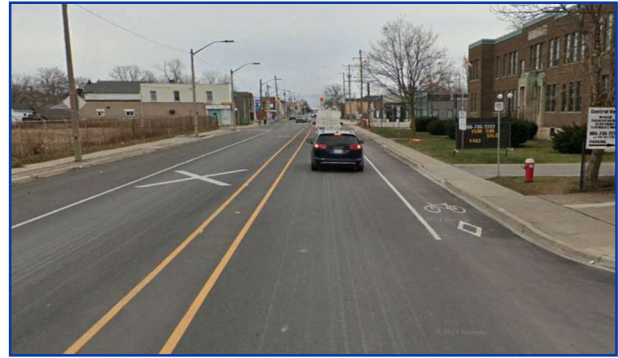
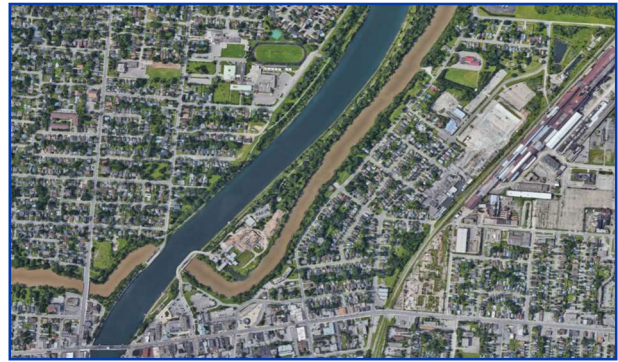




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Public Information Centre #1 Summary Report

Final

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1.0 Introduction

The City of Welland is a municipality in southern Ontario that resides within the Region of Niagara. The City boundary provides direct connection to many other municipalities within the Region, including the City of Thorold, the Town of Pelham, the Township of Wainfleet, the City of Port Colborne, and the City of Niagara Falls. There are approximately 56,000 residents currently living in Welland, with this number expected to increase to 83,000 by 2051. Furthermore, the City is anticipating substantial growth in industry, with the employment population anticipated to grow by 60% by 2051. To ensure that the City's transportation network is prepared for this demand, a Transportation Master Plan (TMP) study is being undertaken.

The purpose of the study is to create a guiding document that identifies key mobility issues within the City and outlines potential improvements for active transportation, accessibility, network connectivity, and multi-modal integration. By identifying key growth areas and existing capacity constraints, the TMP will enable the City to identify environmentally responsible infrastructure needs and opportunities, while considering the cost-effectiveness of each alternative.

As the TMP addresses Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process, two (2) public information centres are being held as part of the study. The public consultation seeks to ensure that the diverse interests and needs of all road users, business owners, and community residents, can be considered for the final recommendations.

1.1 Public Information Center

The first Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on February 1st, 2023, in the Community Room at City Hall from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The format of the PIC was an informal "Open House", with materials pertaining to the study on display for the public to view. Members of the project team, which included staff from the City of Welland and R.V. Anderson Associates Limited, were present to discuss the projects and concerns brought forwards by the attendees.

2.0 Stakeholders and Notification

In accordance with the MCEA process, notification to the public and stakeholders is required for public consultation. Notification of the PIC was provided through various avenues, as outlined below:

- **General Public**
 - Notice advertised on the Welland Tribune on January 19th and January 26th, 2023.
 - Notice posted on the City of Welland website on January 19th and January 26th, 2023.
- **Project Mailing List (Technical Agencies, Local Interest Groups, Indigenous Communities, and other parties who previously submitted comments or indicated interests in the project)**
 - Email containing the notice and details of PIC #1 sent on January 19th, 2023.

Refer to **Appendix 1** for copies of the published notifications and project mailing list.

3.0 Consultation Material

The purpose of the first PIC was to outline the details of the TMP study, and to receive input from the public on the key issues and constraints from a mobility perspective within the City.

The display boards exhibited at the first PIC are included in **Appendix 2**, and presented information on the following study components:

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| • Purpose of the TMP | • Potential Growth Areas |
| • Purpose of PIC #1 | • Region Network Improvements as per Region TMP (2017) |
| • Study Area | • Existing and Planned Active Transportation Network as per Community Trails Plan (2021) |
| • MCEA Process | |
| • Existing Road Network | • Next Steps |

In addition to the display materials outlined above, a 36" x 48" aerial display of the City of Welland was erected, which allowed meeting attendees to provide their input for specific

areas and/or corridors throughout the City. An image of the final display can be found in **Appendix 3**, complimented by a detailed list of the included comments.

Printed handout booklets containing the display material were provided to the attendees and digital copies of the display boards were made available on the City's website following the PIC.

4.0 Participation and Comment Summary

Attendees were requested to sign-in upon arrival at the PIC. Based on the information provided on the sign-in sheet, there were a total of 11 attendees, which included representation from the Niagara Region, Sunflower Cycling, Niagara Trail Maintenance Association (NTMA), Community Living Welland Pelham, City Council, and community residents.

Meeting attendees were encouraged to provide comments and feedback on the materials presented and the study in general. Comment forms were provided for attendees to complete. A total of six (6) comment forms were completed for the first PIC, with some additional feedback being provided through email. All of the comment forms and additional feedback are provided in **Appendix 3**.

A French language comment sheet was provided on the EngageWelland website, but no comments were received within the feedback period; this comment form is provided in **Appendix 3**.

4.1 Accommodation of Various Road Users

The responses showed a general consensus that there is ample room for cycling improvement within the City; more specifically, residents would like to see dedicated cycling facilities in the downtown area, as the existing bike lanes are discontinuous, unmarked, and/or not respected by drivers. According to the comments received, the lack of cyclist accommodation results in cyclists using the sidewalks, which can often result in hazardous walking and cycling conditions, as well as drivers being unsuspecting of oncoming cyclists. Furthermore, the responses noted that the community would like to see improved signage in the downtown area and along the canal paths for cyclists, as the lack of signage makes the cycling network less navigable.

A key corridor identified by respondents for improved accommodation of various modes was East Main Street, with other locations identified for signage improvements including Woodlawn Road at the Merritt Island, as well as Lincoln Street.

After the in-person PIC, a number of responses were received through email, all of which regarded the proposed trail between First Avenue and Page Drive, south of Cedar Park Drive. This recommendation was included *Community Trails Strategy Report (2021)*, and is identified as a short-term off-road trail. The responses received through email express concern with the recommended trail as it relates to wildlife protection, privacy, cost, practicality, and maintenance.

4.2 Areas with Excessive Driver Operating Speeds

East Main Street was identified by multiple responses as a corridor where operating speeds are excessive, with some responses indicating that speeding is a recurring issue throughout the whole City. Additional corridors that were identified were Canal Bank Street and King Street.

Some remedies that were recommended by respondents include traffic calming measures (i.e., speed bumps) in school zones or areas near parks, actuated traffic signals (signals that operate based on detection rather than fixed time), and reduced lane widths.

4.3 Intersections or Corridors with Operational Issues

Various corridors and intersections were identified by respondents as experiencing operational issues. These locations are listed below:

Corridors

- Thorold Road
- Rice Road
- Prince Charles Drive
- Niagara Street
- Woodlawn Road
- Ontario Road
- East Main Street
- Niagara Street
- Division Street

Intersections

- Townline Tunnel Road & Canal Road
- East Main Street & King Street
- All intersections & Niagara Street

4.4 New Road or Bridge Connections

Multiple residents expressed interest in providing improved multi-modal infrastructure along the Welland Canal Trail (Merritt Island). In addition, the responses showed significant interest in connecting the Welland Canal Trail to the existing network through dedicated cycling facilities and a bridge connection at the north end of Merritt Island.

Additional responses showed concern with the amount of intensification near Dain City and the City in general.

4.5 Other Issues or Opportunities

While the responses did not indicate specific issues, the transportation opportunities outlined by the attendees are as follows:

- Improved connectivity between municipalities for cyclists;
- Share the road partnership;
- Mountain biking trails;
- More dedicated cycling facilities;
- Secure bike storage areas;
- Improved multi-modal facilities in the downtown area; and
- Provide signage that identifies parks, as there are multiple parks that are currently identified.

5.0 Conclusions and Next Steps

The PIC provided an introduction of the project to the community and provided an opportunity for interested parties to provide their input. Comments on the various topics were received, with a number of trends becoming evident. Some of these trends are as follows:

- a. Respondents would like to see enhanced cycling infrastructure, preferably dedicated facilities, in the downtown core, along the Welland Canal Trail (Merritt Island), and along intermunicipal routes. Respondents would also like to see more secure bike storage throughout the City.
- b. Respondents would like to see enhanced multi-modal accommodation in the downtown area, as many pedestrians and cyclists do not feel safe with the existing infrastructure.
- c. Respondents feel there is significant opportunity to improve signage and safety for cyclists in the downtown area (specifically East Main Street) and near the Welland Canal Trail (Merritt Island).
- d. East Main Street is a concern for many respondents, as drivers are operating at excessive speeds and not respecting cyclists or pedestrians.
- e. There are a number of corridors and intersections, mostly throughout the centralized area of the City, that have been identified for exhibiting operational issues (congestion, safety, etc.) by respondents.
- f. Respondents expressed concern regarding the proposed trail that travels between First Avenue and Page Drive, south of Cedar Park Drive, with the primary concerns being wildlife protection, privacy, cost, practicality, and maintenance.

All comments received during the first PIC, as well as comments received after the first PIC via email, will be considered by the project team as alternatives for an improved transportation network are developed and evaluated.

5.1 Public Information Centre (#2)

The next PIC will be held in Spring/Summer 2023. The purpose of the second PIC will be to present the existing and future operational concerns from a traffic perspective, and to obtain further comments on localized transportation issues, overall network gaps, and desirable transportation outcomes for the City's network.

Items to consider for the format of the second PIC, based on the comments received, include:

- Use of the "Open House" format again.
- Provide enhanced online avenues (i.e., an interactive map that allows users to provide input on localized transportation concerns).
- Remind residents that the project resources are available on EngageWelland.
- Include information from the recently completed *Trails Strategy Plan (2021)* again, as it allows attendees to reference the existing trail recommendations within the City.

A Project File Report will be prepared following the second PIC incorporating comments received from stakeholders. The report will be made available to the public for review in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

APPENDIX 1

NOTIFICATION MATERIAL



APPENDIX 1-1

Notices



City on the Move Transportation Master Plan

Notice of Public Information Centre #1

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- Update and create transportation policies to support community vision.
- Update transportation section and schedules within the City Official Plan.
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▪ **Date:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023

▪ **Time:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

▪ **Location:** Welland City Hall
Community Room
60 E Main St, Welland, ON L3B 3X4

For More Information

For any questions or comments, or to be added to or removed from the study mailing list, please contact:

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From: Connor MacIsaac
Sent: January 19, 2023 10:13 AM
Cc: Livia McEachern
Subject: City of Welland Transportation Master Plan – City on the Move: Notice of Public Information Centre #1
Attachments: RVA226408-CityofWelland-TMP-Notice of PIC 1_vf.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the City of Welland, please find attached the Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 for the **City of Welland Transportation Master Plan (TMP), City on the Move**. The purpose of the first PIC will be to present preliminary information on the project and to receive input on the key opportunities and existing deficiencies in the City's transportation network that will be considered in the development of the TMP recommendations.

The PIC will be held as an informal "Open House" format with materials pertaining to the study on display and members of the project team on hand to answer questions and discuss issues related to the project. The details of the PIC are below:

Date: Wednesday, February 1st, 2023
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Location: Welland City Hall - Community Room, 60
E Main St, Welland, ON L3B 3X4

Please visit the project webpage at [City on the Move - Transportation Master Plan Study | Engage Welland](#), or contact the project team members listed on the attached notice for further information on the PIC or this project in general.

Regards,



Connor MacIsaac, ENV SP, EPT

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, EA & APPROVALS, TRANSPORTATION

t 905 685 5049 ext. 4218

a 43 Church Street, Suite 104, St. Catharines, ON L2R 7E1



APPENDIX 1-2

Technical Agency Stakeholder List



Welland Transportation Master Plan

Technical Agency Stakeholder Contact List

Contact	Title	Organization	Date Added to List	Date Removed from List	Notice of Study (date sent)	Notice of PIC #1 (date sent)
Federal Agencies						
Don Rocco	Supervisor	Canada Post			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Andrew Carrigan	Delivery Services Officer	Canada Post			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
McNeely, Michael	Regional Director, Surface	Transport Canada			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Anjata Puvananathan	Regional Director	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Brent Valere	Senior Fisheries Protection Program Biologist	Department of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Dale Nicholson	Regional Director	Department of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian	09-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Cheyenne Loon	Senior Environmental Advisor	Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs		08-Sep-22	08-Sep-22	
Shannon Doyle	Regional Manager, Lands	Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
John Schmied	Sr. Information Officer	Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Monique Forget	Senior Claims Analyst	Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Pauline Haarmeyer	Senior Land Negotiations Officer	Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Rob Dobos	Manager	Environment Canada		19-Jan-23	08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Alex Sirianni	Acting Manager, Program Delivery	Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Kitty Ma	Regional Environmental Health Assessment	Health Canada			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Indigenous Communities						
		Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council			08-Sep-22	
General Contact		Haudenosaunee Development Institute	19-Jan-23			19-Jan-23
Fawn Sault	Consultation Coordinator, Department of Consultation and Accommodation	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation		08-Sep-22	08-Sep-22	
Abby La Forme	Acting Consultation Coordinator	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	08-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Mark La Forme	Consultation Director	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	08-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Chief Stacey LaForme	Chief	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Robbin Vanstone	Consultation Supervisor	Six Nations of the Grand River			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Chief Ava Hill	Chief	Six Nations of the Grand River			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
CHIEF MARK B. HILL	Chief	Six Nations of the Grand River	19-Jan-23			19-Jan-23
Robbin Vanstone	Lands and Resources	Six Nations of the Grand River	19-Jan-23			19-Jan-23
Lonny Bomberly	Director of Lands and Resources	Six Nations of the Grand River			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Interest and Stakeholder Groups						
Caroline Bourque-Wiley	Manager, Communications	Niagara Health System		19-Jan-23	08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Harpreet Bassi	Vice President, Strategy, Planning and Engagement	Niagara Health System	19-Jan-23			19-Jan-23
Ed Lucchetta	President	Niagara Home Builders Association			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Kelly Jones	Chair	Board of Management			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Alexis Higginbotham	President				08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
John Clark	Chair	Board of Management			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Alanna Galeota	Treasurer, Seaway Mall	Doral Holdings Limited	20-Sep-22			19-Jan-23
Cassie Kelly	Manager of Engineering	St. Lawrence Seaway			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Elected Officials						
Adam Moote	Ward One Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	
Mary Ann Grimaldi	Ward One Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	
David McLeod	Ward Two Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	
Leo Van Vliet	Ward Two Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	
John Chiochio	Ward Three Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	

Contact	Title	Organization	Date Added to List	Date Removed from List	Notice of Study (date sent)	Notice of PIC #1 (date sent)
Sharmila Setaram	Ward Three Councillor	City of Welland	19-Jan-23			
Bryan Green	Ward Four Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	
Tony Dimarco	Ward Four Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	
Claudette Richard	Ward Five Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	
Graham Speck	Ward Five Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	
Bonnie Fokkens	Ward Six Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	
Jamie Lee	Ward Six Councillor	City of Welland	19-Jan-23		08-Sep-22	
Frank Campion	Mayor - City of Welland	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22	
Pat Chicchio	Councillor	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22	
Leanna Villella	Councillor	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22	
Municipal Departments, Committees and Services						
Clerk Bill Matson	Municipal Clerk	City of Niagara Falls			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Mathew Bilodeau	Manager of Transportation Engineering	City of Niagara Falls			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Sean Dunsmore	Manager of Engineering	City of Thorold			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Clerk Donna Delvecchio	Municipal Clerk	City of Thorold			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Sherri-Marie Millar	Director of Infrastructure Services	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Livia McEachern	Manager of Engineering	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Samantha McCauley	Senior Project Manager - Development	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Matthew Main	Infrastructure and Asset Manager	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Clerk Tara Stephens	Municipal Clerk	City of Welland		20-Jan-23	08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Nicolas Aiello	Policy Planner	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Clerk Ann-Marie Norio	Regional Clerk	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Jason Marr	Director of Public Works	Town of Pelham			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Clerk Nancy Bozzato	Municipal Clerk	Town of Pelham			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Christopher Kalimootoo	Director of Public Works	Town of Port Colborne		08-Sep-22	08-Sep-22	
Janice Peyton		Town of Port Colborne	08-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Clerk Nicole Rubli	Municipal Clerk	Town of Pelham			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Carolyn Ryall	Director, Transportation Services	Niagara Region		19-Jan-23	08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Joe Tonellato	Director, Water and Wastewater Services	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Sulaf Alkarawi	Associate Director—Transportation Systems and Planning	Niagara Region		19-Jan-23	08-Sep-22	
Scott Fraser	Associate Director – Transportation Systems and Planning	Niagara Region	09-Jan-23			19-Jan-23
	Garbage and Recycling Collection	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Jennifer Wilson	Garbage and Recycling Collection	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Maged Elmadhoon	Manager, Transportation Planning	Niagara Region				
Wadd Siyam	Transportation Planning	Niagara Region	08-Sep-22		08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Rachelle Laroche	Manager of Planning	City of Welland		25-Aug-22		
Tara O'Toole	Development Planning Supervisor	City of Welland		19-Jan-23	08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Taylor Meadows	Acting, Development Planning Supervisor	City of Welland	19-Jan-23			19-Jan-23
Grant Munday	Director Planning and Development Services	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Ali Khan	Manager, Traffic/Parking/ Bylaws	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Craig Bowery	Supervisor of Parks and Forestry	City of Welland	07-Nov-22			19-Jan-23
Dave Steven	Supervisor of Parks, Sports Fields, Open Spaces & Cemeteries	City of Welland				19-Jan-23
Rob Axiak	Director of Community Services	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Aldo Parrotta	Member	Committee	03-Oct-22			19-Jan-23
Fraser Mowat	Staff Liaison but committee is empty, Customer Service Clerks	Committee			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Jack Tosta	Staff Liaison, Chief Building Official	Committee			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Kathleen Adams	Chair	Committee			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Jonathan Cecelli	Vice Chair	Committee			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Lina DeChellis	Manager, Economic Development	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Provincial Ministries, Agencies and Departments (Including Conservation Authorities)						

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Lisa Myslieki	Environmental Advisor	Infrastructure Ontario		08-Sep-22	08-Sep-22	
Colleen Fitzgerald-Hubbell	Director	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Environmental Management Branch			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Adam Redish	Assistant Deputy Minister	Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Infrastructure Policy Division			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Anika Rasheed	Senior Policy & Strategic Advisor	Ministry of Indigenous Affairs			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Bill Friend		Ministry of Labour			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Alex Earthy	Senior Housing Advisor	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Tammy Verhaeghe	District Manager	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Guelph District			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
David Marriott	District Planner	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Guelph District			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Kingsley Laurin	Director	Ministry of the Attorney General, Aboriginal Justice Division		08-Sep-22	08-Sep-22	
Sylvain Campbell	Provincial Officer, Niagara District Office	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks, Niagara District Office		08-Sep-22	08-Sep-22	
	EA Notification	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks, Niagara District Office			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Michael Spencer	Surface Water Group Leader	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks, West Central Region			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Barb Slattery	EA/Planning Coordinator	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks, West Central Region		08-Sep-22	08-Sep-22	
Joan Del Villar Cuicas	Regional Environmental Planner	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	09-Sep-22			19-Jan-23
Jennifer Hay	Regional Advisor	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Jonathan Boone	Head - Construction and Engineering	Ministry of Transportation			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Shawn Aurini	Head Corridor Management (West)	Ministry of Transportation	08-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Teepu Khawja	Regional Director - Central Region	Ministry of Transportation, Central Region Office			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Glenn Dunphy	Regional Manager	Ministry of Transportation, Regional			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Marcelo Gruosso	Senior Director	Niagara Parks Commission, Engineering, Parking & Transportation			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
David Deluce	Manager, Plan Review & Regulations	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Natalie Green	Project Manager, Niagara River Remedial Action Plan	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Joshua Diamond	Water Quality Specialist	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Taran Lennard	Watershed Planner	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Mausam Duggal	National Director, Transportation Planning	WSP			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Susan Murray	VP Communications and Operations	Friends of the Greenbelt			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Kim Peters	Senior Strategic Advisor	Niagara Escarpment Commission			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Rail, Goods Movement and Transit						
Paul Robinson	General Manager of Operations	Gio-Rail	08-Sep-22		08-Sep-22	
		Gio-Rail	19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Jackie Sapp	Manager of Public Works	Canadian National Railway			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Edward Zahra	Manager of Transit	City of Welland		19-Jan-23	08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23

