

MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Teleconference; presentation via TEAMS

Subject: **Stakeholder Information Meeting**
 Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment for Highway 401 from 500m west of Cranberry Road to 450m east of County Road 28, including the Cranberry Road Bridge, Choate Road Bridge and Ganaraska River Bridge within the Municipality of Port Hope, County of Northumberland (G.W.P. 4005-17-00)

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AGENDA ITEMS

- **INTRODUCTION**

- MP Project Manager provided a brief introduction/overview and narrated the presentation material to inform stakeholders of the general scope of work. This included a summary of the following:
 - Project Description
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - Study Process
 - Highway 401 Future Footprint Alternatives
 - Cranberry Road Alternatives
 - Choate Road/Ganaraska River Alternatives

- Short List Alternatives Summary
- Proposed Schedule

- **OPEN DISCUSSION**

- **Municipality of Port Hope**

- Jeanette Davidson asked about traffic counts during Covid-19 not being applicable because they don't reflect true numbers outside of the pandemic. MP explained that the team analyzed the difference between pandemic traffic counts and normal traffic counts and pro rated the numbers accordingly to get a true representation of traffic counts in this area.

- **GRCA**

- Ken Thajer asked about the floodplain impacts between the various options at Choate/Ganaraska. MP noted that GRCA has provided the floodplain model. MP has delineated the footprint impact into the floodplain but are still working on determining the amount of impact (loss of storage) between each option.

- **MTO has asked for comments on the design alternatives for the Choate/Ganaraska realignment:**

- GRCA is planning on looking at it from an ownership perspective and to analyze natural impacts. Overall, the GRCA has expressed that they are not in favour of having Choate Road realigned to be closer to the Ganaraska River.
- The Municipality has also explained that they are not in favour of an option that realigns Choate Road closer to the Ganaraska River. From this perspective closing the road is more favorable than realigning it close to river; however, they recognize that a full closure would have bigger traffic impacts on nearby Jocelyn and Cranberry Roads.
- Port Hope Fire Department has also expressed their preference to not close Choate Road, from a response time delay perspective.
- County of Northumberland paramedics has concerns with the closure of Choate Road and the alternate routes/increase in response times.
- MTO has asked all attendees to get back to the project team **prior to June 19, 2021** with any additional comments/questions/concerns.

- **OTHER BUSINESS**

- MTO asks that the presentation materials not be shared with the public or councils at this time. There will be official public materials being released to inform these stakeholders about the project in the coming months.

Laura Donaldson, .Eng.
Project Manager

MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time: Tuesday November 30, 2021
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Teleconference; presentation via TEAMS

Subject: **Municipal Advisory Meeting # 2**
GWP 4005-17-00
Study # 1 – Highway 401 Future Footprint, Cranberry Road, Choate Road and Ganaraska River Bridges

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 - Purpose and Objectives
 - Project Description/Location
 - Need and Justification
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - EA Study Process
 - Evaluation Criteria
 - Highway 401 Future Footprint Recommended Plan
 - Cranberry Road Recommended Plan

- Choate Road and Ganaraska River Bridges Recommended Plan
- Recommended Plan Recap
- Consultation and Schedule

2) OPEN DISCUSSION

County of Northumberland:

- The County enquired as to what the timeline is for construction of the Cranberry Road bridge and the Highway 401 Future Footprint.
 - *MP/MTO explained that construction of the Choate Road and Ganaraska River bridges is planned for 2023 due to the condition of these structures, however the Cranberry Road bridge construction is not within the 5-year Ontario Highways plan. Due to the age of the structure, construction could be within the 10-year horizon depending on environmental approvals and funding requirements. Traffic projections indicate that construction for the Highway 401 Future Footprint could be within the 30-year horizon, depending on environmental approvals and future funding requirements. The Highway 401 Future Footprint is included with this study to reduce throw away costs as the staging for Choate and Ganaraska will impact the 401 corridor in this area.*

GRCA:

- The GRCA expressed their appreciation for the presentation and for ensuring that stakeholder comments and concerns have been taken into account throughout the study.

MP/MTO

- The Project Team has asked stakeholders to provide any additional comments or concerns on the Recommended Plan so the design can be further refined. The next step is to commence the detail design stage for the replacement of the Choate and Ganaraska bridges to maintain the 2023 construction target.

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