

Highway 401 Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge Feasibility Study Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre # 1

The City of Cambridge and Regional Municipality of Waterloo have commenced a study to assess the feasibility of constructing a Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge over Highway 401 between Hespeler Road and Franklin Boulevard. The first PIC will present information about the study scope, problem, opportunities and constraints, preliminary alternatives, environmental and design considerations and draft evaluation criteria. The first PIC has been scheduled for:

Date: Wednesday June 24, 2009
Time: Drop in centre from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Cambridge Centre (near Charm Diamond Centres)
355 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, Ontario

The study has been initiated in recognition of Highway 401 as a physical barrier to pedestrians and cyclists. In May of 2008, City of Cambridge Council approved the Cambridge Bikeway Network Master Plan. The plan includes a recommendation for a future cyclist crossing of Highway 401 between Hespeler Road and Franklin Boulevard. The objective of the study is to identify the most appropriate location for a crossing of Highway 401 and to determine the cost and timing of subsequent steps.

The Study Area is bounded by the Franklin Boulevard 401 interchange to the east, the Hespeler Road 401 interchange to the west, Pinebush Road to the south and Holiday Inn Drive to the north as shown.

A key component of the study will be consultation with area stakeholders, including land owners, businesses, members of the public, and agencies. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held during the study. Information updates regarding the study will also be posted on the City's website at www.cambridge.ca. Details regarding the second PIC will be advertised as the study progresses.

The study will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Engineers Association "Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as Amended in 2007)".



If you have any questions or comments regarding the study, or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact:

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

* Please return by July 25th