Contact	Title	Organization	Date Added to List	Date Removed from List	Notice of Study (date sent)	Notice of PIC #1 (date sent)
		Medi-Trans			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
		Niagara Chair-A-Van			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Matt Robinson	Director, GO Implementation Office	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Scott Fraser	Transportation Lead, GO Implementation	Niagara Region		08-Jan-23	08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Ann Erb	Coordinator - Welland	Niagara Student Transportation Services	12-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Mark Doyle	Assistant Director	Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS)	26-Sep-22			19-Jan-23
Heather Kyle		Niagara Student Transportation Services	12-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Terri Capone		Niagara Student Transportation Services			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Christine Wolverton	Wolverton Transport & Logistics Inc.	Canadian Niagara Power Inc. Planning			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Utilities						
Bill McKenzie	Manager	Bell Canada, Niagara Implementation			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Patrick Beaudoin	Engineer	Canadian Niagara Power Inc., Planning		20-Jan-23	08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Jeff Hoover	Engineering Supervisor	Canadian Niagara Power			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
John Pandykoski	System Project Planner	Cogeco Cable-Hamilton/Niagara		08-Sep-22	08-Sep-22	
Chase Peterson		Cogeco Cable Inc.		08-Sep-22	08-Sep-22	
Derek Black	City of Welland Planner	Cogeco	19-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Rhonda Nicholson		Enbridge Consumers Gas			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Rob D'Onofrio	Planning and Design	Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Ann Newman	Supervisor	Enbridge Pipelines Inc., Right-of-Way Services			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Darlene Quilty	Planning Coordinator	MHBC Planning, Urban Design & Landscape Architecture			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Kaitlin Webber	Planner	MHBC Planning, Urban Design & Landscape Architecture	21-Sep-22			19-Jan-23
Mark Kuhlmann	Construction Coordinator	Niagara Region Broadband Networks			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Dean Norton	Advisor	Ontario Power Generation, Public Affairs and Property Management		08-Sep-22	08-Sep-22	
	Supervisor, Right of Way	Trans Canada Pipelines			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Ian Chisholm	Maintenance Manager	TransCanada Pipelines, Maple/Niagara Facilities			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Tom Wilga		Welland Hydro			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Emergency Services						
Carol Taylor		Niagara Regional Police		08-Sep-22		
Mathieu Lemay	GIS Analyst	Niagara Regional Police		19-Jan-23	08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Adam Eckhart	Fire Chief	Welland Fire and Emergency Services			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
		Niagara Ambulance Communications			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
		Welland Fire and Emergency Services			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Education						
Warren Hoshizaki	Director of Education (Busing?)	District School Board of Niagara			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
John Crocco	Director of Education & Secretary/Treasurer	Niagara Catholic District School Board		19-Jan-23	08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23
Camillo Cipriano	Director of Education	Niagara Catholic District School Board	19-Jan-23			19-Jan-23
Kathy Levinski	Manager, Plant Operations	Niagara Catholic District School Board			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23

APPENDIX 2

PIC #1 DISPLAY MATERIALS





City of Welland Transportation Master Plan

City on the Move

Welcome

Public Information Centre #1

February 1, 2023

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE SIGN IN

Please review the materials and provide your comments on the sheets available, or online, by February 22, 2023.

Staff are available to answer your questions.



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Purpose of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP)

The TMP will provide the City with long-term (2051) transportation strategies to support existing and further transportation needs. Specific goals are to:

- Connect residential, commercial, and industrial areas.
- Enhance active transportation (cycling and pedestrian).
- Promote safe, environmentally responsible, and accessible transportation.
- Promote links to areas of growth, neighbouring municipalities, and key transport corridors.
- Update and create transportation policies to support community vision.
- Update transportation section and schedules within the City Official Plan.
- Create a capital plan to meet the City's future transportation needs.



Purpose of the PIC # 1

Based on feedback from the first stakeholder working group meeting, opportunities to improve the City's transportation network include:

- Improving connectivity for vehicles and cyclists to Dain City, regional roads, and adjacent municipalities (Pelham);
- Improving accessibility and number of sidewalks;
- Improving capacity, accessibility, and operations at key intersections in response to ongoing growth; and
- Reducing traffic speeds in areas where sidewalks and / or dedicated cyclist facilities are not provided.

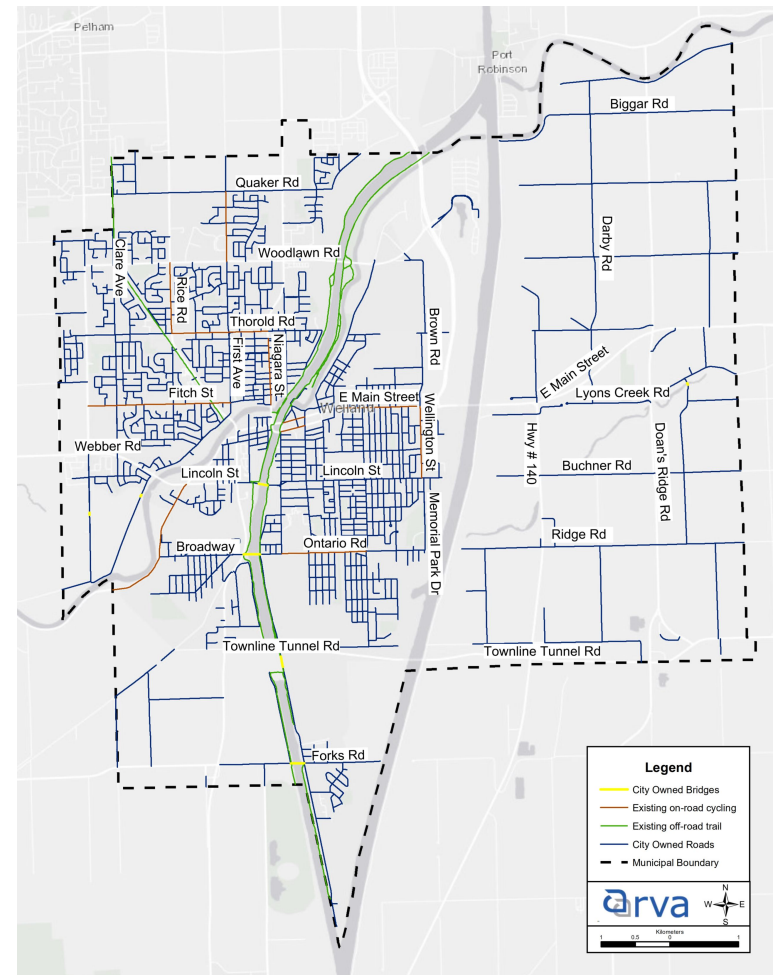
The purpose of this PIC is to present and obtain comments on the key opportunities and existing deficiencies in the City's transportation network.

Study Area

The TMP will review, assess and develop recommendations for City-owned transportation facilities (Roads, Bridges, Trails and Multi-Use Paths).

The TMP will supplement improvements to infrastructure that the City does not own, such as:

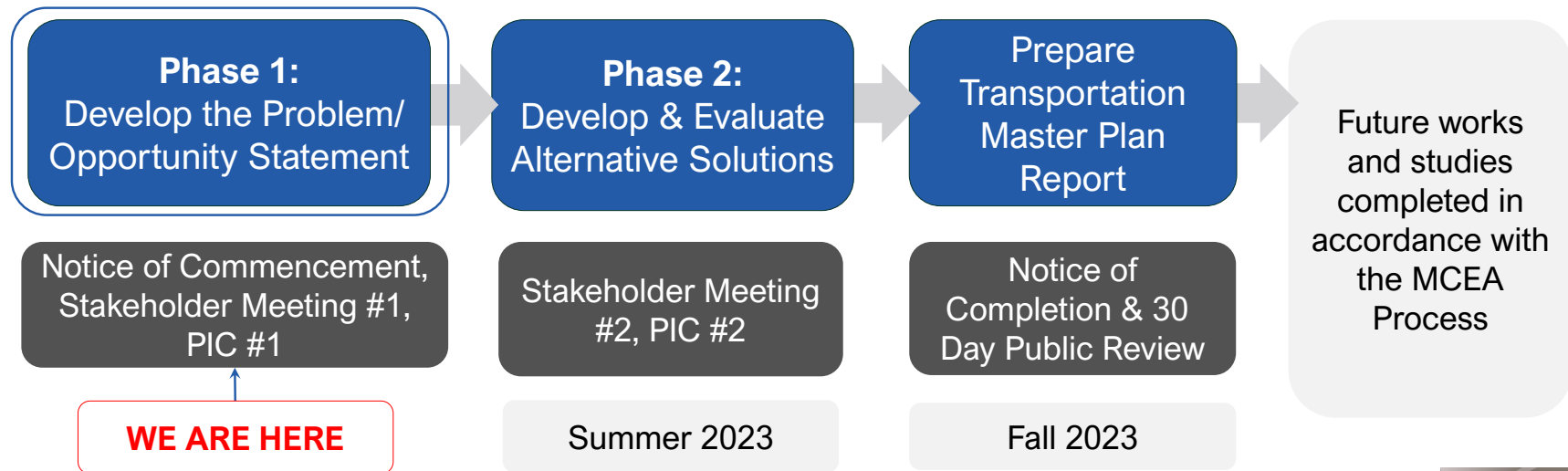
- Regional Roads and transit operations;
- Provincial infrastructure such as highways; and
- Federal infrastructure such as the Welland Canal and railway lines.

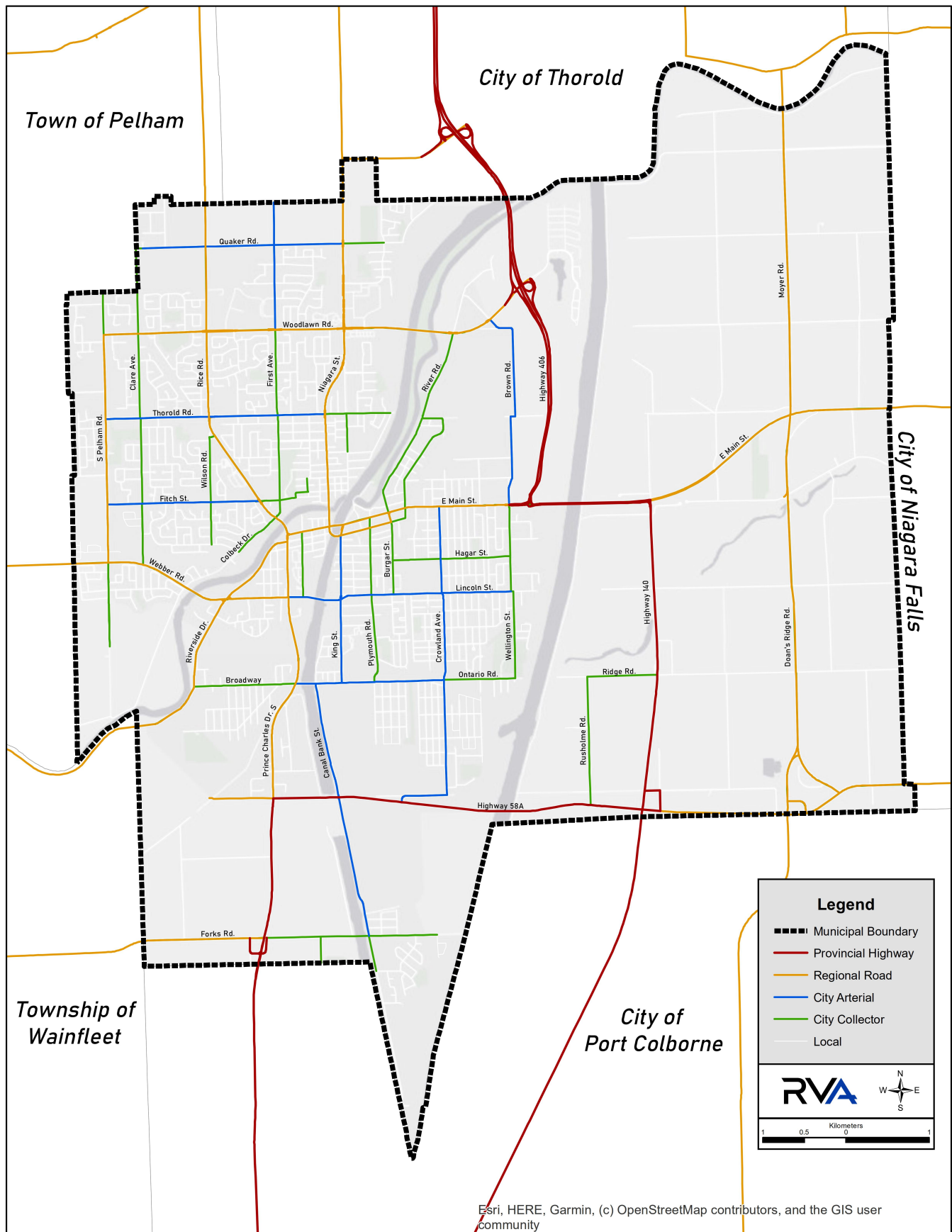


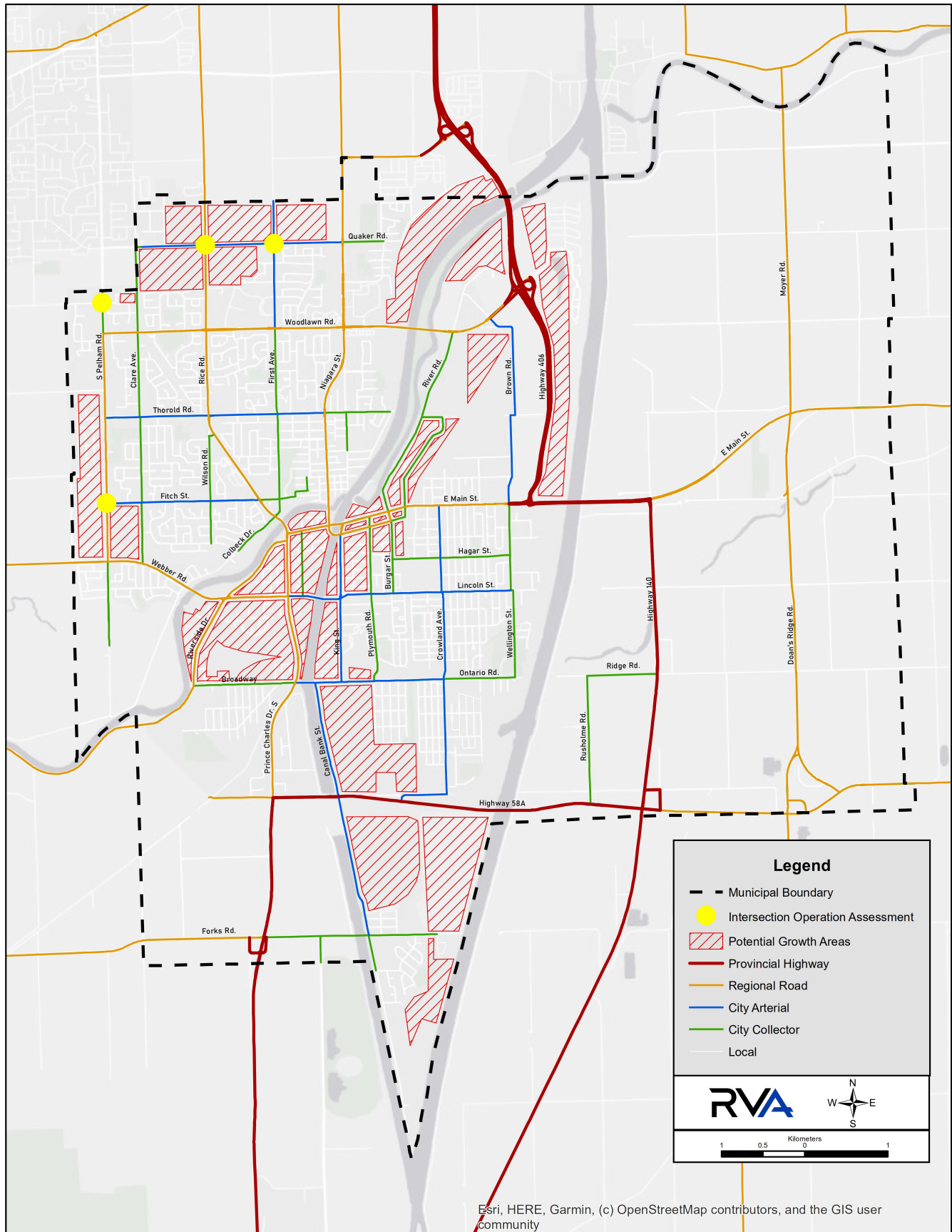


Transportation Master Plan - MCEA Process

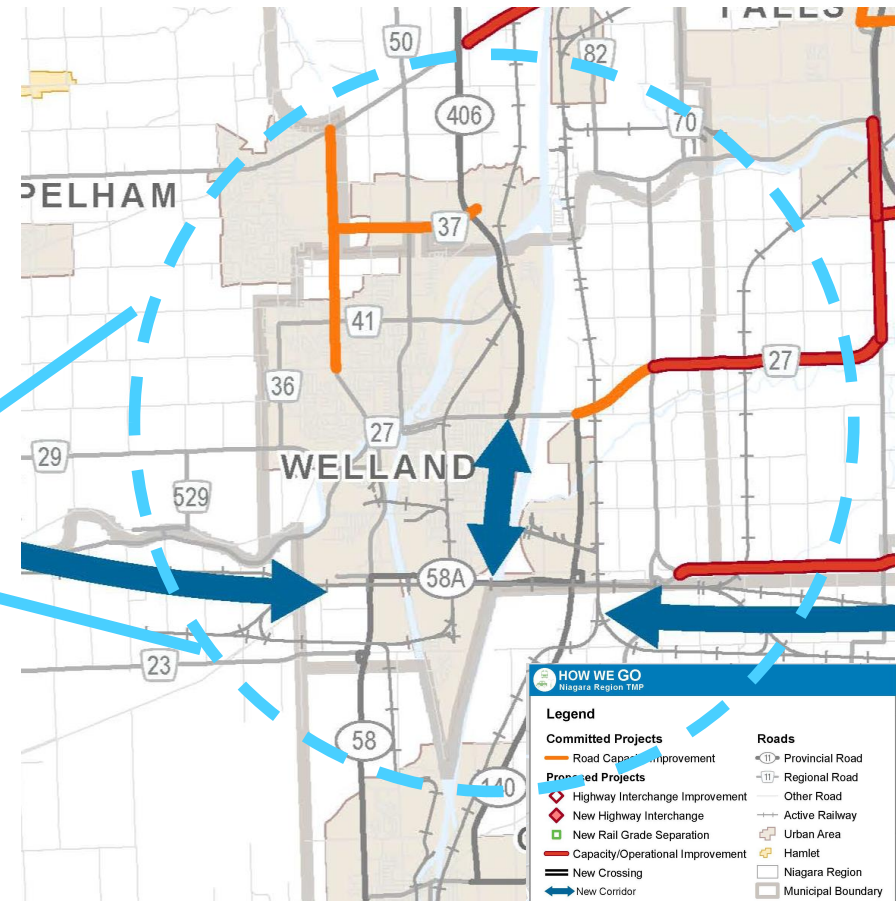
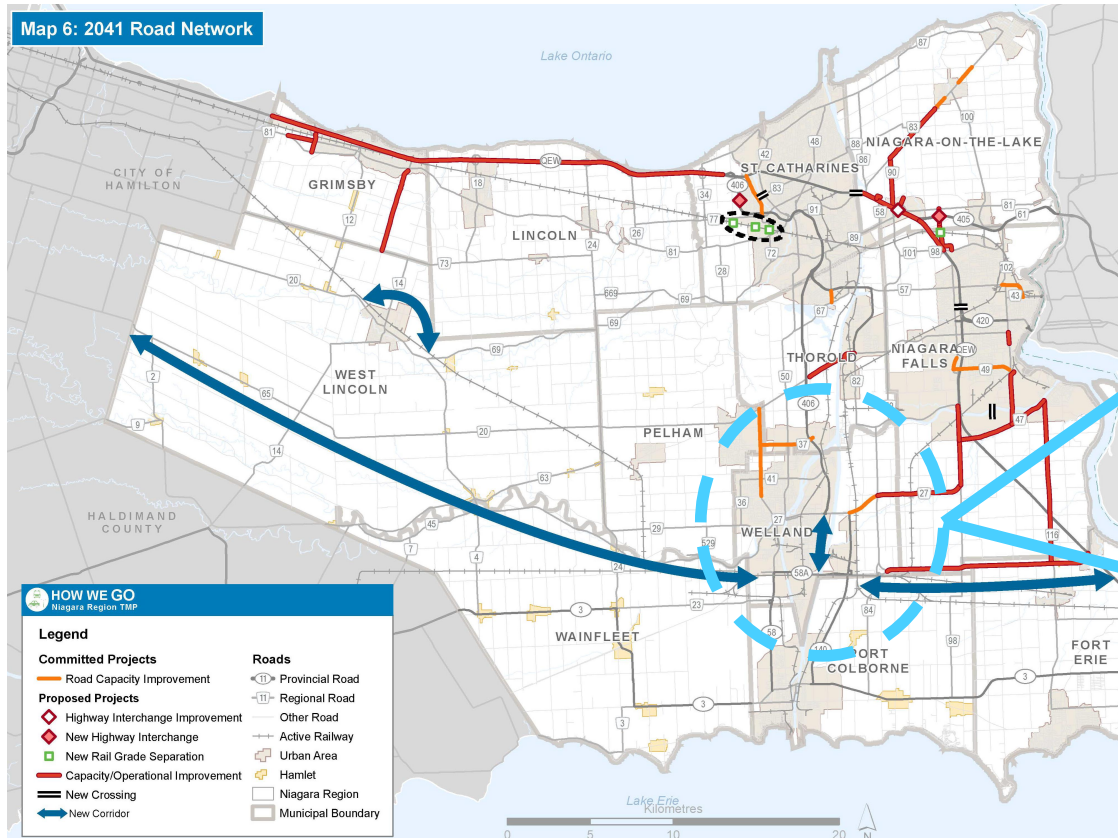
- The TMP is being completed in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process for Master Plan Approach #1.
- This is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.
- The MCEA process allows for a transparent decision making and alternative evaluation process in consideration of the natural, cultural, social and economic environment.







