



Project Status Report

Project Name: 3rd Crossing – EA 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

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 October 2011:

- Revised Project Description being reviewed by CEAA.
- Continued to document resident concerns, compliments, and suggestions for consideration into the EA.
- Continued refining the three bridge design concepts and how they interact with the watercourse and underwater environment.
- Continued to inform the public through the website and mailing lists as the project progresses with timely information releases.
- Updated the report descriptions and status list.
- Continued budget tracking of all project costs and anticipated expenses.
- Received draft Heritage Impact Statement.
- Continued writing the Stage 2 Environmental Study Report
- Progressed Noise Impact Study.
- Progressed hydraulic modeling work.
- Initiated preparations for the upcoming Public Information Center.
- Executed communications plan for Stage 2 activities.
- Discussion draft and comments circulated to First Nations.
- Received a sample bridge construction agreement from Parks Canada for consideration by the City.

Work planned for November 2011:

- Continue preparations for the upcoming Public Information Center.
- Continue writing the Stage 2 Environmental Study Report
- Complete Noise Impact Study.
- Complete hydraulic modeling work.
- Continue to document resident concerns, compliments, and suggestions for consideration into the EA.
- Execute communications plan for Stage 2 activities.
- Continue to inform the public through the website and mailing lists as the project progresses with timely information releases.
- Continue refining the three bridge design concepts and how they interact with the watercourse and underwater environment.
- Continue First Nations consultation.
- Discussion draft and comments to be received by First Nations.
- Review draft Heritage Impact Statement.