

Regional Road 25 Public Information Centre #1— Introduction (Video 1) –Text Description

The following provides a text version of the audio that is included in the Introduction video.

Slide 1 (Introduction)

Hello and welcome to the first Public Information Centre, or “PIC” for short, for the Regional Road 25 Transportation Corridor Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study, which we will refer to as “the study” in this video.

This PIC includes a series of five videos to:

- introduce the study;
- present the work completed to date; and
- outline the next steps for the study.

In *this* video, we discuss the purpose of the PIC, explain the purpose of the study, talk about the study process and schedule, and review the overall study area.

Thank you for taking the time to watch this presentation and learn more about the study. We encourage you to also watch the other videos prepared as part of this PIC and to share your input with our project team. Your feedback is valuable to us!

Slide 2 (About this Public Information Centre (PIC))

This is the first of two Public Information Centres planned for this study. The purpose of this PIC is to:

- introduce the study;
- outline the study schedule and process for a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment or MCEA;
- review the planning context and background information;
- present the problems and opportunities identified in the study area;
- provide an overview of existing conditions;
- present alternative solutions to support existing and future transportation needs in the study area;
- present preliminary design considerations and opportunities; and
- obtain community feedback and identify next steps.

Slide 3 (About this Public Information Centre (PIC))

In addition to this video, the presentation and video transcript are available on the study webpage.

We encourage you to provide your input and feedback to our Project Team through the online survey on *halton.ca* by November 9, 2023.

You may also visit the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment studies webpage on *halton.ca* to view study updates or contact Halton Region Project Manager, Jessica Passingham to join the study mailing list or to provide feedback in an alternate manner.

Slide 4 (What is the focus of this study?)

This Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study or MCEA is being carried out to determine future transportation needs in the Regional Road 25 corridor, and to develop alternatives to address those needs.

The study area extends about 16 kilometres from Speers Road in the Town of Oakville to Derry Road in the Town of Milton.

The study will examine:

- overall transportation operations and safety in the Regional Road 25 corridor and future traffic needs from now until 2031;
- active transportation, such as walking and cycling, and transit supportive infrastructure in the corridor;
- lane requirements (for example, road widening);
- intersection improvements; and,
- impacts on the social, cultural, and natural environments.

Slide 5 (Study Process & Schedule)

The MCEA is a planning and approval process for municipal infrastructure that follows Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Social, cultural, and natural environments are considered during the study process in addition to community interests, technical agency requirements (for example, agencies that represent municipal and provincial interest and mandate), and project-specific issues.

This study has been identified as a Schedule 'C' project and will follow Phases 1 to 4 of the MCEA process.

Consultation is ongoing throughout the four phases of the MCEA process, and we welcome your comments and feedback at any time during the study. The four boxes at the bottom of this slide represent key consultation milestones that are planned throughout the study process. Project notices will be issued to agencies, stakeholders, and the public in advance of these events.

This study was initiated in July 2022, and we are currently approaching the end of Phase 2 of the MCEA process. A second PIC will be held later in the study to present and gather feedback on the work undertaken in Phase 3.

At the end of the study, an Environmental Study Report will be prepared to document the study recommendations and decision-making process. The Environmental Study Report will be available for public review for a minimum of 30 days. A Notice of Study Completion will be issued to commence the review period.