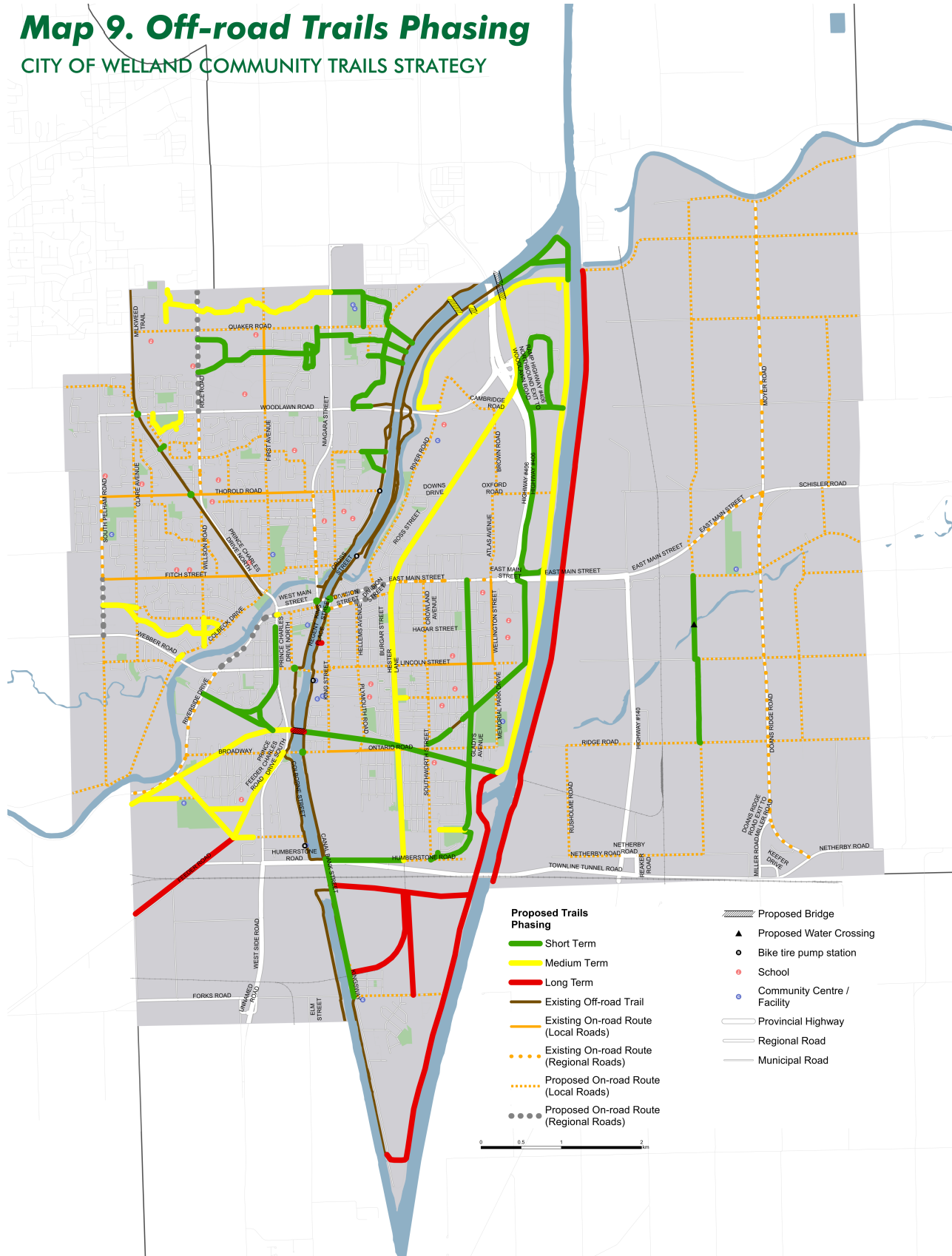
Regional Road Network Improvements within Welland



Map 6: 2041 Road Network. Niagara Region Transportation Master Plan, IBI. (2017)

Map 9. Off-road Trails Phasing

CITY OF WELLAND COMMUNITY TRAILS STRATEGY



Map 9: Off-road Trails Phasing. City of Welland Community Trails Strategy, WSP. (202)



Next Steps

- Review and compile the existing issues and opportunities in the City's transportation network in consideration of input received today.
- Develop recommendations to address the issues and opportunities in the City's transportation network.
- Hold the second Stakeholder Working Group and Public Information Centre to receive input on the study recommendations (Summer 2023).
- Prepare Transportation Master Plan Report and Issue Notice of Study Completion (Fall 2023).



Thank You!

Thank you for your participation!

Please place comments in the comment box or send comment sheet via mail or email by February 22, 2023, to:

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Infrastructure Services

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You can also learn more about the project online at

<https://www.engagewelland.ca/transportation-master-plan-study>

APPENDIX 3

PUBLIC INPUT



APPENDIX 3-1

Comment Sheets and Public Input



City of Welland Transportation Master Plan – City on the Move
Public Information Centre No. 1, February 1, 2023 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

Comment Form

NAME:

EMAIL (OPTIONAL):

MAILING ADDRESS (OPTIONAL):

1. Please identify your concerns as they pertain to the following study components:

a) How do you feel the City streets accommodate the various modes/users (accessibility, active transportation, transit, trucks, etc.)? Can you think of any missing links in the cycling or walking network?

Horrible; not cleaned; unmarked; limited.

b) Are there areas where you experience excessive traffic speeds? What do you think might help address speeding in these areas?

Canal Bank; King;

and the pathway behind SNRC is closed, there is no way to get to PC. (can't ride Hwy 58) (Budget will fix this but in the meantime)

c) Are there any intersections or roads where you experience operation issues (i.e., long intersection queues, traffic jams)?

townline & canal Bank.
Ontario Road.

d) Are there any areas you feel would benefit from a new road or bridge connection?

→ Bike lane on the canal pathway → Merritt Island & along the canal. When riding, folks walking/running have car fumes and do not hear a bell.

→ more bike repair station throughout the city.

e) Are there any other issues or opportunities to improve the City's transportation network you would like the project team to consider?

Share the Road "partnership"

mountain bike trails

2. Do you have any other comments regarding the study/study area or other materials presented?

more \$ facilities on Clonkey
ca bike indoor facilities
greatly appreciated!

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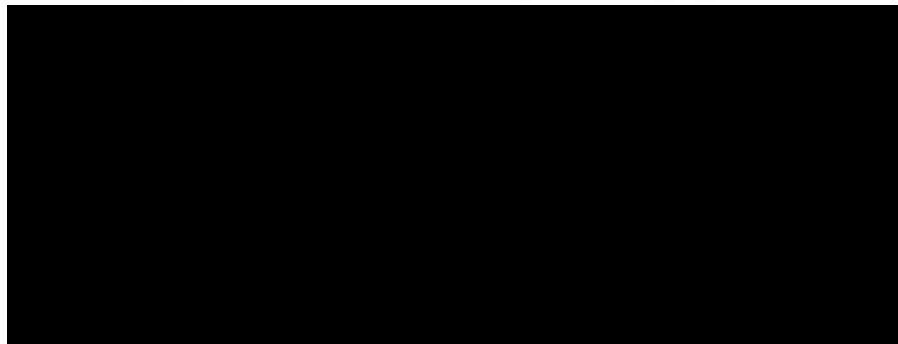
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I am interested in joining
the "Active Transp. Committee"



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I enjoy seeing cycling lanes but they often seem dangerous as cars still travel close to users. Separated cycling lanes are preferred.

b) Are there areas where you experience excessive traffic speeds? What do you think might help address speeding in these areas?

Welland has many wide roads and this promotes speed. If it is comfortable to go fast, drivers will go fast.

c) Are there any intersections or roads where you experience operation issues (i.e., long intersection queues, traffic jams)?

N/A - I'm from St. Catharines where traffic is a real issue

d) Are there any areas you feel would benefit from a new road or bridge connection?

Multi-use trail - Merit trail Railway crossing area ~~could be~~ area could use a bridge to connect to other side.

e) Are there any other issues or opportunities to improve the City's transportation network you would like the project team to consider?

- seperated Bike lanes in high traffic area.
- safe cycling parking area. (security is a concern)

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no.

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- unclear direction for trails ~~along~~ ^{along} waterway ~~near~~ on either side of Bridge 13
- too many confused cyclists in downtown area as to trail direction
- ~~staggered~~ staggered bike lanes along length of East Main, inconsistent

b) Are there areas where you experience excessive traffic speeds? What do you think might help address speeding in these areas?

- East Main Street
- instead of timed lights, metered lights at crosswalks. i.e. if driving down E Main, one could smoothly drive down E Main without lights stopping them; place pedestrian crossings with buttons to ~~slow~~ slow the traffic flow

c) Are there any intersections or roads where you experience operation issues (i.e., long intersection queues, traffic jams)?

- E Main & King
- Main & Niagara & Division: hazardous to pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers
- ~~people~~ drivers need to slow down!

d) Are there any areas you feel would benefit from a new road or bridge connection?

~~Don't~~ Dain City, but bridge is being rebuilt

e) Are there any other issues or opportunities to improve the City's transportation network you would like the project team to consider?

cyclists, pedestrians, drivers in the downtown area especially near Bridge B. I've either been hit by drivers, cyclists on sidewalks, and other hazards as both a pedestrian and cyclist. I expect more users of active transportation and drivers only increase volume and hazard.

2. Do you have any other comments regarding the study/study area or other materials presented?

Very clear presentation of materials
I also previously engaged with trails system consultation.
Glad to see both active transportation AND driving being planned.
This is the city "where trails and water meet"!

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- lack of signage for cyclists, particularly inconvenient at east main st, where the pathway along canal meets Bridge 13 on West side. Cyclists carrying bicycles down stairway leading into portette known as Guerrilla Park.

b) Are there areas where you experience excessive traffic speeds? What do you think might help address speeding in these areas?

Every city street in Welland deals with this as an issue.
* East Main St. equals a drag strip *

c) Are there any intersections or roads where you experience operation issues (i.e., long intersection queues, traffic jams)?

- main streets + Niagara st intersection
- east main street from 406 - Bridge 13

d) Are there any areas you feel would benefit from a new road or bridge connection?

yes.

e) Are there any other issues or opportunities to improve the City's transportation network you would like the project team to consider?

yes, please contact, too many to fill into this field.

2. Do you have any other comments regarding the study/study area or other materials presented?

public input limited to in person meeting
- couldn't find survey on Engage Welland
- no interactive map for residents to mark areas of concern digitally.

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There is a great ^{lack} of signage on the Canal Paths. Visiting cyclists encounter unidentified features. No signage to identify the 406, Woodlawn Rd, Main St., Lincoln St. Merritt's ~~Island~~ Park is not identified at Woodlawn Island

b) Are there areas where you experience excessive traffic speeds? What do you think might help address speeding in these areas?

[Empty lines for response]

c) Are there any intersections or roads where you experience operation issues (i.e., long intersection queues, traffic jams)?

[Empty lines for response]

d) Are there any areas you feel would benefit from a new road or bridge connection?

A pedestrian/cyclist bridge at the railway trestle at the north end of Merritt Island would be helpful.

[Empty lines for response]

e) Are there any other issues or opportunities to improve the City's transportation network you would like the project team to consider?

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There are many lovely parks that have no name/are unidentified. Visitors do not know where, for instance, Lynbrook Park is located. There are about 20 parks unidentified.

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I find the City is pretty walkable, especially on busy/main streets. There needs to be more accessibility for cyclists' safety.

- b) Are there areas where you experience excessive traffic speeds? What do you think might help address speeding in these areas?

Speed bumps around schools/parks. I heard there are speed cameras coming to the city but not sure if it's just a cash grab. How worth it are they going to be for the cost to implement them?

- c) Are there any intersections or roads where you experience operation issues (i.e., long intersection queues, traffic jams)?

Thorold Rd / Rice Rd / Prince Charles Drive is quite busy and having the new development in that area is going to make it worse. Niagara St / Woodlawn Rd. is also quite congested.

- d) Are there any areas you feel would benefit from a new road or bridge connection?

That really all depends on where the City keeps building. They're building too much too fast when they have 10 years to complete the requirements of the housing portion of the plan.

- e) Are there any other issues or opportunities to improve the City's transportation network you would like the project team to consider?

Definitely more connectivity to other cities via cycling. I know the NRT is in place now so I can't speak to its effectiveness yet. But that is helpful for those on foot get from one city to the next.

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I didn't find the maps as clear as they should be. I'm not deaf, but if they're not clear to me, they're not clear to others.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2023 2:30 PM
To: Connor MacIsaac; livia.Meachern@welland.ca
Subject: Re: City of Welland Trail Inquiry to NPCA

[CAUTION EXTERNAL EMAIL] Make Sure that it is legitimate before Replying or Clicking on any links

On Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 9:12 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks for the response.

We have been discussing with our Ward 4 Councilors, one vehemently opposed and the other in basic agreement, and he has published on his FB page the short term approved plan which starts with Ward 4 and includes this trail.

We have filed a petition with the city signed by over 70 homeowners in this area, none, of whom were even aware of any plans for the backyards, in addition a notice of motion is being filed.

We are looking for support from NPCA if and when they do file with your organization.

The homeowners have maintained this green space for between 25 to 45 years depending if you lived on Cedar Park or Whiteoak that back on to each other and the stream, cutting lawns, managing trees, shrubs, it is home to many species of wildlife and to put an asphalt trail thru this green lung area is, well, ridiculous, especially since there are 5 streets from First Ave to Page Dr that connect to pathways in place at Page already

With green space already at risk, adding this, to a 30m-40m wide space with the stream in middle is another example. Also, as far as anyone knows, no one from the consulting firm, was even in this immediate area to see it, look at impact, and understand the implications

We will continue to work thru the city, however, look to your support of the only green space right now in the middle of a neighborhood here in the north end

Thank you for your time and interest as this moves on

[REDACTED]

On Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 8:52 AM David Deluce <ddeluce@npca.ca> wrote:

Good Morning,

I received your inquiry about the City proposing to build a trail along the stream between 1st Avenue and Page Drive, south of Cedar Park Drive. While the NPCA does regulate this stream, we have not received any applications from the City to establish a trail there. I understand that the City is working on a Transportation Master Plan and through that process they have identified this area as a potential future trail. I recommend that if you have concerns with a trail being located there, you advise the City of your concerns through their master plan process as this is the appropriate time for that. The project web page can be found here: [City on the Move - Transportation Master Plan Study | Engage Welland](#).

I hope this is helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

David Deluce, MCIP, RPP

Senior Manager, Environmental Planning & Policy

Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

[250 Thorold Road West](#), 3rd Floor

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From: Livia McEachern <livia.mceachern@welland.ca>
Sent: February 16, 2023 4:40 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Connor MacIsaac
Subject: RE: Trails plan

Categories: Resident Comments

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Hello [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email and your comments. If I understand correctly you are referring to Map 9: Off-road Trails Phasing, which is from the City's 2022 Community Trails Strategy. You may access additional information on the City's website at <https://www.engagewelland.ca/community-trails-strategy>. I will ensure that your comments are provided to Community Services and your comments become part of the Transportation Master Planning process.

Thank you,



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2023 2:49 PM
To: cmacisaac@rvanderson.com; Livia McEachern <livia.mceachern@welland.ca>
Subject: Trails plan

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Please consider the emails forwarded to you as comments/feedback as per the form in communications (having some difficulty with it unfortunately)

It is unfortunate that members of our area were unaware of any plans, meetings, comments etc until around first week of Feb and therefore were unable to attend or comment for the public forums



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2023 2:27 PM
To: livia.Mceachern@welland.ca; Connor MacIsaac
Subject: Welland Trails plan
Attachments: PrescribedFormOfPetition.pdf

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Attached is a copy of petition that has been sent to City Clerk with over 70 signatures of homeowners around the proposed trail plan that impacts the green space between our homes on Cedar Park Dr and Whiteoak Cr in Welland (these homes back on to each other)

We have just become aware of this plan in past 10 days and had zero knowledge .

Myself and possibly a few others may forward emails that have been sent to City Councillors, City, NPCA, Niagara Regional Councillors etc.

We , as a community, in this area, are completely against the plan to impact this green space.

Further emails will follow

Thank you
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 16, 2023 2:29 PM
To: Connor MacIsaac; livia.Meachern@welland.ca
Subject: Fwd: Petition / feedback re Pathway

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From: Councillor Bryan Green <bryan.green@welland.ca>
Date: Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 12:44 PM
Subject: Re: Petition / feedback re Pathway
To: [REDACTED]

Thank you. I'll contact City Clerk about getting petition onto our agenda.



Bryan Green

Welland City Councillor - Ward 4

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 13, 2023 12:38 PM
To: Councillor Bryan Green
Subject: Re: Petition / feedback re Pathway

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Petition with 71 signatures delivered to City Clerk at 12.35 pm today



On Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM Councillor Bryan Green <bryan.green@welland.ca> wrote:

Hello. Thank you for the update. The sooner the better to receive the petition. Bryan



Bryan Green

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: February 12, 2023 6:50 PM
To: Councillor Tony DiMarco; Councillor Bryan Green
Subject: Petition / feedback re Pathway

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I have spent the past few days circulating a petition and meeting neighbours...I have over 3 pages of signatures...only 2 households knew what I was talking about , the rest, this was first time hearing about the pathway/trail.

Of all the households only one , I repeat one , did not want to sign.

I have heard stories about a break-in, thefts from backyards, damage to property, garbage, stolen property hidden under shrubs in area.

Comments about the city's lack of maintenance in the area, at times, misuses with grass cutting , because" the tractors don't like to mow on side hills.

I can assure you the community here will do what required to prevent this from being built.

Once petition is finalized with some more signatures, I will turn over for presentation



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From: Livia McEachern <livia.mceachern@welland.ca>
Sent: February 16, 2023 9:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Connor MacIsaac
Subject: RE: Plan to pave our green belt

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Hello [REDACTED]

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Subject: Fwd: Plan to pave our green belt

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Hello,

I am writing to you as I have recently become aware of a short term plan to build a path on the greenbelt area that runs behind the houses on Cedar Park Drive and Whiteoak Crescent in the north end of Welland. Please forgive that I am not submitting a comment form from your meeting on February 1st as I don't feel it is applicable to my neighborhood's situation.

I am very upset about this plan as I can see no benefit to adding a paved walking path behind houses when on either street (less than a block to the north and south) there are perfectly good sidewalks. I do realize this path will run longer than just behind our houses and will connect Rice Road to the canal lands, however from the map I have seen the most disruptive part of this plan is to the peaceful greenspace that runs from First Avenue to Page Drive behind the houses in our neighborhood.

