world is only to be acquired in the world, and not in a closet"

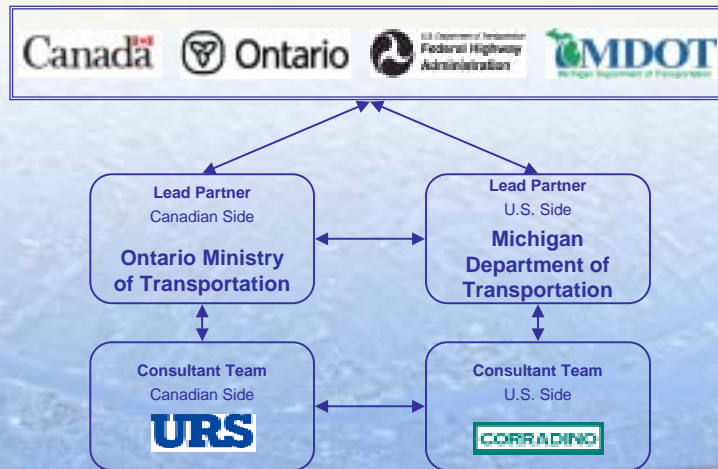
Earl of Chesterfield

"He speaks to me as if I was a public meeting"

G.W.E. Russell

2. Overview of the EA Process (30 minutes)

The Project Team



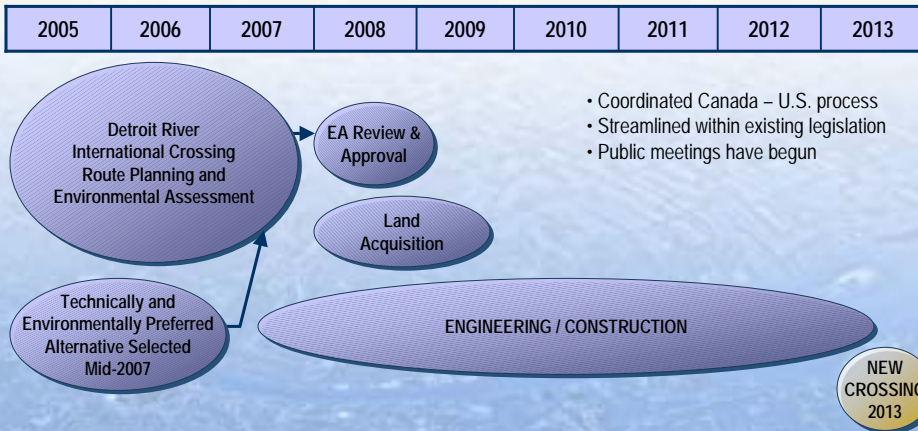
Our Goal:

- Approved location for a river crossing
- Approved connections to freeways in Canada and the U.S.
- Approved locations for plazas in Canada and the U.S.
- Comprehensive engineering to support approvals, property acquisition, design and construction
- Submission for approval by December 2007

Key Milestones:

Study Area Features, Opportunities & Constraints	April '05
Initial Set of Crossing Alternatives & Connecting Routes in Canada and the U.S.	June '05
Final Set of Alternatives	December '05
Results of Social, Economic, Environmental and Engineering Assessments	Winter '06
Preferred Crossing Location & Connecting Routes in Canada and the U.S.	Spring '07
Finalize Engineering and Mitigation Measures	Summer '07
Document Study and Submit for Approvals	End of '07

DRIC Project Time Line



3. Role of the CCG (20 minutes)

Role of the CCG

- Purpose:
 - Dialogue and information exchange
 - Advice/input on and joint exploration of key issues, concerns, challenges, opportunities
 - A sounding board: review and comment on project materials, tools and reports
 - Liaison — a conduit to/from the community
 - Facilitate effective/efficient project completion
- The Border Partnership commitment:
 - Listen to, seriously consider, be respectful of participants' views, perspectives, opinions
 - Varying roles: observe, inform, clarify, facilitate

Role of the CCG (cont'd)

- **Meetings:**
 - Approximately every 2-3 months (more intensive early on)
 - Typically a 2-3 hour evening session
 - Varied formats/exercises (but always an 'open forum public comment' component)
 - Potential for joint meetings with LAC
 - Potential for 'special issue' sessions (e.g. context sensitive solutions)
 - Operating procedures, summaries and agendas
- **Membership and group composition:**
 - Some considerations: *manageable size; continuity; generally informed perspective; fairness and balance*
 - Total numbers
 - Representative mix
 - Multi-member group representation

4. Overview of Public Meetings & Illustrative Alternatives Evaluation (35 minutes)

Initial Public Outreach (IPO) Meetings

- IPOs held March 5 in Windsor, March 6 in LaSalle
- Total of 179 sign-ins; 127 comment sheets received

