

Public Information Open House

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Macedonian Community Centre
5225 Howard Avenue, Windsor

General Presentation Times: 2:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Area-Specific Discussions: 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.



The Windsor Essex Mobility Group is hosting the seventh Public Information Open House (PIOH) for the Windsor-Essex Parkway. While community meetings will continue, it is anticipated that this will be the final PIOH related to Parkway design. The main purpose of this PIOH is to present the final landscaping plan for the Parkway. This is your opportunity to find out the latest Parkway information and provide feedback and suggestions.

Join us to learn more about:

1. landscaping:
 - a. general philosophy
 - b. the final landscape plan
 - c. the outcomes of community input
 - d. structures, art and plant material
2. general information on noise barriers including walls and berms:
 - a. purpose
 - b. location
 - c. height
 - d. material
 - e. appearance from both the highway and private backyard perspectives
3. the Parkway trail network including:
 - a. pedestrian trail bridges and tunnels
 - b. lighting
 - c. signage (wayfinding, information boards)
 - d. community trail connections
4. general information on various types of fencing, including their purpose, location and appearance
5. retaining walls, bridge walls, parapet walls and wing walls including their locations and aesthetic treatment
6. planned traffic staging related to:
 - a. temporary entrance for St. Clair College
 - b. Sandwich West Parkway
 - c. Cousineau Road closure
 - d. E.C Row Expressway single laning
 - e. required trail closures
 - f. Highway 401 staging
7. an update on the construction schedule and mitigation measures.

At the PIOH, residents will be encouraged to participate in smaller discussion groups organized according to geographic area. At these area-specific discussions, Construction Managers and Landscape Designers will be on hand to provide updates, solicit feedback and answer questions.

In the weeks following the PIOH, a series of community-based meetings will be held where more detailed information on the landscaping, noise barriers and trail bridges for each area will be presented for focused conversations and input. Notices for these meetings will be delivered to invited residents and details will be available on the project website and social media sites.

For more information on the Windsor-Essex Parkway, please contact:

Windsor Essex Mobility Group - Public Liaison Office

2187 Huron Church Road, Suite 340, Windsor, Ontario N9C 2L8

Email: wep-plo@wemg.ca Tel: 1-877-WE-PKWAY (937-5929)

Ministry of Transportation -

Windsor Border Initiatives Implementation Group

949 McDougall Avenue, Suite 200, Windsor, Ontario N9A 1L9

Email: detroit.river@ontario.ca Tel: 519-973-7367

www.weparkway.ca, www.twitter.com/weparkway, www.facebook.com/weparkway

Information collected at the Open House will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Access to Information Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments become part of the public record.

The Public Information Open House will build upon the community consultation previously conducted through the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study and the Public Information Open Houses held on March 9, May 18, July 13, and November 30, 2011 and January 25 and June 27, 2012. In accordance with Ontario Environmental Assessment Act approval requirements, Design and Construction Reports (DCRs) are prepared and made available for public review. The DCRs will document how the commitments and mitigation outlined in the Ontario Environmental Assessment Report and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Screening Report have been addressed. Notices advising of the availability of the DCR will be published in local newspapers and online.