I would like to point out what I believe to be a rather long list of detriments of this plan:

- 1) Environmentally, cutting down trees and digging up the natural grass space to put down tarmac will impede the "green lung" we currently enjoy. As you are well aware, pavement absorbs the sun which then heats up the earth, not to mention the smell tarmac emits when heated. To quote Joni Mitchell decades ago "They paved paradise and put up a parking lot".
- 2) Wildlife - we have an extensive variety of wildlife that calls this greenbelt their home including squirrels, rabbits, skunks, raccoons and most recently a red fox. Their habitat will be completely disrupted.
- 3) As homeowners, our neighbourhood (Cedar Park Drive) has spent the past 20+ years maintaining and tending the green space as if it was ours. I invite the city council to come and see the beauty of this space as it is now before they send in the big trucks to destroy what is there.
- 4) I am concerned about the maintenance of the path. In the immediate, the picking up of garbage and anything discarded (including possible grocery carts) and in the future the cracking, heaving and erosion of the path as it ages. How much is this going to cost in perpetuity and is it sustainable or will it become neglected as the years go by?
- 5) I am concerned about how close the path will be to the creek that runs in the middle of this green space as it fills to the top during the spring thaw and every time we have significant rainfall. Have we considered that a child could fall in and drown?
- 6) I am concerned that our privacy and safety will be threatened as many of us do not have fences which could result in higher insurance premiums.
- 7) I am concerned our property values will decrease as we paid a premium for our lot when we purchased it because of the beautiful green space.
- 8) I am concerned with the amount of money this is costing the city even though you are receiving a federal grant (also a squandering of our tax dollars) when the money could go to supporting a much better need. Our property taxes are one of the highest in the region, I would like to think you would be able to spend the money on those that need it.
- 9) We have wonderful walking paths along the canal that encourages activity which makes total sense. Why do we need a path that runs from Rice Road to the Zehrs parking lot? It serves no benefit that I can see. We have beautiful neighbourhoods with sidewalks for those who want fresh air and exercise use on a regular basis. As a matter of fact, wouldn't the money be better spent to continue the sidewalk on Quaker Road to Niagara Street?
- 10) Walking paths are a fine idea when included in the design of a new neighbourhood, not when pushed into a space for which it was not intended.

I thank you for your time in reading my letter and for any consideration you might give this before you meet to discuss the implementation of the plan.

[REDACTED]

1. Hi - I cannot attend the meeting due to conflict with work schedule, but would like to be able to provide a question or comment on the Active Transportation components for this PIC. Will there be a second date? Thanks!

Joe M, 19 Jan 2023, 12:15

1. Hello,

My apologies for the delayed response. Your question did not trigger a notification and your message was unfortunately missed until now. However, it is still possible to submit comments and/or questions for the Transportation Master Plan Public Information Center #1. Alternatively, there will be a second Public Information Center held later in the year.

Should you wish to submit any comments or questions for Public Information Center #1, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at livia.meachern@welland.ca.

Thank you,

Livia McEachern, Manager of Engineering

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2. Will this plan impact the residents already extremely high, property tax rates? These need to be reduced and not inflamed by changes to the population and workforce changes. We can not piggyback higher taxes on top of super high, unmanaged government spending and inflationary taxes.

DavidvsGoliath , 19 Jan 2023, 17:25

1. Hello,

My apologies for the delayed response. Your question did not trigger a notification and your message was unfortunately missed until now. Tag the question

The Transportation Master Plan will not impact property tax rates. The purpose of the report is to provide the City with recommendations that will help assist with prioritizing future capital projects, thus ensuring responsible spending.

Should you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly at livia.meachern@welland.ca.

Thank you,

Livia McEachern, Manager of Engineering

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3. what provisions are being made now to ensure that transportation traffic levels will remain consistent/proportional given that traffic volumes are set to increase significantly as part of the city's plan to accommodate an 85% population growth over the next 20 years?

SUPPRESSION IS VIOLENCE, 5 Apr 2023, 11:59

1. Hello and thank you for your email submission.

The Transportation Master Plan Study is part of continued planning by the City to ensure that infrastructure replacements and improvements are put in place to successfully manage the City's future growth. Along with the Master Plan, individual Traffic Impact Studies are completed as part of the submission requirements for significant developments. Recommendations from the Master Plan will help form the City's short-term and long-term capital budget planning city-wide, while localized Traffic Studies will identify development specific requirements.

If you have any additional comments or questions please reach out to me directly at livia.mceachern@welland.ca.

Regards,

Livia McEachern, Manager of Engineering

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4. Put my name on list to be informed of meetings

Jack, 15 Sep 2022, 13:26

1. Hello Jack,

Thank you for your question.

Please send your preferred contact information to livia.mceachern@welland.ca and I will be happy to provide you with notification in advanced of public meetings.

Respectfully,

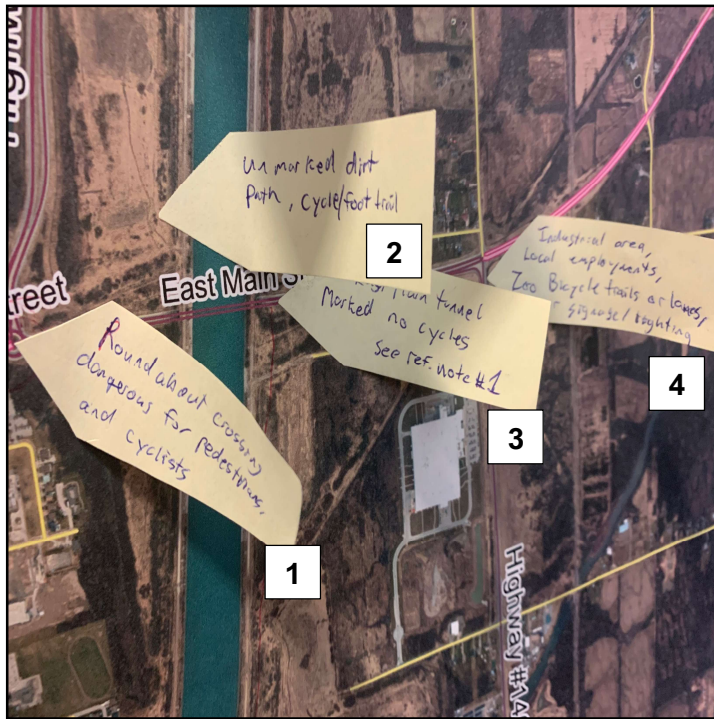
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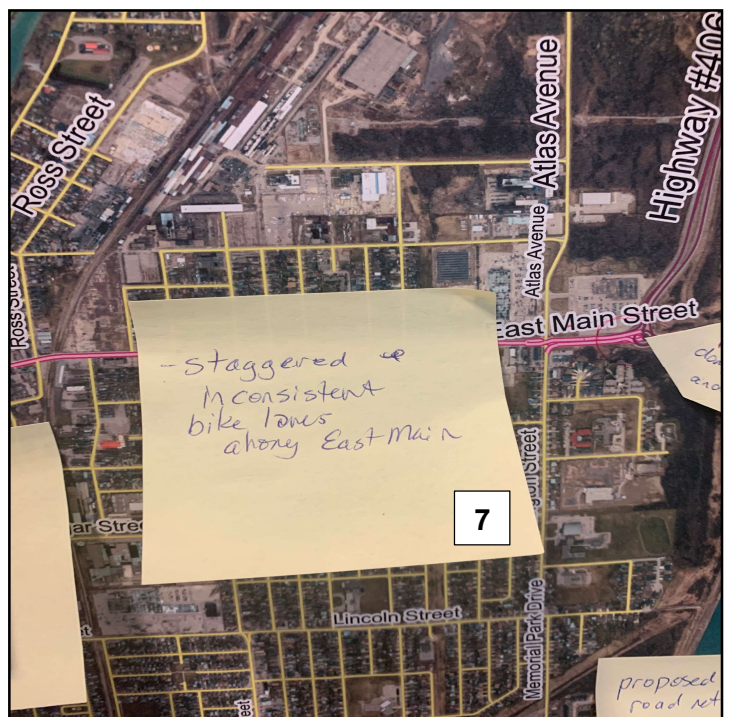
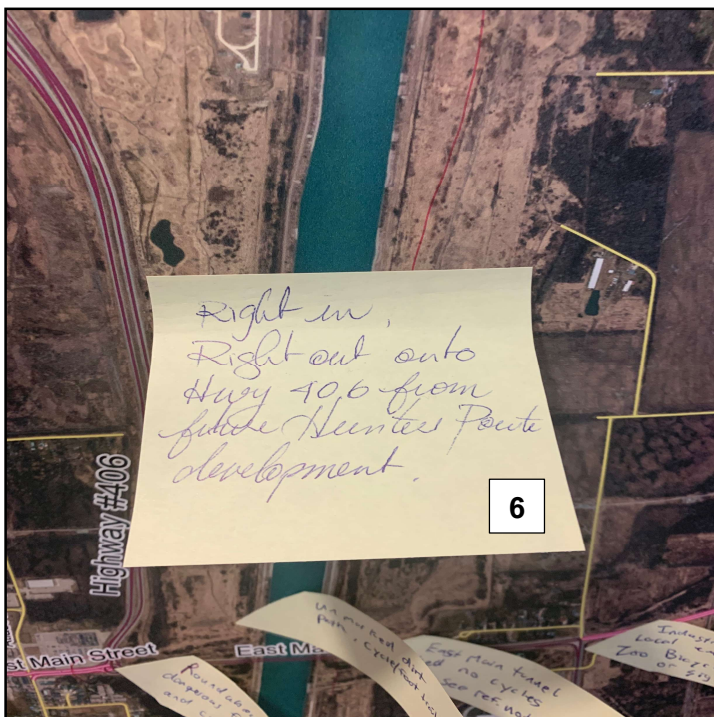
Aerial Photo with Sticky Tab Comments



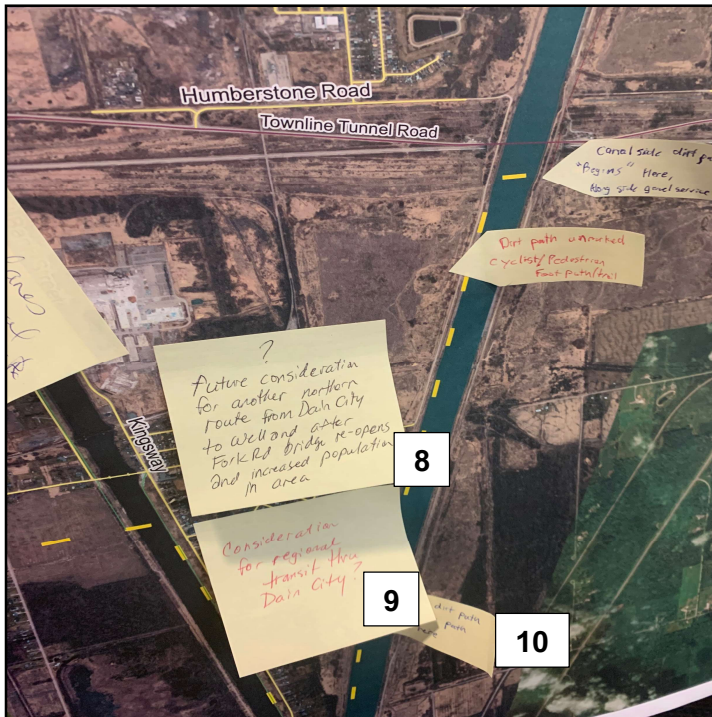


1. Roundabout crossing dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.
2. Unmarked dirt path, cycle/foot trail.
3. East Main tunnel marked no cycles.
4. Industrial area, local employments, zero bicycle trails or lanes, or signage/lighting.

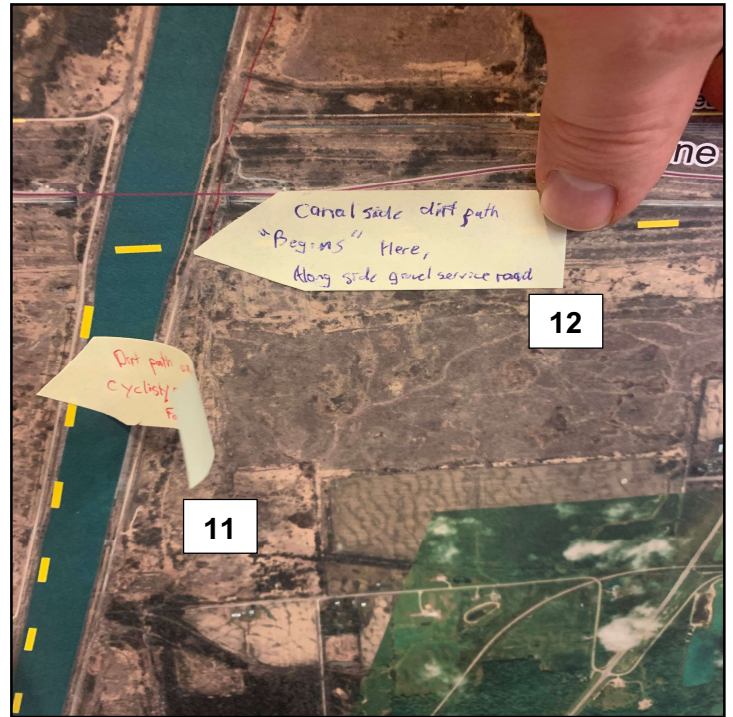
5. Dirt trail/pathway located here, unrecognized by the City of Welland.



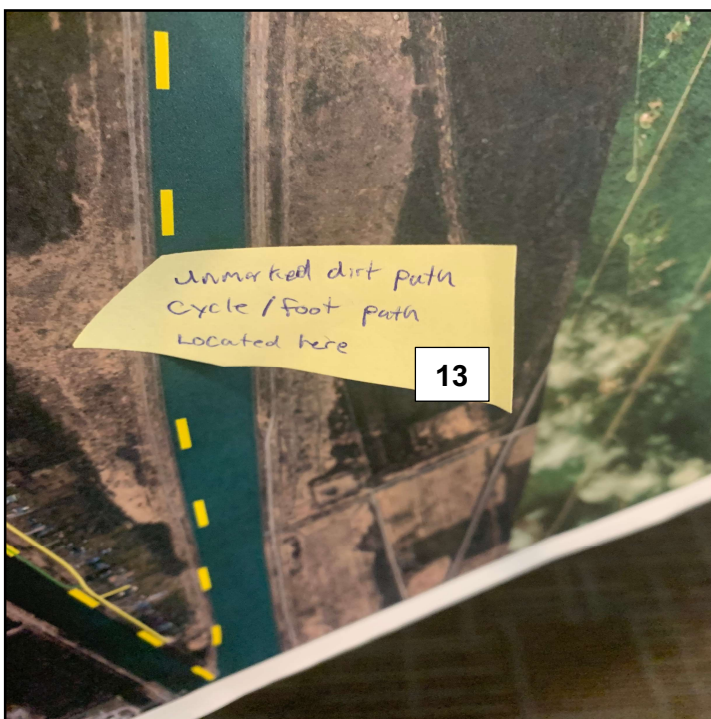
7. Staggered and inconsistent bike lanes along East Main.



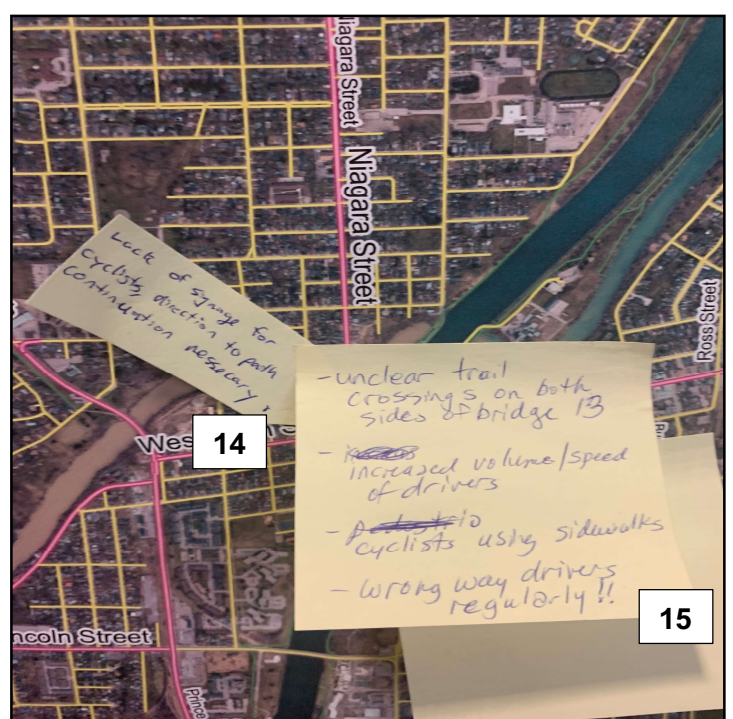
8. Future consideration for another northern route from Dain City to Welland after Fork Road bridge re-opens and increased population in area?
9. Consideration for Regional transit through Dain City?
10. Unmarked dirt path cycle/foot path located here.



11. Dirt path unmarked cyclist/pedestrian foot path/trail
12. Canal side dirt path "begins" here, alongside gravel service road.



13. Unmarked dirt path cycle/foot path located here.



14. Lack of signage for cyclists, direction to path continuation necessary.
15. Unclear trail crossings on both sides of Bridge 13; increased volume/speed of drivers; cyclists using sidewalks; wrong-way drivers regularly.

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French Language Comment Sheet



Plan directeur des transports de la Ville de Welland - Une ville en mouvement
Centre d'information publique no 1, le 1er février 2023 (de 18 h à 20 h)

Formulaire de commentaires

NOM:

COURRIEL:
(FACULTATIF)

ADRESSE POSTALE:
(FACULTATIF)

1. Veuillez indiquer vos préoccupations en ce qui concerne les éléments suivants de l'étude:

a) Selon vous, comment les rues de la ville répondent-elles aux besoins des différents modes/utilisateurs (accessibilité, transport actif, transport en commun, camions, etc.) Pouvez-vous penser à des maillons manquants dans le réseau cyclable ou pédestre?

b) Y a-t-il des zones où la vitesse de circulation est excessive? À votre avis, qu'est-ce qui pourrait aider à réduire la vitesse dans ces zones?

c) Y a-t-il des intersections ou des routes où vous rencontrez des problèmes de fonctionnement (c'est-à-dire de longues files d'attente aux intersections, des embouteillages)?

d) Y a-t-il des zones qui, selon vous, bénéficieraient d'une nouvelle route ou d'un nouveau pont?

e) Y a-t-il d'autres problèmes ou possibilités d'améliorer le réseau de transport de la ville que vous voudriez que l'équipe du projet prenne en considération?

2. Avez-vous d'autres commentaires concernant l'étude/la zone d'étude ou d'autres documents présentés?

Veillez faire parvenir vos commentaires d'ici le 22 février 2023 à:

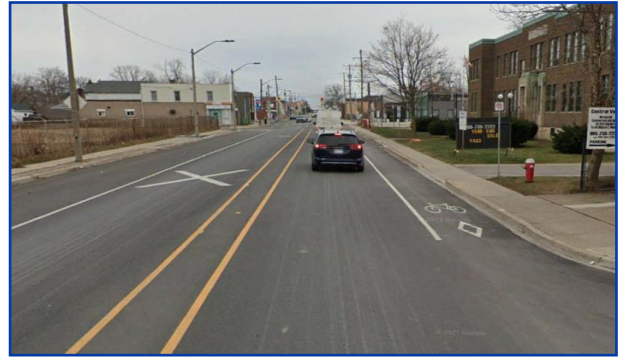
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Veillez utiliser du papier supplémentaire si nécessaire pour compléter vos commentaires.

À l'exception des renseignements personnels, tous les commentaires feront partie du dossier public de l'étude. L'étude est menée conformément aux exigences de l'évaluation environnementale municipale, qui est un processus de planification approuvé en vertu de la Loi sur les évaluations environnementales de l'Ontario.

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Transportation Master Plan – City on the Move

Public Information Centre #2 Summary Report

Final

January 31, 2024





Transportation Master Plan City on the Move

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City of Welland

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RVA 226408

January 31, 2024

**City of Welland Transportation Master Plan
City on the Move
PIC #2 Summary Report**

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1.0 Introduction

The City of Welland is a municipality in southern Ontario that resides within the Region of Niagara. The City boundary provides direct connection to many other municipalities within the Region, including the City of Thorold, the Town of Pelham, the Township of Wainfleet, the City of Port Colborne, and the City of Niagara Falls. There are approximately 56,000 residents currently living in Welland, with this number expected to increase to 149,000 by 2051. Furthermore, the City is anticipating substantial growth in industry, with the employment population anticipated to grow by 88% by 2051. To ensure that the City's transportation network is prepared for this demand, a Transportation Master Plan (TMP) study is being undertaken.

