



Project Status Report

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PURPOSE

The Project Status Report is a document used as a means of formal monthly reporting on the status of a project to key project stakeholders.

A) Environmental Assessment Update

Background

The overall EA project is progressing on schedule for completion of Stage 2 (phases 3 and 4) by November 2011.

On May 25, 2010, Council authorized that Stage 2 of the Third Crossing Environmental Assessment (EA) Study proceed. Stage 2 will complete the Third Crossing EA Study by building on the findings of the EA Stage 1 Summary Report that assessed the need for and the feasibility of implementing a third transportation crossing over the Cataraqui River. The EA Stage 1 Summary Report presented a number of river crossing options and recommended a bridge crossing at John Counter Boulevard and Gore Road as the preferred option.

Stage 2 activities involve fieldwork investigations by the project team at the preferred John Counter Boulevard-Gore Road corridor. For all the fieldwork activities noted below, plans have been prepared by the City's project team in accordance with Federal and Provincial guidelines. The plans have also been approved by the City of Kingston and Parks Canada.

Discipline	Fieldwork Description in Study Area
Geo-Environmental	Measuring Environmental characteristics.
Geo-Technical	Measures foundation characteristics in land/water.
Aquatic Ecological	Aquatic vegetation and fish sampling.
Terrestrial Ecological	Land vegetation and wildlife inventory.
Marine Archaeological	Marine/water based archaeological.
Terrestrial Archaeological	Based upon bridge location, land based arch.
Hydro-Technical	Water resource assessments.
Traffic Analysis	Intersection and adjacent community analysis.
First Nations	Discussions with First Nation communities.

Completed/Ongoing Works in March 2011:

- Finalized reports documenting the stage 2 archaeology in the cultural meadow north of the Gore Road ROW and Stage 3 archaeology in the Gore Road ROW and to defer Stage 4 work until detailed design.
- Held PLC meeting on March 2nd to prepare for PIC and media work for March.
- Public Information Center (PIC) was held on March 31st at La Salle Secondary. The information package and a “Your Opinion” survey that was issued at PIC is posted on City webpage www.cityofkingston.ca/thirdcrossing.
- Acknowledged resident concerns, compliments, and suggestions gathered from the PIC meeting.
- Progressed property discussions regarding the impact on adjacent lands to accommodate stormwater control, construction lay-down area, multi-use trails, elevation and access tie-in issues.
- Three bridge design concepts and high level cost estimates were announced.
- Continued to inform the public through the website and mailing lists as the project progressed with timely information releases.
- Discussed Gore Road Library logistics and potential heritage aspects.
- Continued bridge design concepts from a structural and aesthetic viewpoint.
- Met with Queen’s and RMC for discussion on bridge innovation techniques.
- Compiled comments on the latest "Heritage Values and Guiding Principles" draft document as related specifically to the Third Crossing.
- Compiled master list of completed and pending reports involved in EA.
- Commenced discussions on the inclusion of LIDAR information in the EA.
- Met with Fire Dept to discuss logistics and objectives of Master Fire Plan.
- Commenced discussions on bridge construction techniques.
- Circulated project updates to First Nations communities and representatives including Public Meeting Notice dated March 15; terrestrial archaeological assessment fieldwork report on east shore; January TAC meeting agenda; and Project Status reports from January and February.
- Continued preparation of First Nation Consultation Documentation Report
- Discussions with Alderville First Nation representatives on Marine Archaeology participation.
- Monitored Inner Harbour Trail group and potential overlaps.

Work planned for April 2011:

- Prepare for Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting in late April.
- Gather feedback from Your Opinion survey and compile for interpretation.
- Meet with Queen’s and RMC for discussion on bridge innovation techniques.
- Conduct Marine Archaeology throughout the preferred corridor.
- Meet with Parks Canada to discuss compiled comments on the latest "Heritage Values and Guiding Principles" draft document as related specifically to the Third Crossing and UNESCO.

- Continue to document resident concerns, compliments, and suggestions for consideration into the EA.
- Commence terrestrial archaeology on the west shore properties.
- Continue refining the three bridge design concepts.
- Execute communications plan for Stage 2 activities.
- Review and finalize the draft report on the macro-modeling scenarios that have the bridge in place and how it affects other roads in the project area.
- Continue to inform the public through the website and mailing lists as the project progresses with timely information releases.
- Progress strategies and discussions on bridge construction techniques.