

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS TRUCKING STRATEGY STUDY



Council Presentation #2

November 16, 2017



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TRUCKING STRATEGY STUDY

- Purpose of Today's Meeting
- Project Update
- What we Heard
- What we Learned
- Preliminary Recommendations
- Next Steps

1

INFORM:

Provide you with an update on the intent, purposes and anticipated outcomes of the trucking strategy study

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ENGAGE:

Discuss with members of senior management on the information which will be presented to stakeholders and members of the public at the first round of engagement

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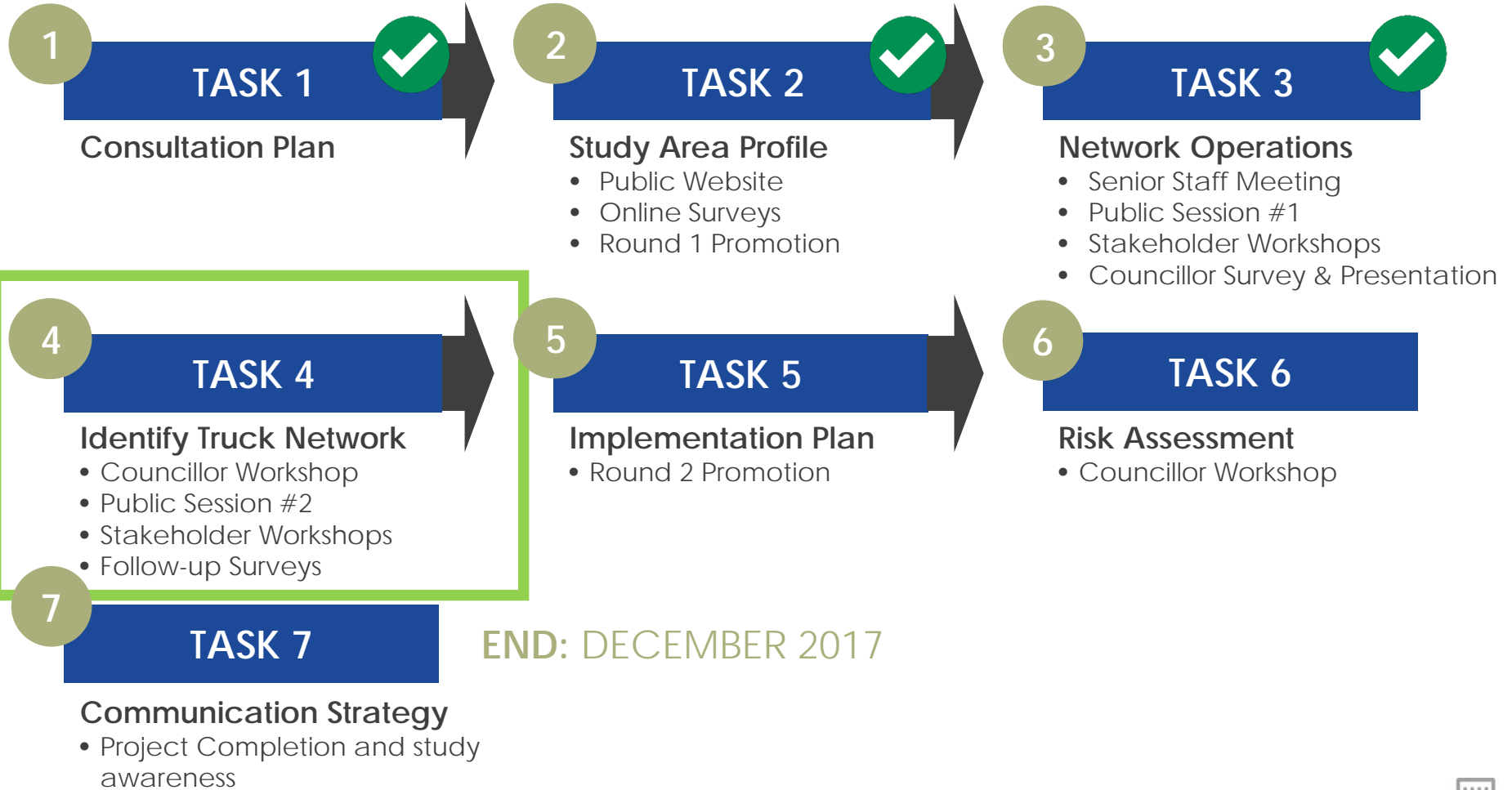
CONSULT:

Gather input from members of senior management on the opportunities, challenges and potential improvements around trucking in the Town of Halton Hills

Study Objectives

- 1 Develop a **long-term strategy** for the safe and efficient movement of trucks that respects the road maintenance and safety needs of the Town.
- 2 **Build on the work** of the Town's 2011 Transportation Master Plan and 2014-2018 Strategic Action Plan Priorities.
- 3 Explore opportunities for roads to safely **accommodate all modes** of transportation.

