

July 9, 2021

## **Invitation to a Community Engagement Webinar about the GTA West Highway and Transit Corridor Environmental Assessment Study**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is in Stage 2 of the GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study. After confirming the Preferred Route and 2020 Focused Analysis Area on August 7, 2020 (please refer to the enclosed key plan or view mapping at [www.gta-west.com](http://www.gta-west.com)), the GTA West Project Team commenced developing the Preferred Route to a preliminary design level of detail.

The GTA West Study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the Ontario EA Act and the GTA West Corridor EA Terms of Reference, which was approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment on March 4, 2008. On May 3, 2021, the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change determined that the GTA West Study also warrants designation under the Federal Impact Assessment Act. More information is available on the project website at [www.gta-west.com/processandtimeline](http://www.gta-west.com/processandtimeline).

To further meet the public's needs and address community questions, the GTA West Project Team is hosting a Community Engagement Webinar where the public and stakeholders can understand more about the project and have their questions answered. **You are invited to attend the Community Engagement Webinar hosted by the GTA West Project Team on July 28, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The GTA West Project Team will provide a brief overview of the project followed by a question & answer period. Expert panelists from a variety of disciplines (e.g. noise, air quality, fisheries, archaeology, etc.) will be in attendance to answer your questions.

Public and Project Team member health and safety is of utmost importance. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, this Webinar will be conducted as an online session hosted through the Zoom platform. For the best experience, we encourage you to join the Webinar on Zoom through an electronic device. If you don't have access to an electronic device, you can listen to the Webinar through your telephone. If you join by telephone, please submit your questions in advance. A recording of the event will be posted on the project website.

**To register for the Webinar, please visit the project website at [www.gta-west.com/consultation-2](http://www.gta-west.com/consultation-2) and click on the Zoom registration link under the *Upcoming Opportunities for Input* section. If you have accessibility requirements, please leave a message at the toll-free telephone line at 1-877-522-6916.**

If you have questions that you would like to submit to the GTA West Project Team in advance of the Webinar, please e-mail them to [project\\_team@gta-west.com](mailto:project_team@gta-west.com), submit them through the contact form on the project website at [www.gta-west.com/contactus/](http://www.gta-west.com/contactus/) or call the toll-free telephone line at 1-877-522-6916.

As always, comments and input regarding the study are encouraged. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation to meet the requirements of the *Ontario EA Act*. Information collected 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 will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact the Project Team at the e-mail address or telephone line listed above. Study information is available on the project website: [www.gta-west.com](http://www.gta-west.com). Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant (289) 835-2484 (Yannick Garnier).

Sincerely,



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Encl. GTA West Route Planning Study Area Map with the Preferred Route Overlay

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