The purpose of the study is to create a guiding document that identifies key mobility issues within the City and outlines potential improvements for active transportation connectivity, road network connectivity, development/updating of policy documents including traffic calming and multi-modal integration. By identifying key growth areas and existing capacity constraints, the TMP will enable the City to identify environmentally responsible infrastructure needs and opportunities, while considering the cost-effectiveness of the preferred alternative solution.

As the TMP addresses Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process, two (2) public information centres were held as part of the study. The public consultation seeks to ensure that the diverse interests and needs of all road users, business owners, and community residents, are considered in the final recommendations.

1.1 Public Information Centers

The first Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on February 1st, 2023, at the City Hall and the Final PIC # 1 Summary Report was submitted on April 19, 2023. The PIC #2 was held on November 29th, 2023, in the Community Room at the City Hall from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. The format of the PIC was an informal "Open House", with materials pertaining to the study on display for the public to view. Members of the project team, which included staff from the City of Welland and R.V. Anderson Associates Limited, were present to discuss the projects and concerns brought forward by the attendees.

2.0 Stakeholders and Notification

In accordance with the MCEA process, notification to the public and stakeholders is required for public consultation. Notification of the PIC was provided through various avenues, as outlined below:

- **General Public**
 - Notice advertised on the Welland Tribune on November 16th and November 23rd, 2023.
 - Notice posted on the City of Welland website on November 16th, 2023.
 - A Media Release was distributed via email on November 13th, 2023.
- **Project Mailing List (Technical Agencies, Local Interest Groups, Indigenous Communities, and other parties who previously submitted comments or indicated interests in the project)**
 - Email containing the notice and details of PIC #2 sent on November 16th, 2023.

Refer to **Appendix 1** for copies of the published notifications and project mailing list.

3.0 Consultation Material

The purpose of the second PIC was to present and obtain feedback on the proposed improvement alternatives identified in the study and the preferred set of improvements.

The display boards exhibited at the second PIC are included in **Appendix 2**, and presented information on the following study components:

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| • Purpose of the TMP | • Road Cross Sections |
| • Summary of feedback from PIC #1 | • Active Transportation Connectivity |
| • Transportation Planning Model Inputs and Results | • Existing and New Policy Documents |
| • Road Classification Assessment | • Next Steps |

Display boards were posted to the project webpage following the PIC and were made available until December 20th, 2023, to obtain feedback.

4.0 Participation and Comment Summary

Attendees were requested to sign-in upon arrival at the PIC. Based on the information provided on the sign-in sheet, there were a total of 5 attendees, which included representation from the Niagara Region, Sunflower Cycling, Niagara Trail Maintenance Association (NTMA), Community Living Welland Pelham, City Council, and community residents.

Meeting attendees were encouraged to provide comments and feedback on the materials presented and the study in general. Comment forms were provided for attendees to complete. One (1) comment form was completed for the second PIC, with some additional feedback being provided through email. A summary of the comments received is provided in Table 4.1. All the comment forms and additional feedback are provided in **Appendix 3**.

Table 4.1 Summary of Comments Received

Topic of Comments Received	Comments Summary
Cycling Infrastructure	Cycling infrastructures need improvement on E. Main Street and Division Street. Improvements to signage for cycling routes as cyclists are often getting lost in downtown when following the cycling path. A multi-use cycling trail along the new canal to Dain City was suggested by a resident.
Traffic Calming Measures	Traffic calming measures are suggested to be implemented on E. Main Street as there are concerns from business owners about traffic volumes and speeding.
Motorized Recreational Vehicles	Consider motorized recreational vehicles on roads. These vehicles should have their own trails, or safety measures should be implemented on shared trails.
Walkable Downtown	A walkable downtown should be created. Crosswalks should have buttons, not timers. Street parking on E. Main Street may need to be re-evaluated. Ensure safe use of sidewalks and cycling lanes.
Future Road Connection Between Hunters Pointe lands & Oxford Road	Planning Consultants representing 2599587 Ontario Ltd. for a proposed residential subdivision are concerned about a future road connection identified in the TMP. Council included requirements for an overpass, though historically there have been concerns about maintenance costs and logistics of constructing one. Previously, City staff were also concerned with introducing residential traffic into an emerging industrial area. It is understood that the identification of a future road in this location does

	not limit the connection to an overpass only, but they are concerned that there is no clarification language provided.
Multi-Use Paths	A resident noted that further discussion regarding path locations and tie-in of the North Welland Trails Connection would have been useful. Given the backlash from residents, it would be worthwhile to ensure trails and multi-use paths are being implemented in areas where needed.
Safety Measures Around Parks	Residents would like to see additional safety measures implemented around parks, like Chippawa Park for example. Vehicles are travelling too fast down First Avenue, creating a safety risk for children crossing the street.

5.0 Conclusions and Next Steps

The PIC provided a review of the transportation planning model, road classification assessment, and proposed improvements to be implemented in the Transportation Master Plan. Comments on the various topics were received, with a number of trends becoming evident. Some of these trends are as follows:

- a. Respondents would like to see enhanced cycling infrastructure, additional signage, and safety measures for cyclists in downtown Welland.
- b. Respondents are hopeful that the multi-use paths will tie-in well with the North Welland Trails.
- c. Respondents would like to see additional safety measures implemented near parks and schools to enhance safety for children.

All comments received during the second PIC, as well as comments received after the second PIC via email, will be considered by the project team as the preferred set of improvements are finalized for the Transportation Master Plan.

5.1 Transportation Master Plan Report

Now that two PICs have been held as part of this study and a preferred set of improvements have been identified, a Draft Transportation Master Plan Report will be prepared for the City's review. The Draft Report will include the proposed set of improvements within the City of Welland to accommodate the projected employment and population by 2051 horizon and provide consideration to the comments/ feedback that was received from public and technical agencies throughout the duration of this study.

APPENDIX 1

NOTIFICATION MATERIAL



APPENDIX 1-1

Notices





City on the Move

Transportation Master Plan

Notice of Public Information Centre #2

The Study

The City of Welland is developing a Transportation Master Plan (TMP), City on the Move, to provide the City with long-term road network and active transportation strategies that will support both existing needs and accommodate further projected population and employment growth.

The Master Plan will aim to:

- Connect residential, commercial, and industrial areas.
- Enhance active transportation (cycling and pedestrian).
- Promote safe, environmentally responsible, and accessible transportation.
- Promote links to areas of growth, neighbouring municipalities, and key transport corridors.
- Update and create transportation policies to support community vision.
- Update transportation section and schedules within the City Official Plan.
- Create a capital plan to meet the City's future transportation needs.

The study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of Master Plan Approach #1 of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000, amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is an approved process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. This approach involves the preparation of a Master Plan document at the conclusion of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class EA process.

Public Information Centre #2

We invite you to participate in the second of two **Public Information Centres (PIC)** to be held as part of the TMP. The purpose of this PIC is to present and obtain feedback on the proposed improvement alternatives identified in the study, the preliminary evaluation of alternatives, and the preferred set of improvements. The PIC will be held as an informal "Open House" format with materials pertaining to the study on display and members of the project team on hand to answer questions and discuss issues related to the project.

Date: Wednesday, November 29th, 2023

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Location: Welland City Hall - Community Room, 60 E Main St, Welland, ON L3B 3X4

For More Information

For any questions or comments, or to be added to or removed from the study mailing list, please contact:

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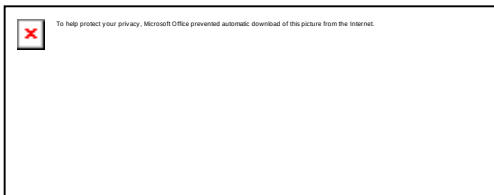
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Media Release

Community invited to City on the Move, Transportation Master Plan PIC #2

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 13, 2023

Welland, ON – The second of two Public Information Centres (PIC) for Welland's [Transportation Master Plan](#) is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall.

The PIC allows residents to provide feedback and input on the plan's direction.

Dubbed a City on the Move, the plan provides Welland with a long-term road network and active transportation strategies to support existing and accommodate projected population and employment growth.

"As the City grows, we are collaborating with residents to develop a transportation plan that can meet current and future needs," said Livia McEachern, the engineering manager. "The primary objective of the PIC is to involve the residents and provide a reliable transportation system that they can trust."

The Master Plan aims to:

- Connect residential, commercial, and industrial areas.
- Enhance active transportation (cycling and pedestrian).
- Promote safe, environmentally responsible, and accessible transportation.
- Promote links to areas of growth, neighbouring municipalities, and key corridors.
- Update and create transportation policies to support community vision.
- Update transportation section and schedules within the City's Official Plan.
- Create a capital plan to meet the City's future transportation needs.

The purpose of this PIC is to present and obtain feedback on the proposed improvement alternatives identified in the study, the preliminary evaluation of alternatives, and the preferred set of improvements. The PIC will be held in an informal "Open House" format with materials pertaining to the study on display and

members of the project team on hand to answer questions and discuss issues related to the project.

The masterplan aligns with the City of Welland's strategic commitment of livability, enhancing mobility and improving ways to efficiently move people throughout the city.



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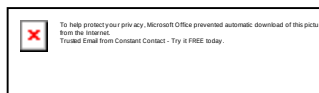
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APPENDIX 1-2

Technical Agency Stakeholder List



Contact	Title	Organization	Date Added to List	Date Removed from List	Notice of Study (date sent)	Notice of PIC #1 (date sent)	Notice of PIC #2 (date sent)
Federal Agencies							
Don Rocco	Supervisor	Canada Post			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Andrew Carrigan	Delivery Services Officer	Canada Post			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
McNeely, Michael	Regional Director, Surface	Transport Canada			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Anjata Puvananathan	Regional Director	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Dale Nicholson	Regional Director	Department of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian	09-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Shannon Doyle	Regional Manager, Lands	Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
John Schmied	Sr. Information Officer	Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Pauline Haarmeyer	Senior Land Negotiations Officer	Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Alex Sirianni	Acting Manager, Program Delivery	Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Kitty Ma	Regional Environmental Health Assessment Coord	Health Canada			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Indigenous Communities							
General Contact		Haundenosaunee Development Institute	19-Jan-23			19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Abby La Forme	Acting Consultation Coordinator	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	08-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Mark La Forme	Consultation Director	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	08-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Chief Stacey LaForme	Chief	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Robbin Vanstone	Consultation Supervisor	Six Nations of the Grand River			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
CHIEF MARK B. HILL	Chief	Six Nations of the Grand River	19-Jan-23			19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Interest and Stakeholder Groups							
Barb Evans		Niagara Health System	08-Nov-23				16-Nov-23
Harpreet Bassi	Vice President, Strategy, Planning and Engagement	Niagara Health System	19-Jan-23			19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Kelly Jones	Chair	Board of Management			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Alexis Higginbotham	President				08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
John Clark	Chair	Board of Management			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Alanna Galeota	Treasurer, Seaway Mall	Doral Holdings Limited	20-Sep-22			19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Cassie Kelly	Manager of Engineering	St. Lawrence Seaway			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Elected Officials							
Adam Moote	Ward One Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22		
Mary Ann Grimaldi	Ward One Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22		
David McLeod	Ward Two Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22		
Leo Van Vliet	Ward Two Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22		
John Chicchio	Ward Three Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22		
Sharmila Setaram	Ward Three Councillor	City of Welland	19-Jan-23				
Bryan Green	Ward Four Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22		
Tony Dimarco	Ward Four Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22		
Claudette Richard	Ward Five Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22		
Graham Speck	Ward Five Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22		
Bonnie Fokkens	Ward Six Councillor	City of Welland			08-Sep-22		
Jamie Lee	Ward Six Councillor	City of Welland	19-Jan-23		08-Sep-22		
Frank Campion	Mayor - City of Welland	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22		
Pat Chicchio	Councillor	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22		
Leanna Vilella	Councillor	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22		
Municipal Departments, Committees and Services							
Clerk Bill Matson	Municipal Clerk	City of Niagara Falls			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Mathew Bilodeau	Manager of Transportation Engineering	City of Niagara Falls			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Sean Dunsmore	Manager of Engineering	City of Thorold			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Clerk Donna Delvecchio	Municipal Clerk	City of Thorold			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Sherri-Marie Millar	Director of Infrastructure Services	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Livia McEachern	Manager of Engineering	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Samantha McCauley	Senior Project Manager - Development	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Matthew Main	Infrastructure and Asset Manager	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Nicolas Aiello	Policy Planner	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23

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Clerk Ann-Marie Norio	Regional Clerk	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Jason Marr	Director of Public Works	Town of Pelham			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Clerk Nancy Bozzato	Municipal Clerk	Town of Pelham			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Janice Peyton		Town of Port Colborne	08-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Charlotte Madden	Acting City Clerk	City of Port Colborne	2023-11-16				
Joe Tonellato	Director, Water and Wastewater Services	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Scott Fraser	Associate Director – Transportation Systems and Planning	Niagara Region	09-Jan-23			19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
	Garbage and Recycling Collection	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Jennifer Wilson	Garbage and Recycling Collection	Niagara Region			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Maged Elmadhoon	Manager, Transportation Planning	Niagara Region					16-Nov-23
Frank Tassone	Director, Transportation Services	Niagara Region	19-Oct-23				16-Nov-23
Wadd Siyam	Transportation Planning	Niagara Region	08-Sep-22		08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Taylor Meadows	Acting, Development Planning Supervisor	City of Welland	19-Jan-23			19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Grant Munday	Director Planning and Development Services	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Ali Khan	Manager, Traffic/Parking/ Bylaws	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Dave Steven	Supervisor of Parks, Sports Fields, Open Spaces & Cemeteries	City of Welland				19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Rob Axiak	Director of Community Services	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Aldo Parrotta	Member	Committee	03-Oct-22			19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Fraser Mowat	Staff Liaison but committee is empty, Customer Service Clerks	Committee			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Jack Tosta	Staff Liaison, Chief Building Official	Committee			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Kathleen Adams	Chair	Committee			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Ather Shabbar		Committee	08-Nov-23				16-Nov-23
Lina DeChellis	Manager, Economic Development	City of Welland			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23

Provincial Ministries, Agencies and Departments (Including Conservation Authorities)

Colleen Fitzgerald-Hubbl	Director	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Environmental Management Branch			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Bill Friend		Ministry of Labour			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Alex Earthy	Senior Housing Advisor	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Tammy Verhaeghe	District Manager	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Guelph District			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
David Marriott	District Planner	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Guelph District			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
	EA Notification	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks, Niagara District Office			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Michael Spencer	Surface Water Group Leader	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks, West Central Region			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Joan Del Villar Cuicas	Regional Environmental Planner	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	09-Sep-22			19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Jennifer Hay	Regional Advisor	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Angelo Pilla		Ministry of Transportation	16-Nov-23				16-Nov-23
Teepu Khawja	Regional Director - Central Region	Ministry of Transportation, Central Region Office			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Glenn Dunphy	Regional Manager	Ministry of Transportation, Regional			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Marcelo Gruosso	Senior Director	Niagara Parks Commission, Engineering, Parking & Transportation			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
David Deluce	Manager, Plan Review & Regulations	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Natalie Green	Project Manager, Niagara River Remedial Action Plan	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23

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Joshua Diamond	Water Quality Specialist	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Taran Lennard	Watershed Planner	Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Mausam Duggal	National Director, Transportation Planning and Services	WSP			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Susan Murray	VP Communications and Operations	Friends of the Greenbelt			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Kim Peters	Senior Strategic Advisor	Niagara Escarpment Commission			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Rail, Goods Movement and Transit							
Jackie Sapp	Manager of Public Works	Canadian National Railway			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Salar Zulfiquar		Canadian National Railway	22-Nov-23				
		Medi-Trans			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
		Niagara Chair-A-Van			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Ann Erb	Coordinator - Welland	Niagara Student Transportation Services	12-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Mark Doyle	Assistant Director	Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS)	26-Sep-22			19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Heather Kyle		Niagara Student Transportation Services	12-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Terri Capone		Niagara Student Transportation Services			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Christine Wolverson	Wolverson Transport & Logistics Inc.	Canadian Niagara Power Inc., Planning			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Adam Armour		Niagara Transit Commission	23-Nov-23				
Utilities							
Bill McKenzie	Manager	Bell Canada, Niagara Implementation			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Jeff Hoover	Engineering Supervisor	Canadian Niagara Power			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Derek Black	City of Welland Planner	Cogeco	19-Sep-22		19-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Rhonda Nicholson		Enbridge Consumers Gas			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Rob D'Onofrio	Planning and Design	Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Ann Newman	Supervisor	Enbridge Pipelines Inc., Right-of-Way Services			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Darlene Quilty	Planning Coordinator	MHBC Planning, Urban Design & Landscape Architecture			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Kaitlin Webber	Planner	MHBC Planning, Urban Design & Landscape Architecture	21-Sep-22			19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Mark Kuhlmann	Construction Coordinator	Niagara Region Broadband Networks			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
	Supervisor, Right of Way	Trans Canada Pipelines			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Ian Chisholm	Maintenance Manager	TransCanada Pipelines, Maple/Niagara Facilities			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Tom Wilga		Welland Hydro			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Emergency Services							
Adam Eckhart	Fire Chief	Welland Fire and Emergency Services			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
		Niagara Ambulance Communications			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
		Welland Fire and Emergency Services			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Education							
Warren Hoshizaki	Director of Education (Busing?)	District School Board of Niagara			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Camillo Cipriano	Director of Education	Niagara Catholic District School Board	19-Jan-23			19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23
Kathy Levinski	Manager, Plant Operations	Niagara Catholic District School Board			08-Sep-22	19-Jan-23	16-Nov-23

Individuals / Residents					
Organization/ Resident	Date Added to List	Remove From List (Date)	Notice of PIC 1	Comments Received	Response / Action
Former Active Transportation A	2023-01-19			January 19, 2023: Delighted to see “Active Transportation” a prominent consideration for the Transportation Master Plan for a “City on the Move” that will advance the opportunities for healthy active living for citizens of all ages, through active transportation! Including “Active Transportation” considerations in the planning and policy levels, could/would be a giant step forward for Welland.I am pleased to be able to share this message with the Niagara Region Active Transportation Network.	Added to mailing list
Resident	2023-01-23			January 22, 2023: I would be pleased if you will add my contact information to the City on the Move Transportation Master Plan mailing list.	Added to mailing list and sent Notice of PIC
Community Living Welland Pelham	2022-01-24				
Resident	2023-02-27			February 27, 2023: Kindly add me to the City's Transportation Master Plan's mailing list. Unfortunately, I could not attend the Feb 1 Open House.	Added to mailing list
Resident				February 16, 2023: I am writing to you as I have recently become aware of a short term plan to build a path on the greenbelt area that runs behind the houses on Cedar Park Drive and Whiteoak Crescent in the north end of Welland. Please forgive that I am not submitting a comment form from your meeting on February 1st as I don't feel it is applicable to my neighborhood's situation. I am very upset about this plan as I can see no benefit to adding a paved walking path behind houses when on either street (less than a block to the north and south) there are perfectly good sidewalks. I do realize this path will run longer than just behind our houses and will connect Rice Road to the canal lands, however from the map I have seen the most disruptive part of this plan is to the peaceful greenspace that runs from First Avenue to Page Drive behind the houses in our neighborhood. I would like to point out what I believe to be a rather long list of detriments of this plan: 1) Environmentally, cutting down trees and digging up the natural grass space to put down tarmac will impede the "green lung" we currently enjoy. As you are well aware, pavement absorbs the sun which then heats up the earth, not to mention the smell tarmac emits when heated. To quote Joni Mitchell decades ago "They paved paradise and put up a parking lot". 2) Wildlife - we have an extensive variety of wildlife that calls this greenbelt their home including squirrels, rabbits, skunks, raccoons and most recently a red fox. Their habitat will be completely disrupted. 3) As homeowners, our neighbourhood (Cedar Park Drive) has spent the past 20+ years maintaining and tending the green space as if it was ours. I invite the city council to come and see the beauty of this space as it is now before they send in the big trucks to destroy what is there. 4) I am concerned about the maintenance of the path. In the immediate, the picking up of garbage and anything discarded (including possible grocery carts) and in the future the cracking, heaving and erosion of the path as it ages. How much is this going to cost in perpetuity and is it sustainable or will it become neglected as the years go by? 5) I am concerned about how close the path will be to the creek that runs in the middle of this green space as it fills to the top during the spring thaw and every time we have significant rainfall. Have we considered that a child could fall in and drown? 6) I am concerned that our privacy and safety will be threatened as many of us do not have fences which could result in higher insurance premiums. 7) I am concerned our property values will decrease as we paid a premium for our lot when we purchased it because of the beautiful	Thank you for your email and your comments. If I understand correctly you are referring to Map 9: Off-road Trails Phasing, which is from the City's 2022 Community Trails Strategy. This map was included for reference in the recent Public Information Center held for the City's Transportation Master Plan. You may access additional information about the Community Trails Strategy on the City's website at https://www.engagewelland.ca/community-trails-strategy . I will ensure that your comments are provided to Community Services and also become part of the Transportation Master Planning process.
Resident				February 16, 2023: Attached is a copy of petition that has been sent to City Clerk with over 70 signatures of homeowners around the proposed trail plan that impacts the green space between our homes on Cedar Park Dr and Whiteoak Cr in Welland (these homes back on to each other) We have just become aware of this plan in past 10 days and had zero knowledge . Myself and possible a few others may forward emails that have been sent to City Councillors, City, NPCA, Niagara Regional Councillors etc. We , as a community, in this area, are completely against the plan to impact this green space. Follow Up: Please consider the emails forwarded to you as comments/feedback as per the form in communications (having some difficulty with it unfortunately) It is unfortunate that members of our area were unaware of any plans, meetings, comments etc until around first week of Feb and therefore were unable to attend or comment for the public forums	Thank you for your email and your comments. If I understand correctly you are referring to Map 9: Off-road Trails Phasing, which is from the City's 2022 Community Trails Strategy. You may access additional information on the City's website at https://www.engagewelland.ca/community-trails-strategy . I will ensure that your comments are provided to Community Services and your comments become part of the Transportation Master Planning process.