START: NOVEMBER 2016



Study Outcomes

1 Engagement

Undertake a comprehensive consultation program with decision makers, residents, businesses and stakeholders.

2 Engineering

Identify infrastructure improvements to support trucks on an effective Truck Route Network.

3 Enforcement

Develop a strategic plan for improved traffic inspections and enforcement.

4 Education

Establish a communication strategy to clearly articulate the outcomes of the study including aspects of implementation.

5 Evaluation

Identify opportunities for performance monitoring and management following the completion of the plan.



What we Heard: Round 1 Input

Round 1 Overview



Residents

Online Survey

Objective:

- To gather input on current preferences, habits and trends.

291 responses



Stakeholders

Open House x2

Objective:

- To engage with residents and stakeholders on opportunities, challenges and improvements
- **Georgetown – May 23**
- **Acton – May 24**

100 attendees



Businesses

Local Business Discussions

Objective:

- To engage with businesses to gather input on the opportunities, challenges and improvements

5 attendees



Technical Agencies

Technical Agency Workshop

Objective:

- To consult with agencies of decision making ability on the opportunities, challenges and potential strategies

13 attendees



Councillors

Council Presentation & Interviews

Objective:

- To gather input on the issues, opportunities and context related to trucking in Halton Hills specific to various wards

Representatives from each Ward attended

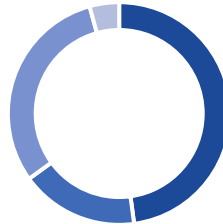


What we Heard: Round 1 Input

Area Specific Input

Where are the challenges?

Acton & surrounding areas	78%
Rural areas	28%
North Georgetown	50%
South Georgetown	7%



70% say trucking is not well managed

General Concerns:

- Focus trucks on major corridors as opposed to local roads
- Topography in downtown core challenges trucks to gear-up after stoplights which leads to congestion
- Safety concerns at rail crossings, intersections & driveways
- Noise, vibration & pollution impacting quality of life

Specific Concerns:

- Trucks parking on 5 Side Road (Milton Quarry)
- Maple Avenue does not function as a good entrance to Georgetown

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

Let us know what you think about trucking Halton Hills. Use the pens, stickers and post-it notes provide to let us know what you think – the issues, opportunities and improvements!

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Key Themes from Residents

- 1 Safety**

Concerns range from speed to volume and impact on other modes of transportation.
- 2 Noise & Vibration**

The impacts of trucking on local residents and communities of trucking from local industry
- 3 Time-of-Day**

Time of day restriction and enforcement emerged including the lack of clarity around those restrictions in select locations
- 4 Bypass**

Possible alternate routes were identified to avoid trucks going through the downtown core of key communities
- 5 Congestion**

Increase in development has resulted in an increase in truck traffic
- 6 Environment**

The amount of pollution that can be generated by trucking and the impact on communities
- 7 Quality of Life**

Concern with conflict between the residents community and local industry resulting in truck volume and traffic



- Preliminary Improvement Strategies developed in response to Stakeholder, Council and Public consultation
- Preliminary Improvement Strategies focus on the 5 E's
- *Second round of consultation to provide feedback on Preliminary Improvement Strategies*

Engagement

1 Establish Trucking Advisory Committee

Build relationships with local stakeholders

Better partnership with truck network users

Forum to find solutions and make recommendations to mitigate truck impacts

To be brought forward to Community Affairs

2 Continue Engagement with Region and Province

Work with Halton Region, Metrolinx, MTO and TC on future improvements and funding mechanisms



Transport Canada

3 Engage Local Businesses and Residents

Ongoing education and dialogue between Town, residents and business on trucking issues

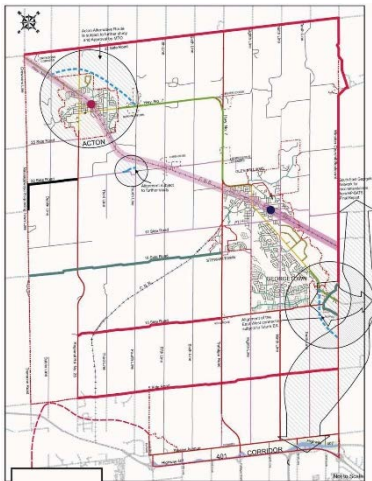
Provide residents and businesses opportunity to raise issues while being involved in the decision-making process



Engineering

1 Develop Bypass

Explore potential for bypass on existing or new roads in Acton, Georgetown and/or Norval



2 Establish Truck Network Info Map

Provide basis for future development of truck route network by profiling current network and conditions, planned upgrades, etc



3 Improve Railway Crossing on Main St

Improve the GO railway crossing on Main St. North of Hwy 7 (Acton)

MTO study to improve intersection



4 Implement Traffic Calming Measures

Implement mixture of road treatments: speed bumps, signage, etc. Landscaping to shield adjacent land use.



