

Backgrounder

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The Windsor Essex Mobility Group partners with local businesses in Windsor-Essex

The Windsor Essex Mobility Group (WEMG) recognizes the importance of partnering with local businesses, professional associations, unions and educational institutions for The Windsor-Essex Parkway. These partnerships will help to strengthen the local economy, create jobs and training, and ensure the success of the project during its design, construction and operation.

Partnerships with local businesses

WEMG has partnered with:

- Hatch Mott MacDonald, a design firm with a local office in Windsor.
- Amico Infrastructure Inc., a local excavation and foundation contractor
- Local consulting engineers, Dillon Consulting Ltd, LEA Consulting Ltd and AMEC
- Black & McDonald, a local electrical business

Much of the construction and maintenance work will be performed by local labour force and local subcontractors. Full construction of the Parkway will begin in summer 2011. Just before construction begins, WEMG will begin to actively recruit people locally to work on the Parkway. At the peak of construction, WEMG estimates that between 1,200 to 1,300 workers are expected on the Parkway site daily. Design and construction of the Parkway will result in other economic spin-offs. It is estimated that construction of the Parkway will create approximately 12,000 project-related jobs, with the majority in the Windsor-Essex region. WEMG estimates it will spend hundreds of millions of dollars on local labour, local supplies, and materials over the lifespan of the project.

Other partnerships

In addition to partnering with local businesses, WEMG has an agreement in place with the Labourer's Union Local 625. WEMG is committed to continuing its efforts to reach agreements with other local unions and to employ local labour. Further, WEMG and the University of Windsor have signed a Memorandum of Understanding. It is working towards having a formal agreement in place early in the new year.

Job opportunities

The Parkway will create and sustain many jobs for skilled and experienced construction trades workers such as: operating engineers, labourers, carpenters, electricians, landscapers, equipment operators, and truck drivers. There will be business opportunities for local haulage companies and suppliers (i.e. cement, piping, etc), as well. Other employment opportunities will be available for engineering, accounting, quality control, safety, project control and finance.

For information about employment opportunities related to the Parkway, visit www.weparkway.ca and click on the OPPORTUNITIES tab.

Establishment of local office

The Windsor Essex Mobility Group will establish a local project office in the Windsor area in the second quarter of the new year. Details about the project office will be posted when available at www.weparkway.ca.

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