APPENDIX 2

PIC #2 DISPLAY MATERIALS



Welcome

Public Information Centre #2

November 29th, 2023
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Staff are available to answer your questions.

Purpose of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP)

The TMP will provide the City with long-term (2051) transportation strategies to support existing and further transportation needs. Specific goals are to:

- Promote roadways to areas of growth, neighbouring municipalities, and key transport corridors.
- Connect residential, commercial, and industrial areas.
- Enhance active transportation (cycling and pedestrian).
- Promote safe, environmentally responsible, and accessible transportation.
- Update and develop transportation policies to support community vision.
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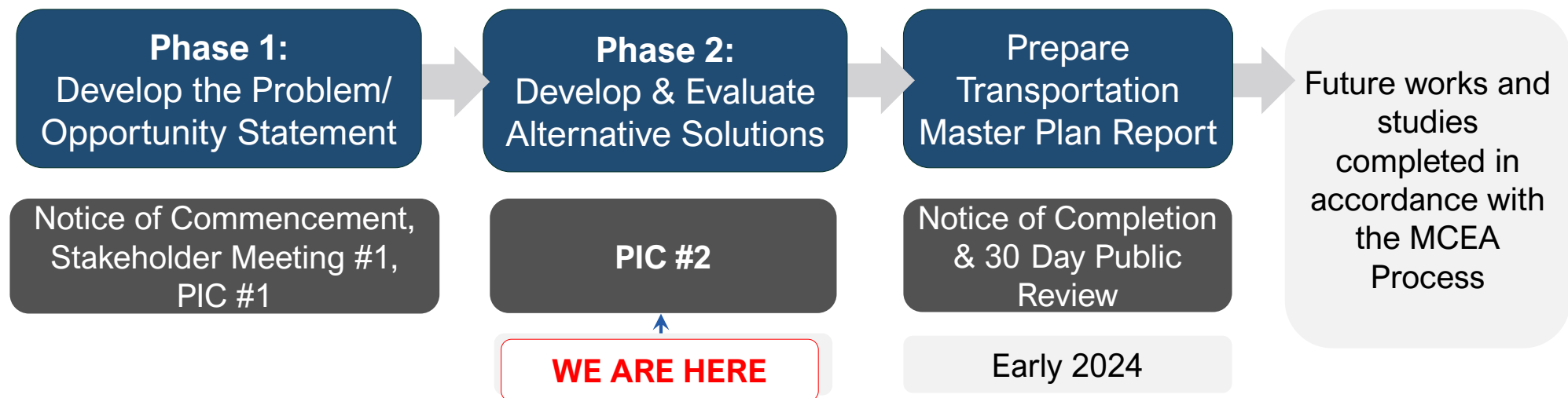
Summary of Feedback from Consultation Round #1

The four (4) main themes include:

- Improving AT connectivity and facility design continuity throughout the City, particularly over the recreational canal;
- Improving accessibility through standardized audible crosswalk signals, curb cuts, and tactile strips throughout the City;
- Improving capacity and operations at key intersections in response to ongoing growth; and
- Enhancing safety through the reduction of traffic speeds in areas where sidewalks and / or dedicated cyclist facilities are not provided.

Transportation Master Plan – MCEA Process

- The TMP is being completed in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process for Master Plan Approach #1.
- This is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.
- The MCEA process allows for a transparent decision making and alternative evaluation process in consideration of the natural, cultural, social and economic environment.



The purpose of this PIC is to present and obtain comments on the proposed preliminary recommendations and draft policy documents.

Transportation Planning Model Inputs

Niagara Region planning modelling input parameters were reviewed through:

- Node & connector adjustments to suit the growth areas;
- Link attributes including number of lanes, posted speed and lane capacity information refinement; and
- Updating with the City's population forecasts (as per the ongoing Official Plan Update).

Residential population forecasts

Horizon Year	Population	Growth*
2031	89,135	57%
2041	121,422	36%
2051	149,406	23%

*Base year is 2021

Employment population forecasts

Horizon Year	Population	Growth*
2031	19,244	36%
2041	22,137	15%
2051	26,603	20%

*Base year is 2021

Placeholder *(Residential Growth Area Map)*

Placeholder *(Employment Growth Area Map)*

Transportation Planning Model Results – 2051 Horizon Year

The findings of the transportation modelling are summarized as follows:

- No road widenings are required along the City roadway corridors through to the ultimate 2051 horizon year;
- Localized intersection improvements (i.e., signal timing adjustments, auxiliary turn lanes, etc.) are required as a result of intensification;
- Of the City water crossings, the Ontario Road crossing is forecast to approach capacity by the year 2051; and
- The Regional road improvements within the City of Welland are identified within the Region's TMP.

Placeholder *(Localized Improvement Map)*

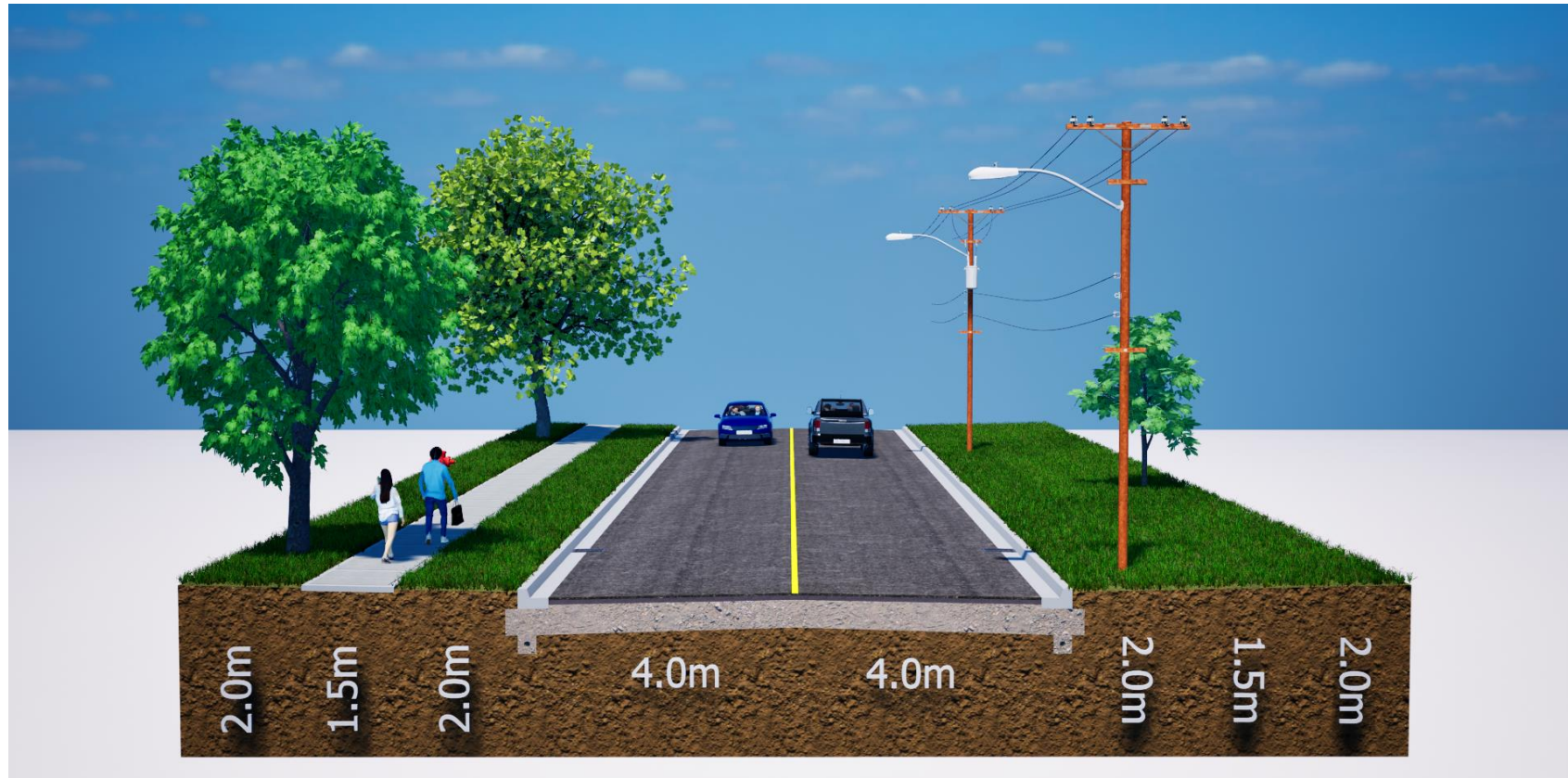
Road Classification Assessment

The revised roadway classification was developed with arterial, two (2) classes of collector roadways (major and minor), and local roads. The following criteria was utilized in classifying the roads:

- Service function (i.e., land access, goods movement, connectivity etc.)
- Typical traffic volume (vehicles per day)
- Flow characteristics (i.e., interrupted or uninterrupted flows)
- Posted speed and traffic calming considerations
- Vehicle types (i.e., passenger vehicles, farm vehicles, etc.)
- Right-of-way width
- Pedestrian and cyclist accommodation
- Other (on-street parking, intersection spacing, transit service)

Review of Road Right-of-Way (ROW) Requirements

Typical Road Cross Section (Urban Local – 20m Width)

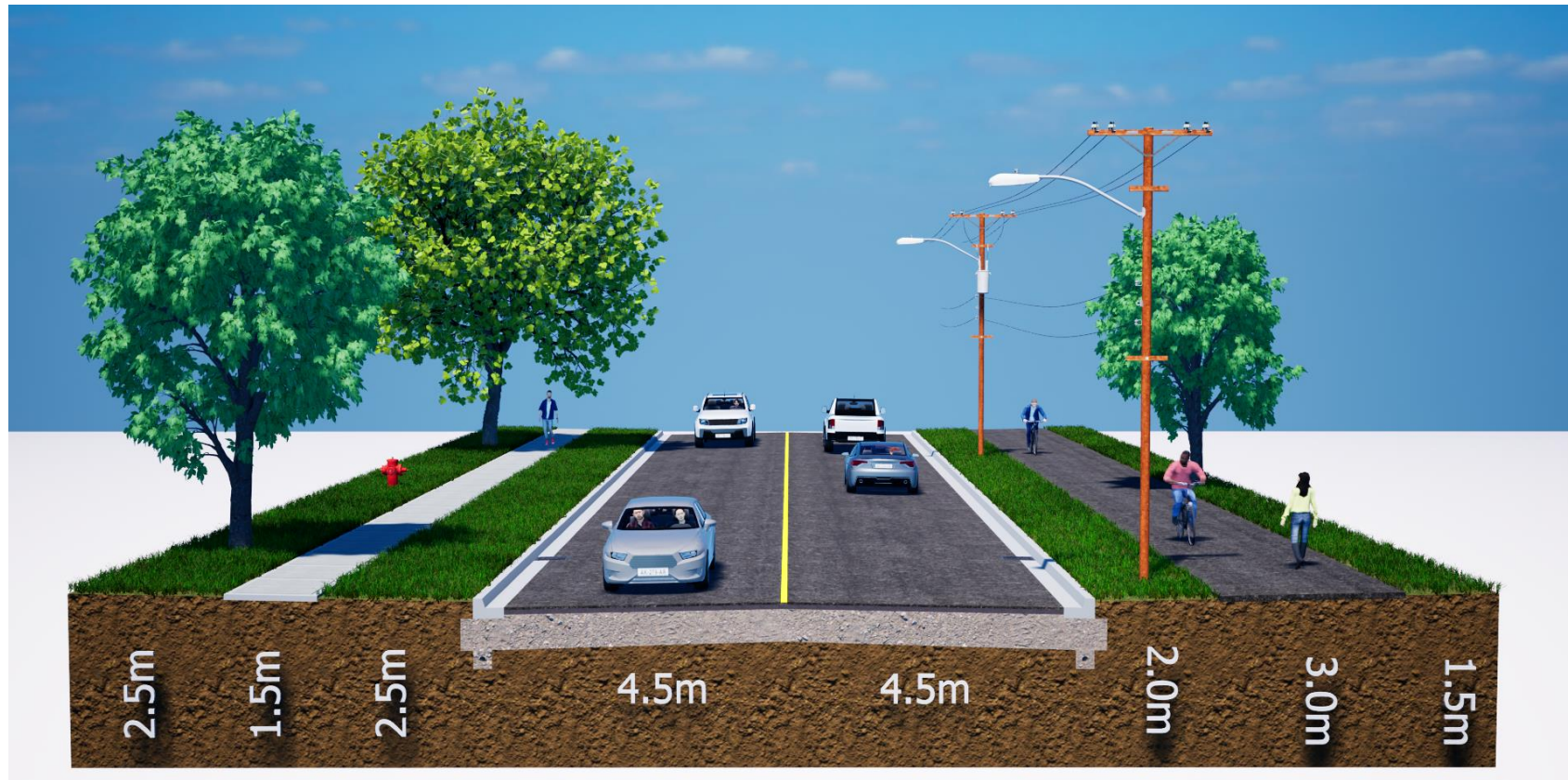


Notes:

1. Sidewalks required on one side at a minimum.
2. On-street parking may be permitted on one side.
3. Dedicated cycling facilities are not required but may be provided as per OTM Book 18.

Review of Road Right-of-Way (ROW) Requirements

Typical Road Cross Section (Urban Collector 23m Width)

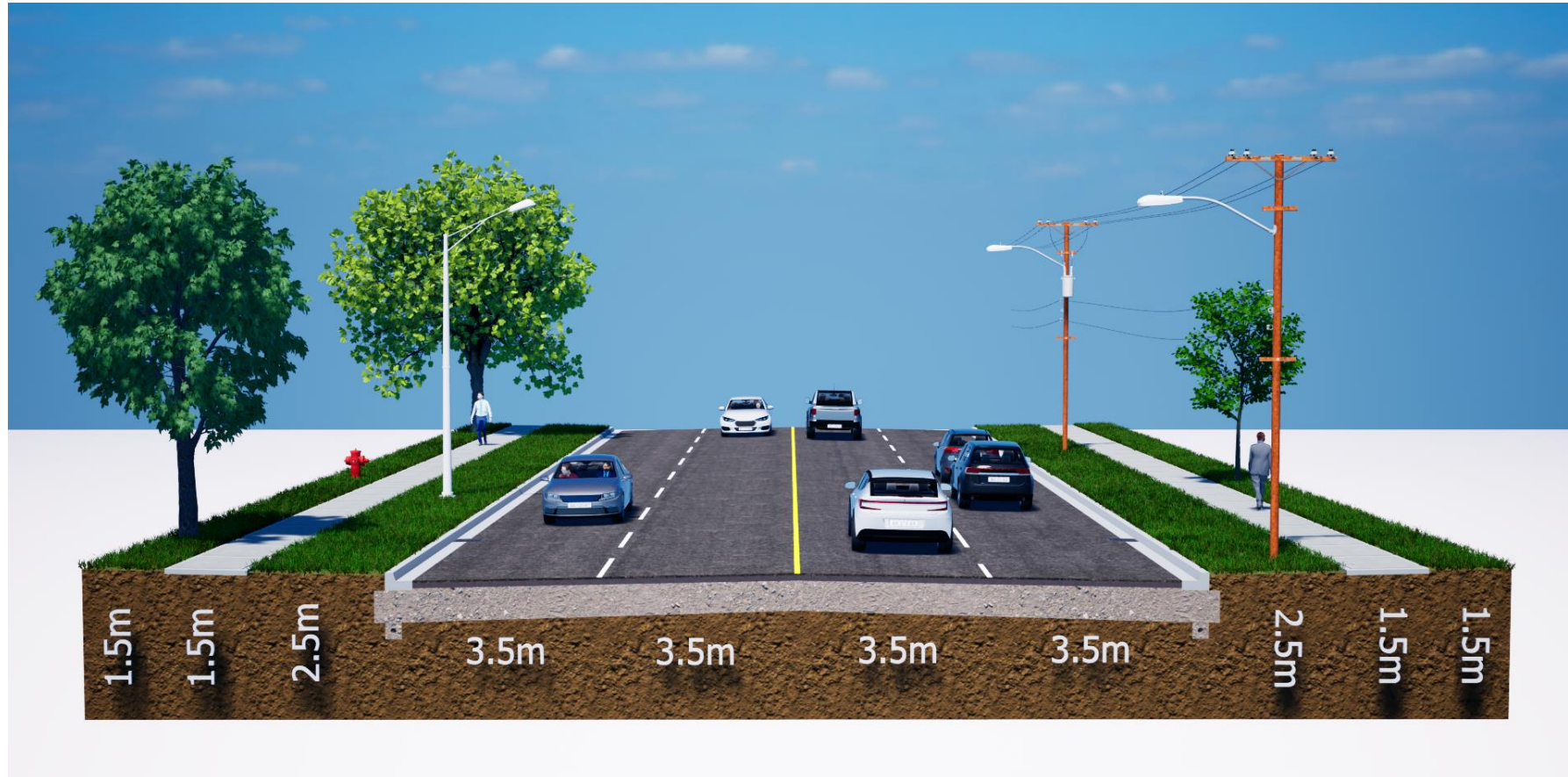


Notes:

1. Sidewalks required on both sides of roadway, unless a multi-use path is provided.
2. On-street parking may be permitted on one side or both sides.
3. Appropriate cycling facilities may be included as per OTM Book 18.

Review of Road Right-of-Way (ROW) Requirements

Typical Road Cross Section (Urban Arterial 26m Width)



Notes:

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Placeholder

(Suggested Road Classification Changes)

Placeholder *(Proposed Road Network)*

Active Transportation Connectivity

The development of the Active Transportation Connectivity map included a review of the following:

- Existing on-road cycling facilities and multi-use paths
- Recommendations from the City of Welland Trails Strategy (2021)
- Recommendations from the Niagara Region Transportation Master Plan (2017)

Gaps between the existing facilities and recommended improvements were identified, with opportunities to provide additional facilities incorporated into the network.

