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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Egis was retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to complete the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for intersection improvements at Highway 7/8 and Road 111 located in the Township of Perth East at the border of the City of Stratford and the Township of Perth East, in Perth County as part of G.W.P. 3083-21-00.

This post-TESR Record of Consultation and Transition Record of Consultation has been prepared as required under the 2024 Class EA to document comments received in response to the Notice of Transition and during the 30-day TESR review and comment period. It includes responses to comments and documents any meetings or other communications between the proponent and commenters during the 30- day review and comment period.

The Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) is available for viewing on the project website at www.highway7and8perthcountyroad.com.

2.0 CONSULTATION OVERVIEW

Public consultation is a key component of the 2024 Class EA process for the Preliminary Design study. The exchange of information with both the public and government agencies respecting the environmental conditions/issues and the project overview ensured a thorough and transparent consultation process to meet the requirements of this Group 'B' Class EA.

2.1 Notice of Transition and Study Commencement

Following the 30-day review and comment period for the Notice of Proposed Transition, a Notice of Transition combined with a Notice of Commencement was issued to inform stakeholders of the decision to transition the project and how the EA process will proceed following the amended Class EA (2024).

The Notice of Transition was distributed to all contacts on the Contact List as well as any person who expressed interest in the project throughout the consultation efforts. An Ontario Government Notice (OGN) was distributed to all nearby residents, property owners, and businesses the week of October 28, 2024. The OGN for the Notice of Transition was published in the *Stratford Times*, *Turtle Island News*, and *Two Row Times* on November 1, 2024. A letter was sent from Egis to the Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rae on October 31, 2024 and MTO sent a letter to relevant Indigenous Communities including Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Six Nations of the Grand River, and Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council on November 1, 2024.

2.1.1 Comments received from Notice of Transition and Study Commencement

Two (2) comments were received following the Notice of Transition and Study Commencement. The comments included inquiries about the purpose of the Notice as well as any updates to the intersection improvement plans. As the Notice of Completion and TESR was published and distributed two (2) weeks later, the commenters were added to the contact list for continued consultation.

Table 1: Comments Received from the Notice of Transition and Study Commencement						
#	Date Received	Commenter	Comment	Date Response Sent	Communication Method	Response
1	05-Nov-24	Member of the Public	Called to inquire about decisions made moving forward with the intersection improvements.	05-Nov-24	Phone Call	Discussed the purpose of the Notice of Transition and indicated that the Notice of Completion and TESR with details about the Recommended Plan would be available soon.
2	04-Nov-24	Member of the Public	Provided comments regarding the traffic volume and safety concerns on Highway 7/8. Expressed that a roundabout would be the preferred solution.	20-Nov-24	Email	The commenter was added to the contact list and notified when the Notice of Completion and TESR were available to explain the Environmental Assessment process and the Recommended Plan as a signalized intersection.

2.2 Notice of Completion

The Notice of Completion informed external agencies and interested persons that the MTO Class EA process had been completed, and that the TESR was available for a 30 day review and comment period.

The Notice of Completion was published in local newspapers (*Stratford Times, Two Row Times, Turtle Island News*) on November 20, 2024. The Notice of Completion was also distributed to agencies, key stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and the public on the project mailing list. A letter was sent from Egis to the Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rae on November 14, 2024 and MTO sent a letter to relevant Indigenous Communities including Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Six Nations of the Grand River, and Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council on November 20, 2024.. The 30-day review and comment period ended on January 3, 2025.

2.2.1 Comments Received from Transportation Environmental Study Report

A total of eleven (11) comments were received following the Notice of Completion. Comments included general interest on the Recommended Plan, safety concerns, at the intersection, impacts to residents, pedestrian facilities, the decision-making methods.

Table 2: Comments Received from the Notice of Completion						
#	Date Received	Commenter	Comment	Date Response Sent	Communication Method	Response
1	20-Nov-24	Business Owner	Inquired about the final decision for the intersection improvements.	20-Nov-24	Phone call	The Project Team noted that the Recommended Plan is a signalized intersection and to visit the project website for more information.
2	21-Nov-24	Member of the Public	Provided comments regarding safety concerns at the Highway 7/8 and Road 111 intersection and recommended that a roundabout be considered at this location.	28-Jan-25	Email	The Project Team noted that the TESR was prepared to present the Recommended Plan as a signalized intersection. Details from the TESR regarding the project works and justification were also provided to the commenter.
3	22-Nov-24	Vista Radio Stratford	The reporter inquired about a verbal comment to air on the radio stations and inquired about implications	29-Nov-24	MTO Communications	MTO Communications noted that the Recommended Plan is presented within the TESR as a signalized intersection. Details regarding the intersection improvements, as presented in

			for Stratford residents and construction timing.			the TESR were provided to the commenter via email. It was also noted that construction is anticipated in 2025, subject to province-wide needs and priorities.
4	13-Nov-24	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)	The Ministry provided an MNR Southern Region Information Package – For External Proponent Environmental Assessments. The package included comments for consideration during the Environmental Assessment process.	28-Jan-25	Email	The Project Team noted that the comments and information provided had been forwarded to the Project Team and would be taken into consideration during Detail Design.
5	03-Dec-24	Member of the Public	Inquired about cost-benefit ratio, considerations for traffic flow, and property impacts involving displaced residents.	28-Jan-25	Email	The Project Team provided detailed answers to explain that how costs were calculated, traffic flow was considered under traffic operations, and that no displacements would result from the intersection improvements and only one partial property acquisition would be required.

6	03-Dec-24	Member of the Public	Inquired about pedestrian facilities with the new intersection improvements.	28-Jan-25	Email	The Project Team explained that there are no existing pedestrian facilities within the project limits and therefore they were not included in the new design.
7	03-Dec-24	Member of the Public	Suggested that the Project Team consider installing a roundabout.	28-Jan-25	Email	The Project Team noted that the TESR was prepared to present the Recommended Plan as a signalized intersection. Details from the TESR regarding the project works and justification were also provided to the commenter.
8	04-Dec-24	Member of the Public	Expressed that they are looking forward to the intersection improvement works.	28-Jan-25	Email	The Project Team thanked them for participation in the consultation program.
9	03-Dec-24	Member of the Public	Provided comments and questions on the decision matrix included in the TESR. Main concerns were considerations for collision	28-Jan-25	Email	The Project Team provided an explanation of the evaluation process and in-depth answers to address all concerns.

			reductions, carbon emissions, and traffic flow.			
10	20-Nov-24	Member of Stratford's Active Transportation Committee	Inquired about where to find a drawing of the proposed intersection improvement works.	28-Jan-25	Email	The Project Team directed them to the project website where the TESR contained a preliminary drawing of the Recommended Plan as a signalized intersection. The Project Team noted that they have been in contact with the City of Stratford throughout the consultation program and Preliminary Design Study.
11	03-Jan-25	Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	Provided comments regarding the cultural heritage sections of the TESR and requested a copy of the cultural heritage screening documentation.	20-Jan-24	Email	MTO noted the PIFs for the archaeological assessment and notified the MCM that the appropriate heritage documents would be completed during Detail Design. The Project Team followed up with the appropriate heritage screening documents and noted that the TESR had been updated to reflect the updated heritage conclusions. An Errata to the TESR was also provided and posted on the

						project website to document the changes to the TESR.
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2.2.2 Errata to the TESR

An Errata to the TESR was prepared to document the changes to the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR). The TESR revisions were based on comments received from the MCM and the MTO during the 30-day review and comment period. The Errata is available on the project website at www.Highway7and8perthcountyroad.com.