Most Frequent Comments:

Concerned with potential impacts:

- to Ojibway Area, including Spring Garden Life ANSI and Black Oak Prairie Heritage Park
- to natural features of area, including wildlife
- to residential areas and effect on property value
- on human health, including air quality
- related to options in the Schwartz Report
- related indirectly to improvements (e.g. noise, vibration, quality of life)

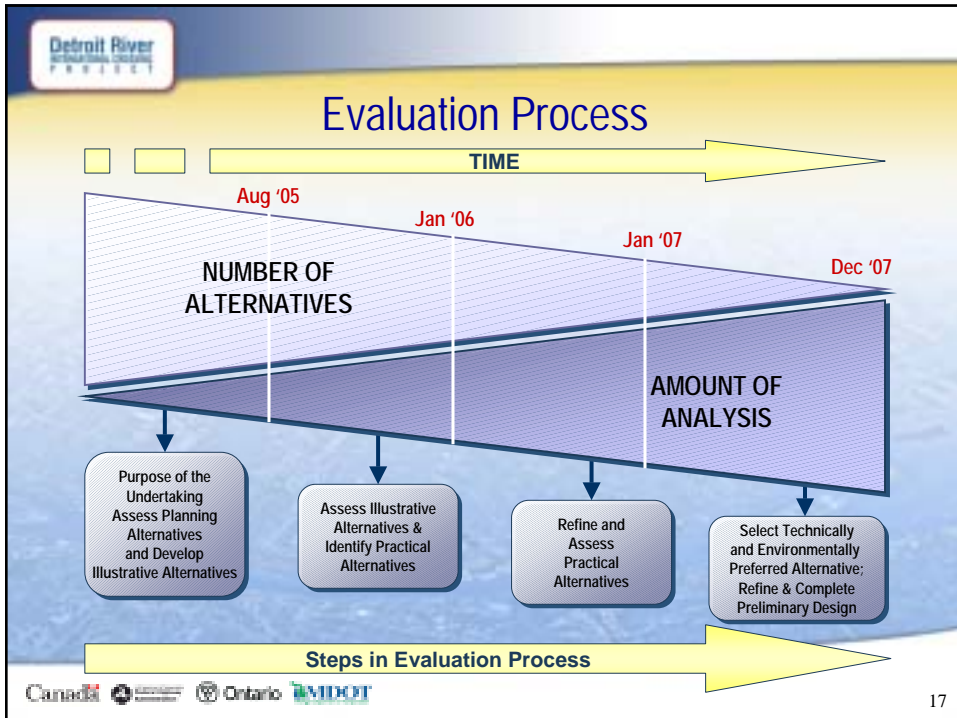
Consider:

- using existing transportation corridors (e.g. road, rail) and infrastructure
- a tunnel (includes tunnel options with air quality control)
- other modes, including rail and truck ferries

Initial Public Outreach (IPO) Meetings

IPO Comment Sheet Question #2: The Project Team has identified guiding principles to be used in generating and developing new or expanded crossing alternatives and connections to existing highways, which are listed below. On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate the importance of each of these principles?

Question 2 Principles	Total Resp.	Very Important ← Not Important →					Avg.
		1	2	3	4	5	
Develop alternatives that are efficient/direct	95	56	17	16	4	2	1.7
Utilize existing infrastructure and/or transportation corridors	101	56	14	15	8	8	2.0
Seek areas of land uses that are compatible with transportation corridors	93	56	18	13	3	3	1.7
Minimize/avoid impacts to significant study area features	99	86	8	2	1	2	1.2



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- ## Evaluation Methods
- Reasoned Argument (Trade-off) Method
 - Explanation for decisions made by Project Team
 - Summarized to focus on key differences/trade-offs
 - Arithmetic Method (Weighting & Scoring)
 - Weight
 - Significance of the impact
 - Identified through consultation
 - Score
 - Level of impact
 - Identified by Project Team experts/specialists
- Canada Ontario MIDOT
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Decisions will be based on a balance of social, environmental and engineering factors

PROPOSED EVALUATION CRITERIA	
Socio-Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property and Access • Land Use Strategies • Community Effects (Noise, Disruption, etc.) • Disposal Sites & Contaminated Areas
Cultural Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeology • Heritage and Recreation
Natural Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Quality • Other Resources • Agricultural Areas • Special Wildlife and Habitat Areas • Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat • Wetlands • Groundwater and Surface Water • Woodlands • Noise
Technical Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic and Network Operations • Engineering/Constructability • Cost

5. Looking Ahead (10 minutes)

Closing Remarks