

In November 2016, the Town of Halton Hills began developing a Trucking Strategy.

The strategy is intended to **“support economic and employment activities while balancing the needs of the community”**.

As part of the process, the Town is engaging residents, stakeholders, members of Council, local businesses and technical agencies to help shape the strategy’s recommendations. This newsletter outlines the work done to date and the input that has been received.

To date:

- 25 municipal / regional policies have been reviewed
- 5 public consultation sessions have been held
- 391 residents have participated:
 - 100 attendees at the public open house
 - 291 responses to the online survey
- 7 businesses have participated
- 15 agencies attended workshop sessions



4 STUDY OBJECTIVES

1. Develop a long-term strategy that addresses maintenance and safety
2. Build on the work of the Town’s TMP and Strategic Action Plan
3. Explore opportunities for roads to safely accommodate all modes
4. Ensure a balanced approach to planning that enhances quality of life

STUDY OUTCOMES



ENGINEERING

Transportation infrastructure improvements



ENGAGEMENT

A comprehensive consultation program



EVALUATION

Opportunities to monitor and improve performance



ENFORCEMENT

A strategic plan to support enforcement



EDUCATION

A communication strategy for various audiences



How does trucking impact Quality of Life?



SAFETY

Challenge to accommodate all users on routes with heavy truck traffic



INFRASTRUCTURE

Limited to locations with suitable infrastructure e.g. roads, bridges, etc.



SOCIAL

Provides employment opportunities for residents



ENVIRONMENT

Greenhouse gas emissions generated by trucking and increased congestion



BUSINESS

Supports economic development and growth within communities

What is being done about trucking now?

in Halton Hills...

- Implementation of intersection improvements identified in the Transportation Master Plan
- Halton Regional Police Service Truck Safety Blitzes throughout town and Halton Region
- Building relationships and active communication with quarries inside and outside of Halton Hills
- Developed a project website for the trucking strategy including information on current trucking in the Town
- The Town has undertaken road monitoring with traffic counters in select locations

outside Halton Hills...

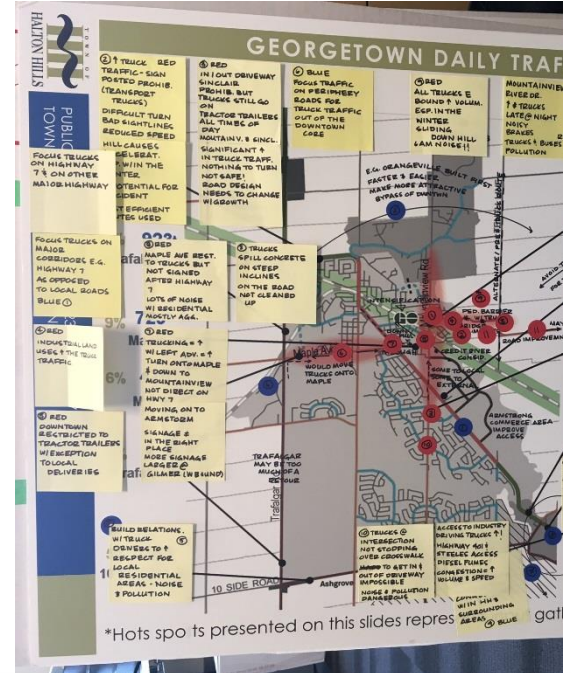
- Bolton and Orangeville constructed roadway by-passes around busy urban areas
- Hamilton Police Service held a 2-month campaign to increase truck route regulation compliance
- Peel Region created a goods movement task force to engage peer municipalities, the Province and private agencies
- MTO released the Freight Supportive Guidelines to help guide planning and engineering related to trucking
- The District of North Vancouver did a system evaluation of roadway classifications



What are people talking about?

During the first phase of the project, five consultation and engagement sessions were held to gather input from residents, stakeholders, technical agencies, businesses, and members of Council.

A number of key themes emerged from these discussions as well as unique ideas and input.



Challenges



Noise & pollution

Enforcement

Topography

Road maintenance



Growth & congestion

Speed

Safety of other users

Communication

Areas of Concern


- **7%** Georgetown South
- **50%** North Georgetown
- **28%** Surrounding rural areas


- Mountainview Road
- Acton
- Downtown areas
- Maple Avenue
- Winston Churchill Boulevard
- Highway 7
- Trafalgar Road
- River Drive





Phase 1 Key Themes

SAFETY: 
High speed and volume of truck traffic raises safety concerns

ROUTING: 
Various existing and future alternate routing options


TIME OF DAY: 
Balancing the impacts of peak hours vs. off-peak trucking

NOISE & VIBRATION: 
Impacts experienced particularly in residential areas

CONGESTION: 
Generated through high volume of trucks and roadway design


QUALITY OF LIFE: 
Proximity and impacts of trucking routes to communities


Potential Recommendations

ENGINEERING 
Consider the design of routes to accommodate a range of modes

ENGAGEMENT 
Design trucking networks to meet the needs of local industries as well as impact on residents

EVALUATION 
Assess and evaluate the involvement of partners and their contribution

ENFORCEMENT 
Establish a consistent approach at all levels to monitor and evaluate trucking impacts

EDUCATION 
Generate effective communication regarding rules, regulations and safe practices based on audiences

For more information visit:
haltonhills.ca/truckstrategy



Improving trucking together!

