

MTAG MEETING SUMMARY NO. 2	Project: 407 East Individual Environmental Assessment Meeting Date: October 18, 2005 Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m. Report Date: October 20, 2005 (Revised November 4, 2005) Recorder: S. Khokhar Page 1 of 5
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Note: If any of the contents of this meeting report differ in any respect from your own recollection of the points discussed or decisions reached, please notify us immediately. In the meantime, we will proceed in accordance with the understanding described herein.

This summary report contains the questions, comments and responses that were put forth during the 2nd meeting of the Municipal Technical Advisory Group (Individual Environmental Assessment Phase). The questions asked, and comments made by attendees are noted in italics. The response is written below each question or comment. General comments are noted in bold.

LOCATION: Whitby Centennial Building – Gould Room

PRESENT:

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PURPOSE: Municipal Technical Advisory Group # 2

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<p>1.0 <u>Introductions</u> D. Allingham welcomed the group and asked all meeting attendees to introduce themselves.</p>	Info
<p>2.0 <u>Administrative Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next MTAG meeting will be in approximately 4 – 6 weeks Info • There will be two other meetings before the Public Information Centre (PIC) –to discuss the Problem and Opportunity Statement and Planning Alternatives, as well as discussing materials for the PIC Info • Modelling work occurred over the summer Info 	
<p>3.0 <u>Presentation Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Framework - guiding policy documents that impact the assessment and common themes (objectives, criteria) in these documents Info • Transportation Assessment, Evaluation Framework and Problem Definition - A general overview of existing and future transportation conditions and priorities Info • Planning Alternatives Assessment - discussion of factors, criteria and objectives to be chosen for assessing alternatives Info • Next steps – Project Team tasks and scheduling and topics for next meeting Info 	

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4.0 Policy Framework, Transportation Assessment, Project Definition and Planning Alternatives

D. Allingham provided an overview of the findings of the Transportation Assessment and the Problem Definition, as well as a look at the Planning Alternatives methodology. Presentation is attached. Topics included:

- Overview of policy documents which have been considered to this Phase of the Study, including the Draft Growth Plan;
- The Transportation Assessment and Evaluation process and breakdown of the principles of the system;
- Definition of the current and future conditions with respect to Transportation;

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5.0 Comments / Questions / Points of Clarification

If 83% of the trips destined to Durham Region have originated in Durham Region, is the reverse true as well?

Yes, the reverse would be true.

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Are the East-West screenlines continuous?

Although these screenlines extend past Brock Road, they are not continuous.

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Will you provide a breakdown of the Screenline Analysis in the Report?

Yes, it will be included in the report.

Info/TSH

Does the Places to Grow document alter the evaluation framework?

The Places to Grow draft document has made adjustments to population and employment in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Municipalities will be expected to make adjustments to Official Plans as a result.

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What is the difference between the 'Plus Expansion to Existing Corridors' and the 'Plus New Corridors' Alternatives in your "Building Block Approach"?

One is simply improving existing roadways without having to add new roadways, and the other is solving the problem by adding new roadways to the existing network.

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Expansions to the existing Highway 401 would fall into which planning alternative block?

Expansions to the Highway 401 would generally fall into the 'Plus Expansion to Existing Corridors' alternative. For example, the Highway 401 expansion through Oshawa would fall at under this alternative.

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Will the schedule be more refined?

Prior to the next PIC we will change the schedule and provide more detail.

TSH

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The Terms of Reference noted that the project completion would be December 2006, now it's noted as December 2008. Is there a reason for this?

There are many reasons for the change in project completion date, including:

- new changes to population and population employment numbers;
- commitment to more public involvement; and
- more field work will be needed.

MTO would prefer to do this Study thoroughly to minimize the risk of legitimate challenges to the process. We understand that the Region is concerned about the delays, and we will do our best to expedite the process without jeopardizing its integrity.

Was the schedule approved as part of the Terms of Reference?

The schedule was included in the Supporting Documentation, but was not a part of the approval of the Terms of Reference.

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When is the Growth Plan going to be finalized?

Once the Growth Plan is put on the EBR Registry, there is a 90 day comment / review period. Subject to comments received, it can then be finalized.

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Will the ratio (of population to employment) go up? Will this change the results of the analysis?

The ratios will not change dramatically. The modelling has provided for the changes. The Project Team recognizes that discrepancies exist between MPIR and the Region of Durham employment numbers, but we are confident that we can proceed with the current date.

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If you take the previous EA's assumptions into account, the need for 407 to Highway 35/115 was questionable. Is there a process to go back and re-visit this assumption?

The project team is not aware of any formal process or necessity to go back and revisit previous assumptions. The 407 extending to Hwy 35/115 is identified in the Growth Plan as a 'Goods Movement Corridor'.

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What about the allocation of population numbers?

Population levels were allocated on the basis of the development charges work undertaken by the Region.

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Are improvements through Whitby included in the Building Block Approach?

Yes.

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Is there a shelf life for an EA?

Not with an Individual EA. There is a 5 year shelf live with a Class EA.

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If this Study does get approved by the province, is there a shelf life?

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<p>No. As long as some action is initiated, then there is no ‘stale’ dating. Once EA approval is awarded, the next phases can proceed including designation, property acquisition and design work.</p>	Info
<p><i>Once the EA is approved, I don't see the last link being built for 10 years</i> There are a lot of steps involved in this process and is a lot to do between the EA and construction. Comment noted.</p>	Info
<p><i>Delays in completing the 407 will delay development growth in Durham and result in added burden to area municipalities for transportation improvements.</i> The first hurdle is to get approval of the recommended facility, then design and implementation. In terms of Lakeridge / Hwy 401, it is on hold pending the outcome of the 407 East EA. There may be potential to re-initiate activities on this plan prior to completing the 407 East EA.</p>	Info
<p><i>Can money be re-allocated to municipalities as a result of the delay in the process?</i> The Ministry does not have the authority to make a decision on that matter.</p>	Info
<p><i>There was discussion regarding combining a Federal and Provincial EA. The Mid-Peninsula EA then came about. Where are they in that process?</i> The Mid-Peninsula EA has had to start again. They are in the process of finishing their Terms of Reference. For this project, the team is meeting with CEAA on an on-going basis to ensure their full input. There needs to be a trigger (a project) for CEAA to be involved and there are anticipated to be a number of triggers on this project. A “harmonized” process is being promoted between Federal and Provincial EAs. The Federal requirements would be completed in conjunction with the Provincial requirements / reports. The document will soon be available for review and further information can be found online at www.niagara-gta.com.</p>	Info
<p><i>How many members are there on the Community Advisory Group (CAG) and what is their representation?</i> The CAG consists of 21 members (4 have been recently appointed) all from different backgrounds/interests and varying geographic representation, for example, Ontario Trucking Association, Durham Environmental Advisory Committee, Peterborough Chamber of Commerce, etc.</p>	Info
<p>6.0 Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PIC: will be held early in the new year• Next MTAG / RAG / CAG meetings: will be held at the end of November to begin discussions on planning alternatives• Subsequent MTAG / RAG / CAG meetings: will also meet in December and January to discuss the preferred solution	Info Info Info

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- **Newsletter: It is anticipated that a Newsletter will be circulated to Municipalities and members of the public (2000 – 3000 people) on our contact list the next week, and will be made available at public buildings and municipal offices.** PT
- **Website: will be updated by the end of October** PT
- **Public Involvement Plan: Provided at today’s meeting. Will be posted on the website. Comments are requested by the next round of meetings.** PT/MTAG
- **It is the goal of the Project Team to present the preferred alternative solution to the public by January, 2006.** PT

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