Placeholder (*AT Connectivity Map*)

Review of Existing City's Policy and Development of New Policy Documents

The following Policy Documents were reviewed or formulated:

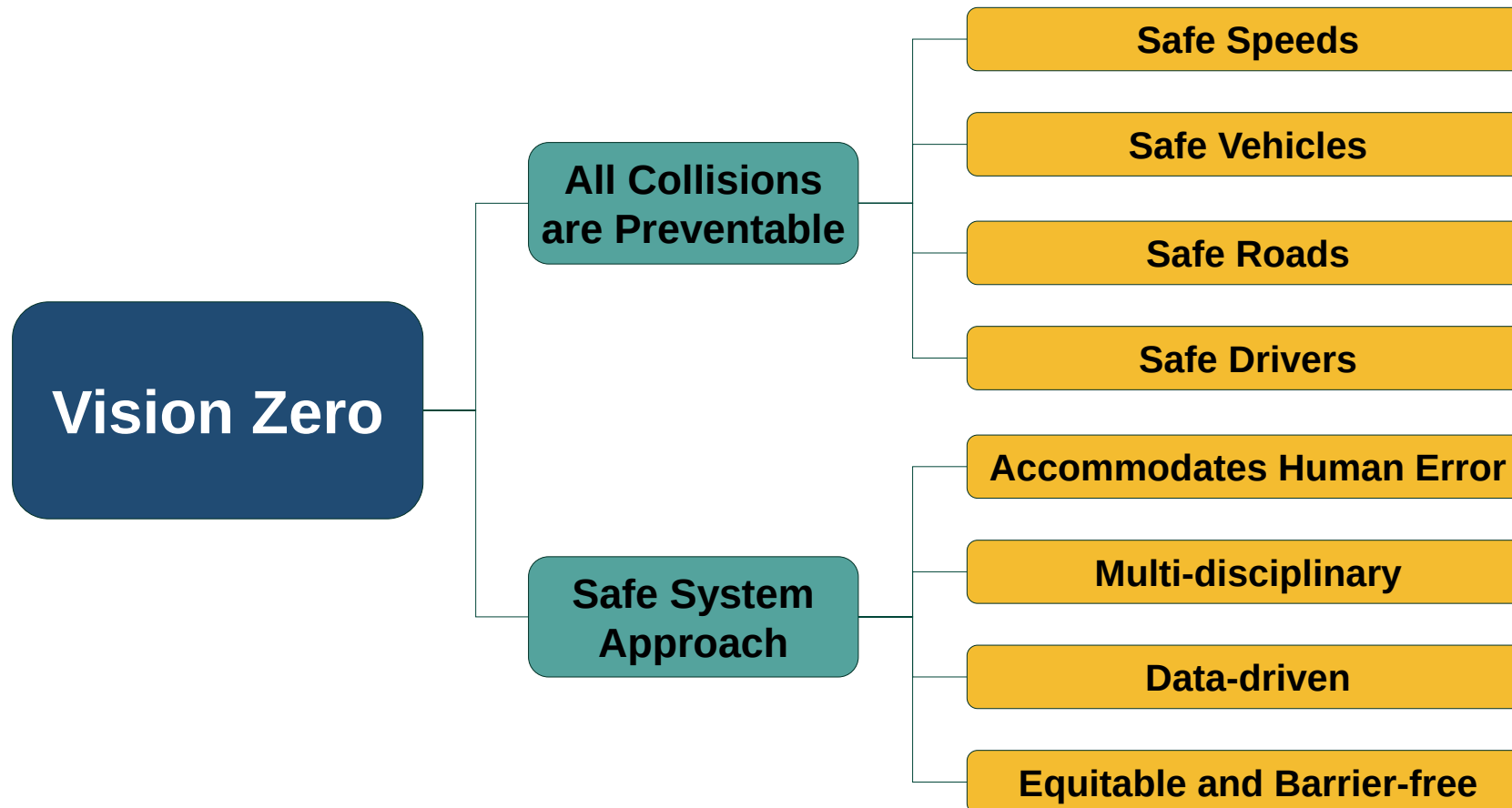
- Vision Zero **(NEW)**
- Default 40 km/h posted speed limit **(NEW)**
- Traffic Calming **(UPDATE)**
- Roundabout Implementation **(NEW)**

A summary of the Vision Zero, Default 40km/h Posted Speed, and Traffic Calming Policies are provided in the following Slides

Review of Policy Documents

Vision Zero

Already adopted by the Niagara Region, Vision Zero is a strategy to reduce fatalities and serious injuries that may occur within the transportation network.



Review of Policy Documents

Default 40km/hr Speed Limit

In alignment with the Vision Zero strategy, City-wide implementation of default 40km/hr speed limit is recommended.

- Applies to local and minor collector roadways only.
- If required, may be supplemented with other measures including passive or physical traffic calming, education, and / or enforcement.
- Signage to be erected at the community gateways only.



Review of Policy Documents

Default 40km/hr Speed Limit

Placeholder
(40km/hr Example Neighbourhood)

Placeholder

(Traffic Calming)

Next Steps

- Compile, review, and incorporate input received from PIC # 2.
- Prepare draft Transportation Master Plan Report for the City review, incorporating any comments for finalization.
- Issue Notice of Study Completion (Early 2024) and 30-day public review.

Thank You!

Thank you for your participation!

Please provide comments and please contact us in case of any questions:

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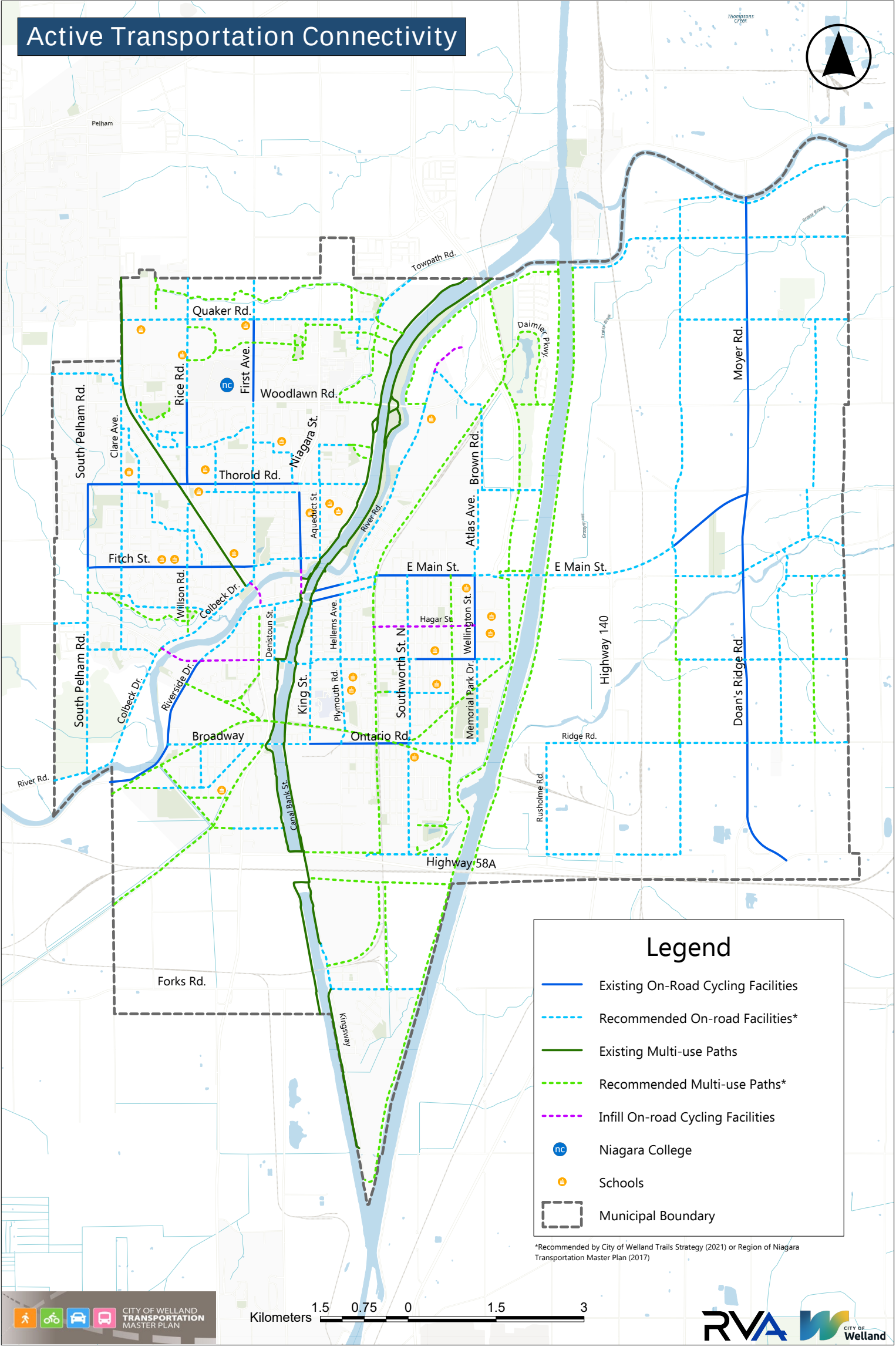
You can also learn more about the project online at

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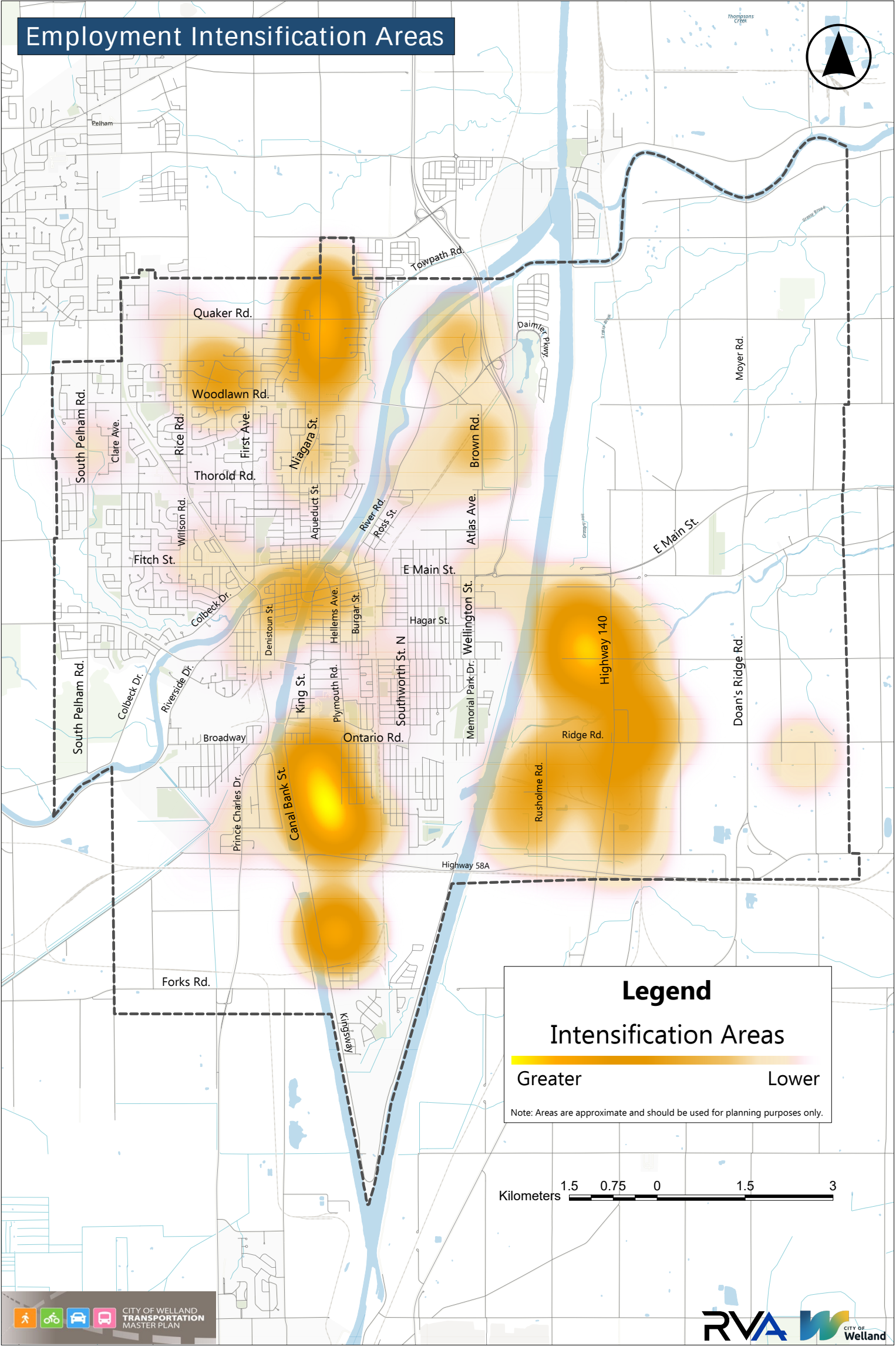
40km/hr Signage - Example Neighbourhood

The map illustrates the placement of 40km/hr speed limit signage in an example neighbourhood. The signage is shown as two rectangular signs: one with 'MAXIMUM 40 AREA BEGINS' and another with 'MAXIMUM 40 AREA ENDS'. The signs are placed at various intersections along Fitch St, Wilson Rd, and other local streets. The Welland River is shown flowing through the neighbourhood. A north arrow and a scale bar (0-240 meters) are included in the map.

Active Transportation Connectivity



Employment Intensification Areas



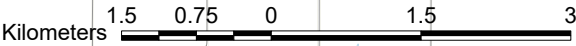
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Intensification Areas

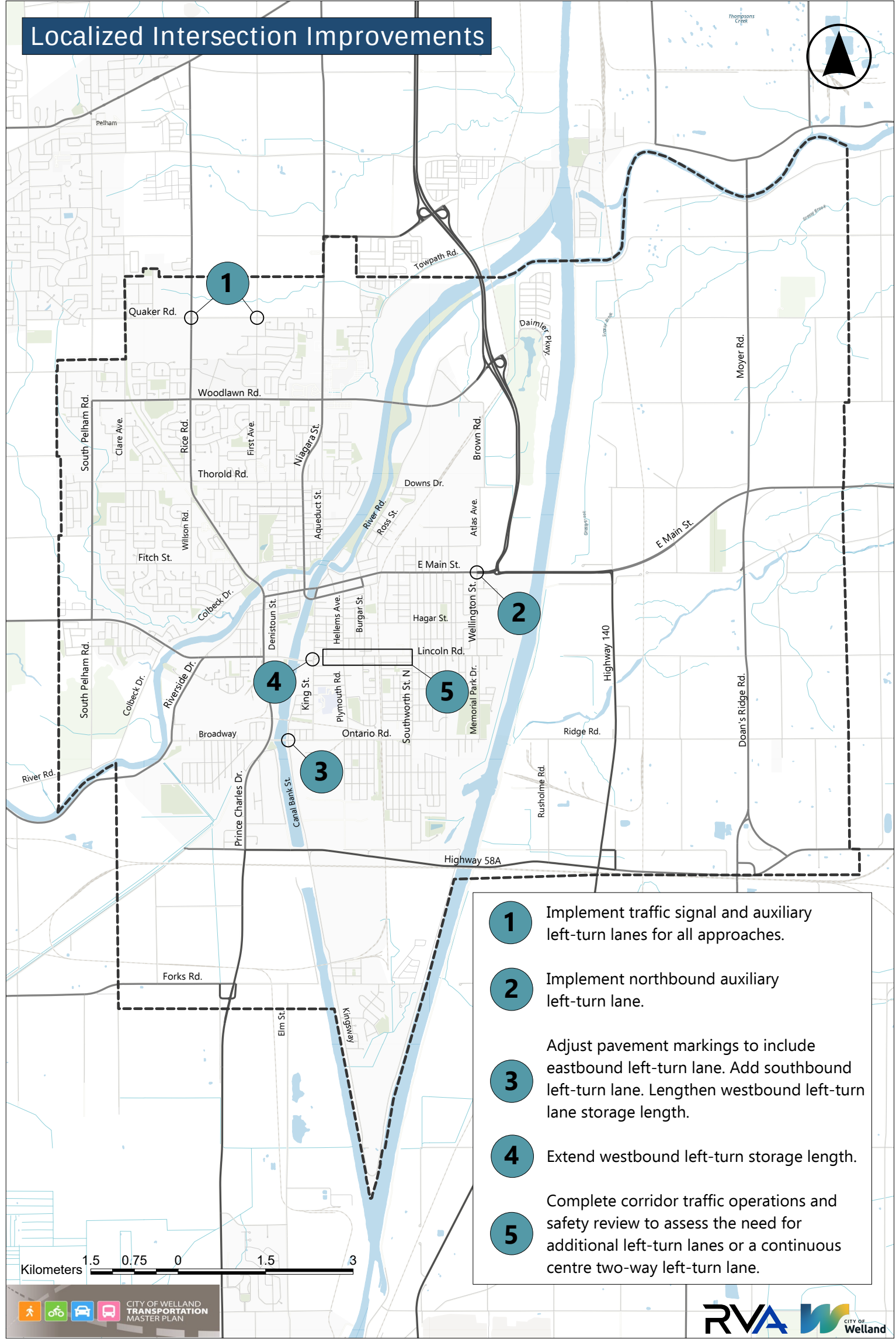
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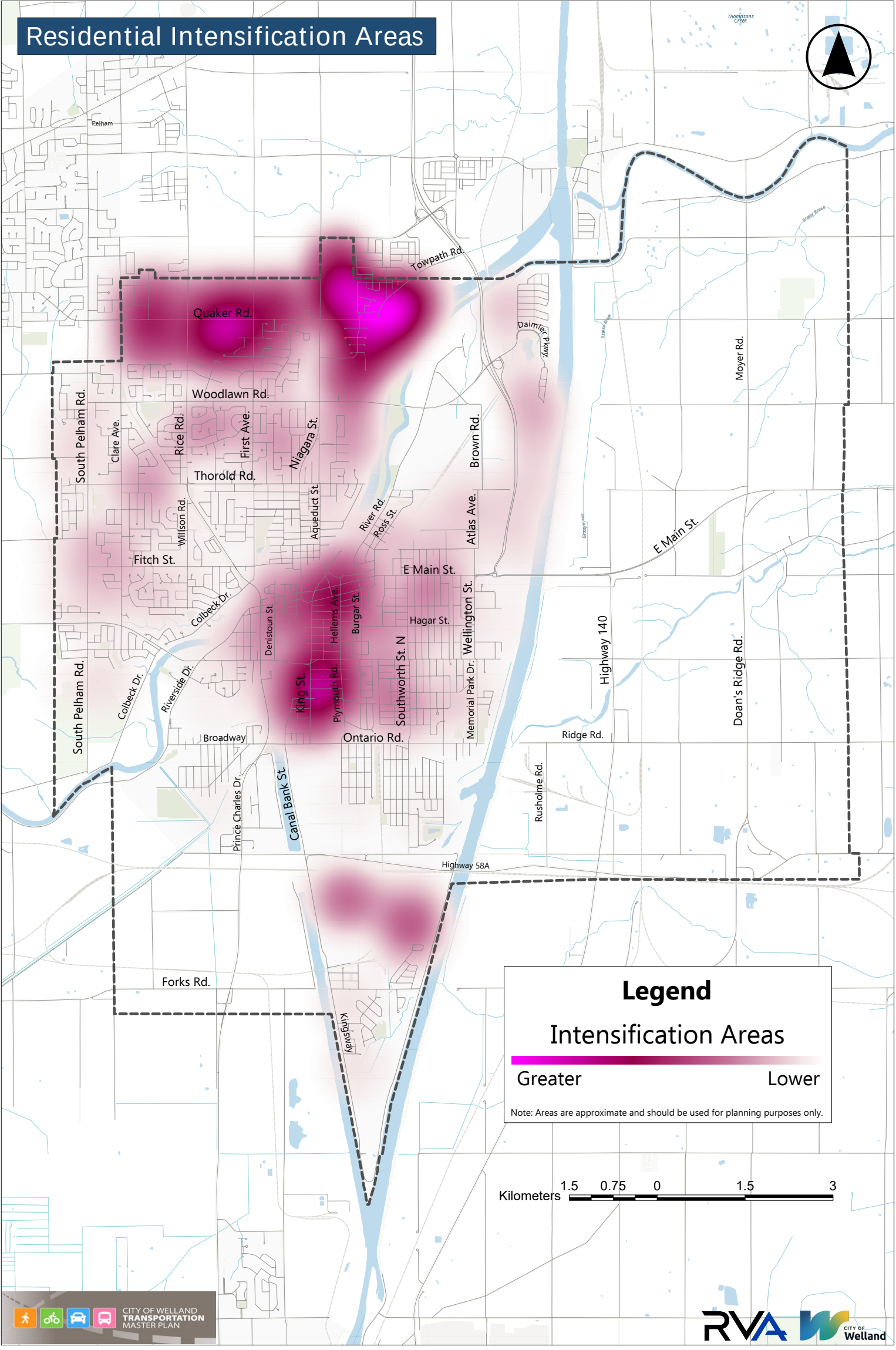


Localized Intersection Improvements



- 1** Implement traffic signal and auxiliary left-turn lanes for all approaches.
- 2** Implement northbound auxiliary left-turn lane.
- 3** Adjust pavement markings to include eastbound left-turn lane. Add southbound left-turn lane. Lengthen westbound left-turn lane storage length.
- 4** Extend westbound left-turn storage length.
- 5** Complete corridor traffic operations and safety review to assess the need for additional left-turn lanes or a continuous centre two-way left-turn lane.

