



Halton Active Transportation Master Plan Study Update: Consultation (Part 3)

What is the Halton *ACTIVE* Transportation Master Plan?

Halton Region is undertaking an Active Transportation Master Plan study to develop the strategy, infrastructure, initiatives and programs to promote non-motorized travel throughout the Region. The objective is to create an Active Transportation Master Plan that is safe, affordable and sustainable. The plan aims to make walking and cycling viable alternatives in order to strengthen linkages between communities and municipalities.

This Study Update provides an overview of the consultation we have undertaken during Part 3 of the study. It presents the feedback we have received from the public on the draft recommendations.

Additional information about the study and consultation process is available at the study website: www.halton.ca/ActiveTransportation. A Summary Report on the first round of Public Information Centres held during Part 1 and the Stakeholder Workshops held during Part 2 of the study are also available on the project website.

Public Information Centre No. 2

The second round of public consultation for the Halton Region Active Transportation Master Plan was held on November 19 and 20, 2013. It consisted of two open houses: one held in the north area and one in the south area of Halton Region, as detailed in Exhibit 1.

Exhibit 1: Details for Public Information Centre No. 2

Date	Time	Location
November 19, 2013	Drop-in: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Milton Centre for the Arts 55 Ontario Street South, Milton, ON L9T 6H7 (MinMaxx Hall)
November 20, 2013	Drop-in: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Halton Region Headquarters 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, ON L6M 3L1 (North/South Auditoriums)

The purpose of the Public Information Centre was to:

1. Review the study background, vision and alternative solutions for active transportation in Halton Region; and
2. Review and gather feedback about the proposed active transportation (cycling and walking) networks and supporting recommendations.

In total, approximately 25 people attended the PICs on November 19 and November 20, 2013. In addition several interested residents also contacted the Project Team regarding the PIC as they were unable to attend. All PIC material was made available on the project website.



Notice of Public Information Centre No. 2

Halton Region placed the Notice for Public Information Centre #2 on the project web site and in the following newspapers:

Publication: Acton Tanner
Date: November 7, 2013 and November 14, 2013

Publication: Milton Canadian Champion
Date: November 7, 2013 and November 14, 2013

Publication: Burlington Post
Date: November 8, 2013 and November 15, 2013

Publication: Oakville Beaver
Date: November 8, 2013 and November 15, 2013

Publication: Georgetown Free Press
Date: November 7, 2013 and November 14, 2013

A copy of the Notice is attached. Email notification was also provided to people on the study's public contact list, agencies, First Nations and the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

Public Information Centre Format

Two open houses were held to provide multiple opportunities for Halton residents to view the public information displays, meet with the project team, ask questions and provide comments. At each location, there were 17 boards on display with the following titles/themes:

- Welcome
- What is Active Transportation and what the study is all about?
- The “vision” for Active Transportation in Halton Region
- Study progress including schedule, work plan and consultation events
- Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process and phases
- Achieving the vision with alternative strategies and network alternatives
- “What We Heard” from the public and other stakeholders from previous consultation events
- Choosing corridors to be in the network
- Development of the active transportation networks: corridors and facility types
- Choosing the type of facility, i.e. design considerations and selection guide
- Types of facilities for pedestrians and cyclists on Regional Roads (2 boards)
- Maps of the proposed cycling and walking networks (2 boards)
- The active transportation networks by the numbers, i.e. length, cost to implement
- Supportive recommendations in education, regulations and by-laws, and tourism
- Pilot project ideas



Some of the displays at the Public Information Centre No. 2 at Milton Centre for the Arts (top) and Halton Region Headquarters (bottom)



- Next steps in the study and study contacts

A comment form and Cycling Halton maps were available.

Members of the study team were present to answer questions about the study and engage attendees in discussing issues of interest. Attendees were invited to share their feedback with the project team in person, sign up for a study mailing list and/or complete a comment form. Members of the public were requested to provide feedback by December 6, 2013.

Copies of the displays boards and comment form are attached. All materials presented at the open house are available on the project website: (www.halton.ca/ActiveTransportation).

Public Feedback

Below is a summary of the key themes from the comments received at and following PIC No. 2:

General Ideas

- Consider best practices for cycling facilities used in The Netherlands
- Support for making Regional roads safe for motorists and cyclists to support utilitarian cycling trips by providing dedicated cycling lanes
- Support providing safe, non-motorized options in Milton
- Consider higher 2031 mode share goals for walking and cycling

Feedback on the AT Network

- Improved access at the Burlington Canal lift bridge should be considered
- Add Bruce Trail crossing locations at Regional roads to the network.
- Improvements to Guelph Line from QEW to Upper Middle Road are supported to connect to key destinations, such as the GO Station, shopping plazas, high school, recreation centre and nearby trails

Next Steps

The draft Active Transportation Master Plan report will be prepared during Winter 2013. Public feedback from this Public Information Centre will be considered in the recommendations.

The draft Active Transportation Master Plan (network, policies and programs) will be presented to the Planning and Public Works Committee and Regional Council in Spring 2014.

Attachments:

- Notice for Public Information No. 2
- Displays