

July 2009 Public Information Open Houses

The purpose of this Public Information Open House (PIOH) is to provide information about the detail design being undertaken for proposed initial construction for The Windsor Essex Parkway and to listen to your feedback. The proposed work consists of two bridges within the Highway 3 interchange area and approximately two kilometres of noise barrier adjacent to Southwood Lakes.

In this kit you will find information about initial construction and proposed mitigation measures. Construction of these bridges and noise barrier is dependent on the approval of the Environmental Assessment (EA).

The Windsor-Essex Parkway is the Recommended Plan for the access road leading to a new Canadian inspection plaza and river crossing in west Windsor as detailed in the Environmental Assessment Report. The Windsor-Essex Parkway is the result of extensive and comprehensive technical studies and over 300 consultations with members of the community, various stakeholder groups and municipal, provincial and federal officials.

The Windsor-Essex Parkway

Transportation Features:

- new urban 6 lane freeway
- new parallel 4 lane Service Road Network
- below grade freeway
- full illumination
- stormwater management facilities
- advanced traffic management system
- commitment to maintain traffic in the corridor during construction.

Community and Environmental Features:

- 11 tunnels covering 1.8 km of freeway
- 300 acres of green space
- 20 km of recreational trails
- noise mitigation measures
- extensive landscaping throughout the corridor
- environmental mitigation measures.

In Canada, the DRIC study followed a thorough and systematic Environmental Assessment process in accordance with both provincial and federal legislation. By attending this PIOH and providing feedback, members of the community will be able to provide valuable input that will be considered during the design and construction of the initial construction. Public input will be documented in the Design and Construction Report (DCR).

Your feedback is important. The Ministry of Transportation is 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 House or by submitting your comments through the website www.weparkway.ca. Please provide comments by July 31, 2009.