Enforcement

1 Permanent Weigh Station (Hwy 7)

Increase enforcement for safe load weights on Hwy 7 between Georgetown and Acton



2 Continue Truck Safety Blitzes

Support Halton Region Police to identify appropriate locations for enforcement/safety blitzes



Education

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Safe Driving Program

Communications with stakeholders regarding safe travel for all modes: truck, auto, active transportation, transit, etc.

Partnership with Halton Region Police, building on current work

Road Safety

**It starts
with you**

2

Educate Users of the Truck Route Network

Residents using active modes of transportation will become aware of where trucks are permitted for improved safety

Will increase awareness among aggregate truck drivers and improve adherence to the network and rules



Evaluation

1 Establish a Performance Measurement System

Measure the performance of the Improvement Strategies to ensure they have an effective impact on the community

Data collection to help make the case for additional funding from various sources



2 Streamline Overweight/Oversize Application Process

Ensure consistency with neighbouring regions

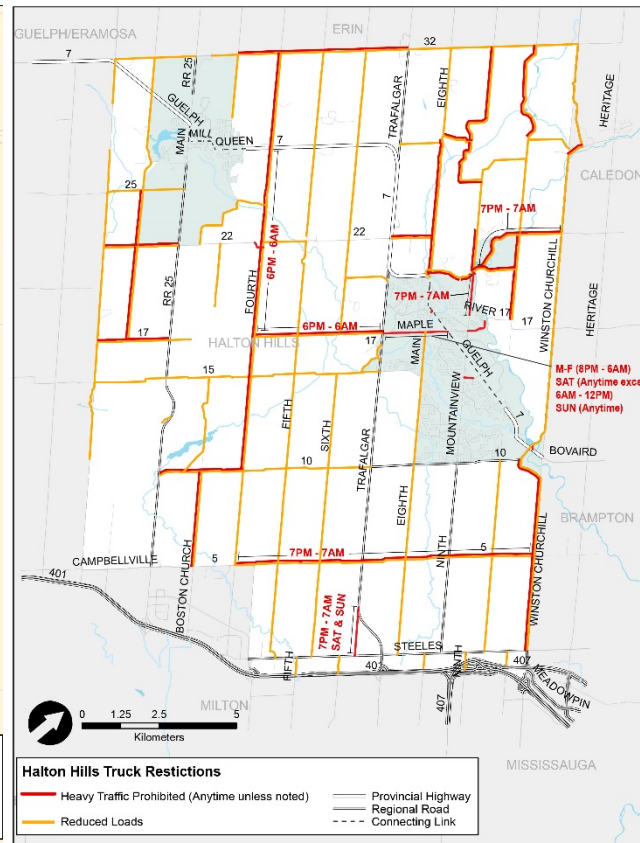
Improve process of moving overweight/oversize goods to benefit local businesses



Concepts for Defining a Truck Network

- Information map will display what we know...
 - Programmed capital improvements related to trucking
 - *Examples: Norval bypass, Trafalgar widening, Ninth line widening*
 - Other improvements under consideration
 - *Examples: Hwy 7 and Main St. MTO study*
 - Roadway jurisdictions
 - *Provincial, regional, local and grade crossings*
 - Current truck restrictions
 - Major business clusters and quarries
- Map will display recommended strategies...
 - *Examples: other bypasses, weigh stations, grade crossing improvements, recommended changes to truck restrictions, etc...*

Principles for Defining a Truck Network



- Connectivity, directness, minimizing intrusions, etc must be balanced
- Understanding current jurisdictions
- Build on existing routes, but current truck restrictions must be open for discussion
- Focus on capital improvements and strategies
- Consultation will be important
- Feeds into future TMP





Councillors



Stakeholders



Businesses



Technical Agencies



Residents

Council Presentation

Open House x2

Local Business Meetings

Technical Agency Workshop #2

Online Survey

- Objective:
- Update on work completed to date
 - Overview of the second round of consultation
 - Explanation of key recommendations
 - Discussion around potential revisions and improvements

- Objective:
- To engage members of the community on the draft trucking network and recommendations
 - Provide them with documentation on what was heard and how it was addressed

- Objective:
- Engage with local businesses who were not part of the original consultation process
 - Gather input on experiences and reactions to high-level recommendations

- Objective:
- Provide an update on work completed
 - Provide an overview of the preliminary trucking network and recommendations
 - Gather input on the network and recommendations

- Objective:
- To provide the public with an alternative opportunity to provide input on the network and recommendations
 - 'Let's Talk Halton Hills' online engagement platform



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Technical:

- Development of Truck Route Network concept
- Development of Improvement Strategy materials for consultation
- Develop final Improvement Strategy recommendations, implementation plan and risk assessment

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Consultation:

- Present to Council on Nov. 6th
- Information required on Nov. 8th to go to public end of Nov.
- Complete second round of public and stakeholder engagement sessions to present Improvement Strategies on week of November 29th
- Develop final communications strategy
- Final Improvement Strategies will be presented to Council in February/March



THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?



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