



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 May 2011:

- Held Public Liaison Committee Meeting on May 25, 2011 and discussed items that would form the TAC meeting package and the feedback gathered from March 31 2011 PIC meeting.
- TAC Meeting #9 was held on May 26 2011. Presentation and discussion materials covered:
 - Terrestrial and Marine Ecological draft reports;
 - Follow up on Marine Archaeology fieldwork;
 - Debriefing of the March 31 2011 PIC meeting;
 - 4 lane versus 2 lane considerations;
 - In water construction techniques;
 - Potential watermain crossing.
- Received draft Terrestrial/Marine Ecology reports.
- Received draft Marine Archaeological report which noted the discovery of a 4000 year old wood sample about 150m from the west shoreline.
- Progressed strategies and discussions on bridge construction techniques and associated watermain installations techniques.
- Continue to document resident concerns, compliments, and suggestions for consideration into the EA.
- Continued refining the three bridge design concepts.
- Continued to inform the public through the website and mailing lists as the project progresses with timely information releases.
- Progressed property discussions regarding the impact on adjacent lands to accommodate stormwater control, construction lay-down area, multi-use trails, elevation, access tie-in issues, and terrestrial archaeology.
- Internal comments were generated regarding Parks Canada latest “Heritage Values and Guiding Principles” document for UNESCO conformity.
- Proposal received from Mohawk Nations Council of Chiefs for detailed consultation report to be circulated to other First Nations for comment.

Work planned for June 2011:

- Finalize Marine Archaeology report and review recommendations with project team.
- Continue to document resident concerns, compliments, and suggestions for consideration into the EA.
- 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.
- Progress strategies and discussions on bridge construction techniques and watermain installations techniques.
- Meet with Queen’s and RMC for discussion on bridge innovation techniques.
- Continue refining the three bridge design concepts.

- Execute communications plan for Stage 2 activities.
- Finalize the macro-modeling scenarios report 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.
- Continued preparation of report on consultation with First Nations.