Residential Intensification Areas

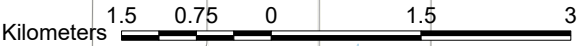


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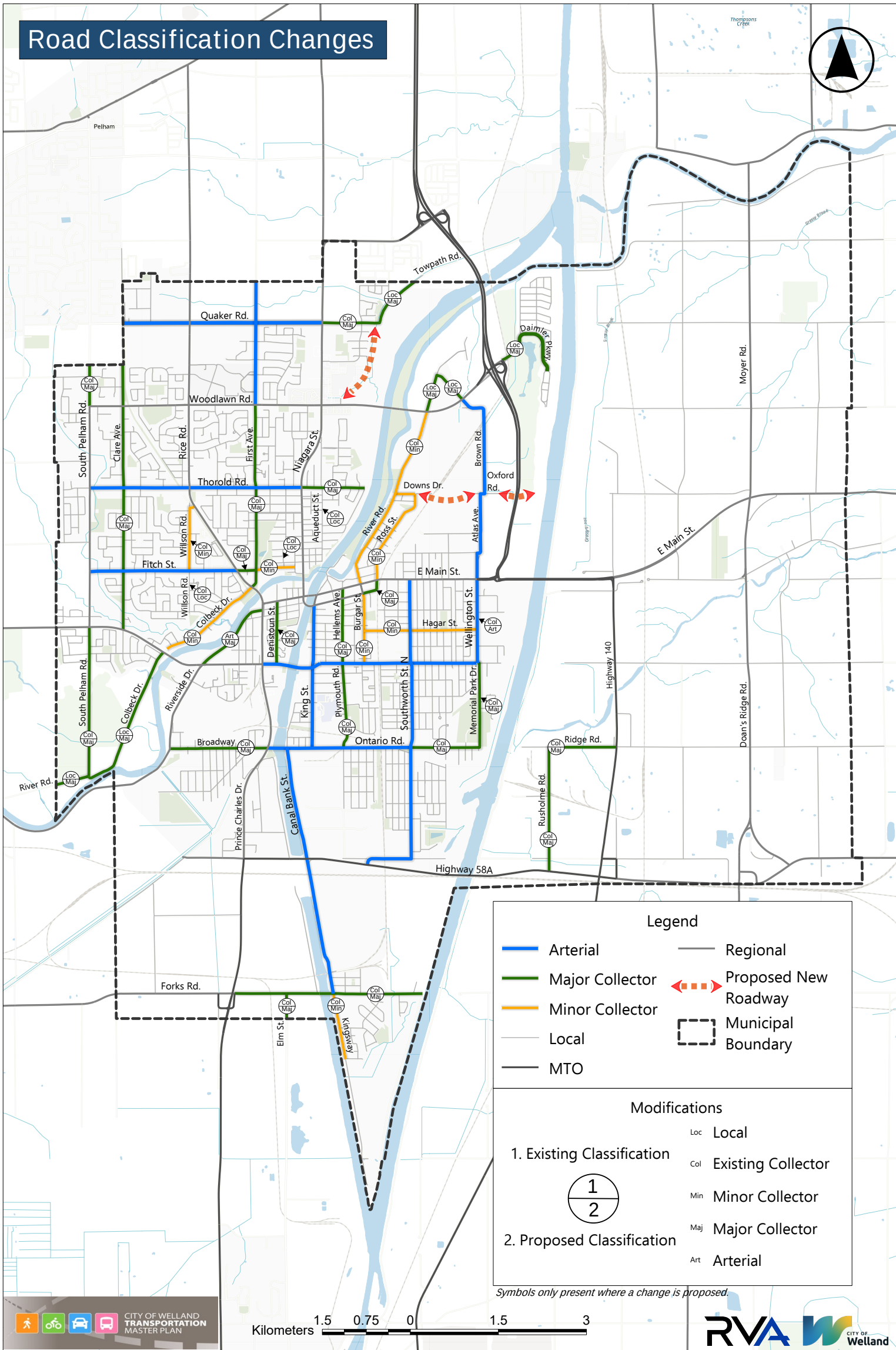
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Road Classification Changes



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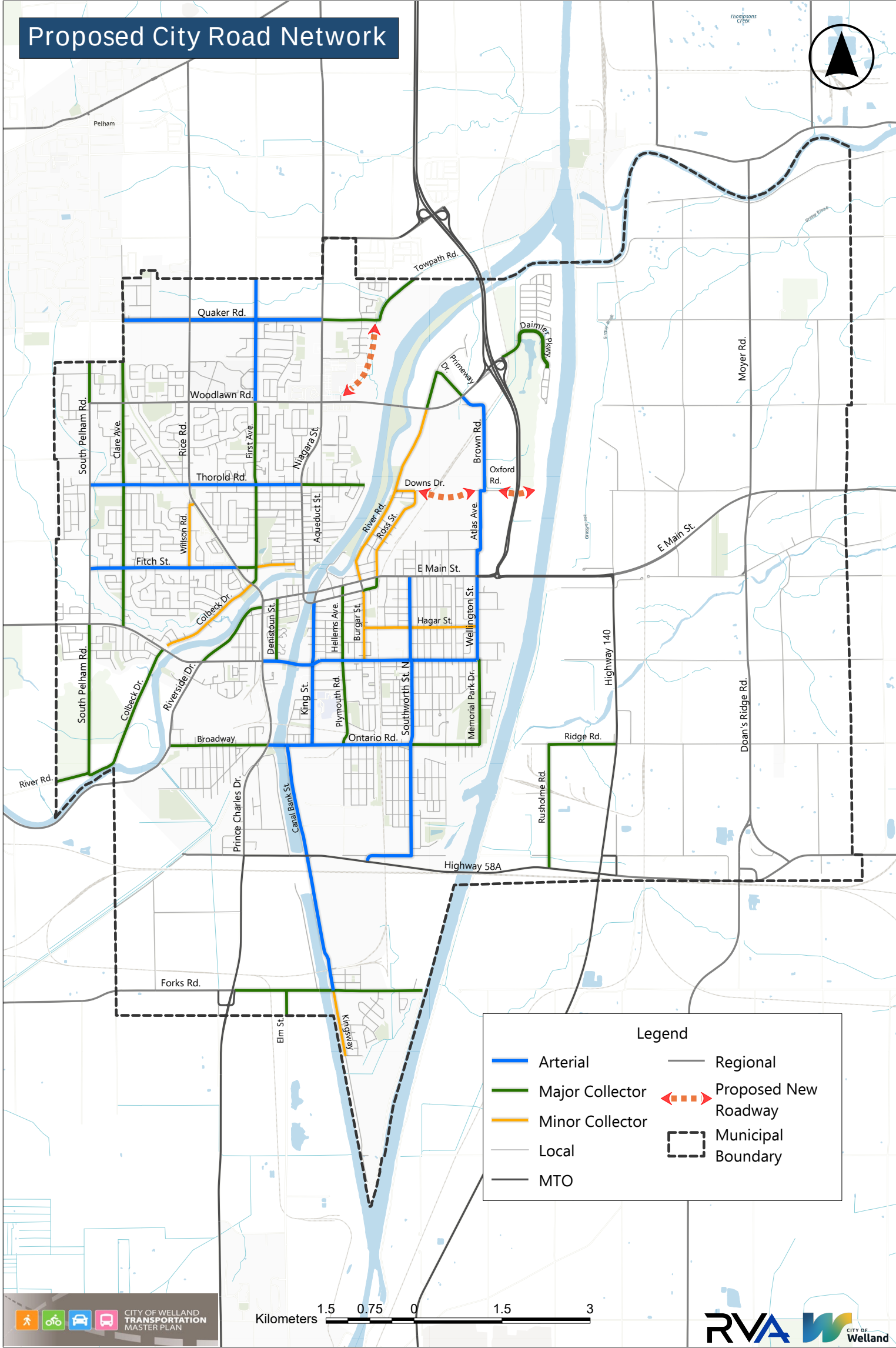
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	Major Collector		Proposed New Roadway
	Minor Collector		Municipal Boundary
	Local		
	MTO		

Modifications

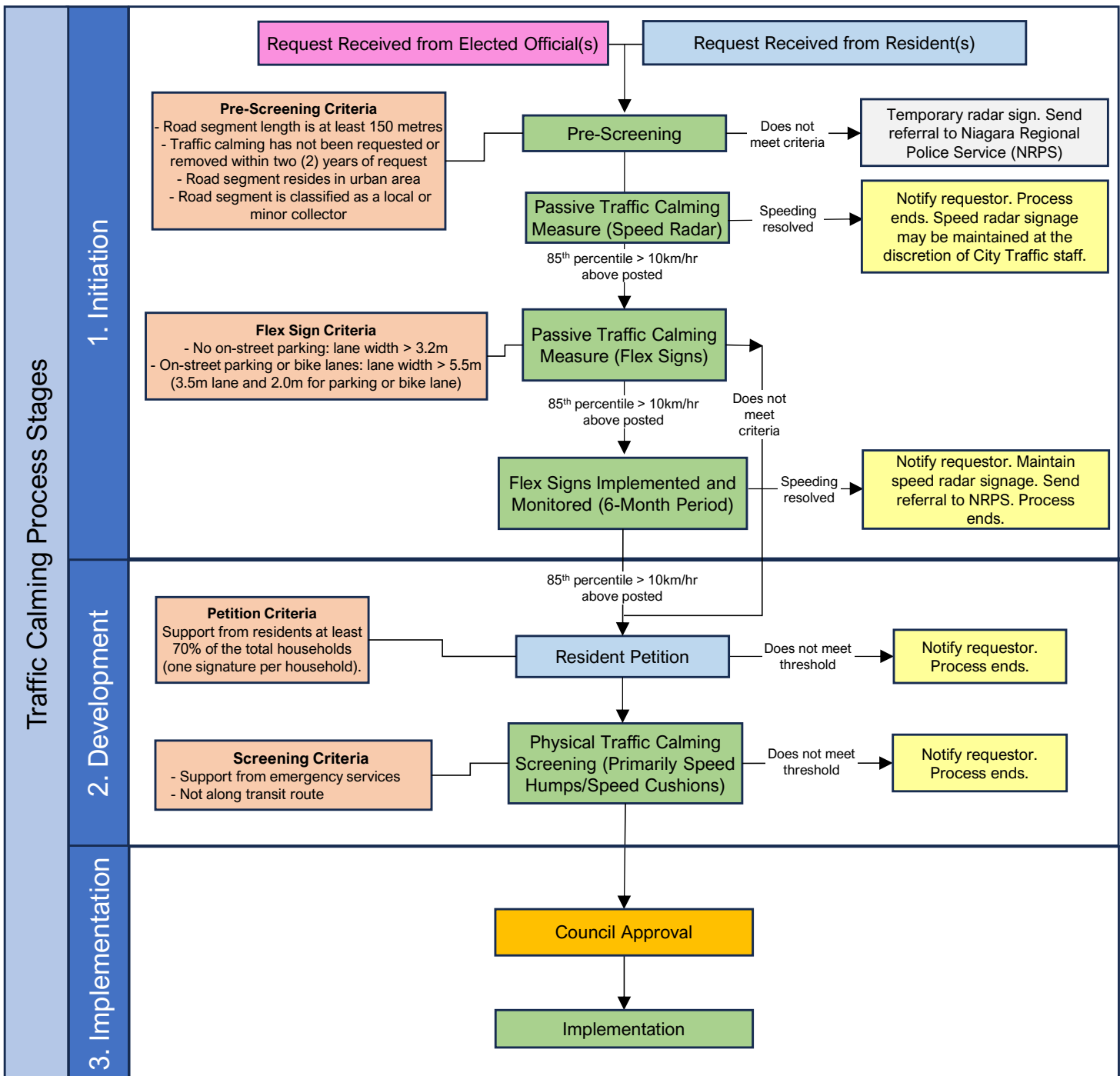
1. Existing Classification	Loc	Local
	Col	Existing Collector
	Min	Minor Collector
2. Proposed Classification	Maj	Major Collector
	Art	Arterial

Symbols only present where a change is proposed.

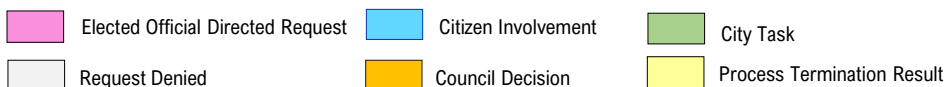
Proposed City Road Network



Proposed Traffic Calming Process Flow Chart



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APPENDIX 3

PUBLIC INPUT



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Comment Form

NAME: [REDACTED]

EMAIL (OPTIONAL): [REDACTED]

MAILING ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): [REDACTED]

1. Please identify your concerns as they pertain to the following study components:

a) Do you have comments or feedback on the proposed improvement alternatives and evaluation presented?

- existing cycling infrastructure on E. Main & Division are inconsistent and unsafe
- traffic calming measures should be implemented along E Main; I've heard about speed & traffic volume along Main from citizens & downtown business owners
- proper signage for cycling route downtown! many cyclists getting lost at Main/Niagara when following path
- ~~how will this work~~
- how will plans work with Regional Routes? My above concerns (when I've brought up in past at other discussions) are usually chalked up to Regional Responsibility

b) Are there any other issues or opportunities to improve the City's transportation network you would like the project team to consider?

- a HUGE public info campaign on driver, cyclist, e-bike/e-scooter safety reviewing such subjects as:
 - speed
 - sharing the road
 - proper use of lanes
 - etc etc

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- propose multi-use cycling trail along new canal to Dan City has existing infrastructure: ~~Can this be the~~ Can it ~~be~~ implemented as trail sooner rather than later?
- consideration for increased safety measures near entrance to Lincoln Street Docks? ~~Be~~ as well as Lincoln/Denistoun intersection due to increased and growing traffic
- how is public transit affected / considered?

b) Are there any other issues or opportunities to improve the City's transportation network you would like the project team to consider?

- consideration of motorized recreational vehicles? either their own trails/area or how they can be prevented from affecting road and trail safety while not discouraging their use by owners and public

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- are accessibility concerns considered? parking, trail use, sidewalk etc etc
- is accessibility committee being engaged in this discussion?
- how is this plan in line with discussions on municipal trails plan?
- what considerations for any future ~~school~~ facilities?
(~~elementary~~ $\rightarrow$ how this plan
- how is this plan changed or amended ^{or implemented} due to unforeseen future conditions?

b) Are there any other issues or opportunities to improve the City's transportation network you would like the project team to consider?

- Creating a walkable downtown!
- Crosswalks with buttons, not timers
- Street parking along E Main should be re-evaluated
- Safe use of sidewalks and cycling lanes

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I am certainly in favour of the default 40km speed limit on certain residential streets. I am also in favour of measures like speed bumps so maintain lower speeds in these residential areas. I would like to see the city take a more progressive role in promoting safe cycling on city streets as well as making more walking friendly paths and trails. Although the maps did show some of these things, I believe the city could do more.

b) Are there any other issues or opportunities to improve the City's transportation network you would like the project team to consider?

I believe the city should partner with the region in looking for more effective methods of speed control than the highly controversial speed cameras. Many areas have sign overload and people who drive those streets all the time may not even notice new signs going up to warn of the installation of speed cameras. If these cameras really are being promoted as "educational tools" as stated in some of the advanced material, then the coupling of radar speed warning boxes mounted in close proximity to the speed limit signs seems a far more effective tool than just speed cameras. Many angry letters to the editor in the local paper complain that speeding tickets often arrive bundled together, sometimes weeks after the original infraction. This has resulted in the vandalizing of these cameras and certainly can't be seen as an "educational tool". The other thing that I would like the team to consider is a prohibition of right turns on red lights. I know that several jurisdictions have already instituted such measures, while a number of others are considering it. Where this has been instituted it has resulted in a marked decrease in pedestrian injuries and deaths. I also would like the city to get on board with the Region in the promotion and funding of a better transit system. If we are really serious about reducing the use of automobiles and greenhouse gas emissions then an affordable, efficient and truly accessible transit system should be very high on the list of priorities.

2. Do you have any other comments regarding the study/study area or other materials presented?

I found the information session very interesting and enjoyed discussions with members of the city and representatives of Anderson. My one real concern continues to be the way the city has chosen to expand. We continue to create housing as urban sprawl rather than revitalizing our downtown core and building more concentrated forms of housing. We don't need more single family homes built on farmland and wetlands. We don't need more housing developments where home start and the million dollar plus mark. We are attracting more and more buyer from outside the region who sell their homes for large profits and then buy similar homes in Welland for much less. This is resulting in a strain on our infrastructure as well as a massive increase in traffic heading back to and from Hamilton, Brampton, and Mississauga each day. The end result is more road accidents, and increased greenhouse gases. It is all very well to institute a study for the future of local transit but we must start looking at the kinds of communities we are building. This urban sprawl is not building communities that are a cohesive part to the city. What it is building are isolated residential developments that are reliant on the automobile.

Please provide comments by December 20, 2023 to:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT!

December 20, 2023

City of Welland

Engineering Division
60 East Main Street
Welland, Ontario L3B 3X4

Attention: Ms. Livia McEachern, Manager of Engineering

Dear Ms. McEachern

**RE: City of Welland Transportation Master Plan
TBG Project No. 17453**

We are the Planning Consultants representing 2599587 Ontario Ltd., the owner of the former Hunters Pointe Golf Club lands that received Draft Plan of Subdivision by Council in June, 2020 for the redevelopment of the site with 1155 residential units, mixed use blocks, and parklands. The development completed a Transportation Impact Study which determined that a permanent access was not required, however, an emergency access was supported by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to Highway 406.

We have reviewed the information that was prepared as part of the Transportation Master Plan Open House, including the information on future road cross sections, improvements, and new proposed roadways. We were concerned to see that the materials identified a future road connect between the Hunters Pointe lands and Oxford Road. As identified above, an emergency access to the Hunters Pointe lands was recommended as a condition of draft plan approval by City staff, the requirement for an overpass was included by Council at the behest of local residents. There have historically been concerns with the creation of the overpass by City staff due to the long term maintenance costs, and the logistics of constructing the overpass. City staff previously also had concerns with the introduction of residential traffic into the City's emerging industrial area. In speaking with staff, we understand that the identification of a future road in this location does not limit to the connections to an overpass only, but we are concerned that there is no clarification language provided. It is also noted that the emergency access that was approved by the MTO is located further south on the site than is shown on the graphic.

We understand that part of the justification for including the future road connection at Oxford Road in the City's Transportation Master Plan was based on potential unit calculation which was higher than 1155 units which received Draft Plan Approval. We are concerned that the unit count used inaccurately reflects the approvals in place and results in a higher density than is approved. We feel that only the Draft Plan Approved number of units should be used to

determine traffic demand as any others are purely speculative in nature when there is an existing draft plan approval in place.

We look forward to reviewing the final draft of the Transportation Master Plan and additional opportunities to discuss further with City of Welland Staff.

Sincerely,
The Biglieri Group



cc. 2599587 Ontario Ltd.

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I actually really enjoy seeing the recommendations for the on-road facilities and multi-use paths. I do, however, wish there was some discussion with the City regarding the path locations given the fact that their North Welland Trails Connection could've been tied into this.

The City could have done better with where they are going, especially given the backlash from residents in that area. If the government funds are helping with active transportation, it would definitely be worthwhile to make sure the trails and multi-use paths are being put in areas where they're needed.

I do like the idea of the smaller neighbourhood areas getting a 40km/h zoning as shown in the example on page 21 of the accompanying PIC #2 TMP presentation. There is no need for folks to be driving down those roadways at a speed greater than that.

On page 9, I am in support of the initiatives, most importantly, the elimination of the 4-way stops at Quaker Road and both Rice and Cataract Roads. Not sure why people don't know how to properly utilize them but they do tend to slow down traffic and make for some dangerous situations. Traffic lights will greatly improve the safety in those areas.

I didn't see anything in the presentation material with regards to a roundabout implementation as mentioned on page 18. Is there a proposal for more throughout the City?

b) Are there any other issues or opportunities to improve the City's transportation network you would like the project team to consider?

I would like to see more safety measures taken around parks, like Chippawa Park, for example. It has been brought up at Council meetings that vehicles are moving too quickly down First Avenue and it creates a safety issue for children crossing the street. I think all parks should have an assessment done to see if safety can be enhanced around the park areas.

Although it's easier to navigate the City by foot, it can be a little more dangerous for cyclists. I'm hopeful that the on-road cycling facilities will help improve the confidence of cyclists, so they can safely navigate their way around/through the City.

2. Do you have any other comments regarding the study/study area or other materials presented?

As a member of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, I was wondering if there was going to be any discussion among the groups - the Committee, City staff, and the consultants prior to anything being implemented.

Thank you for inviting members of the public to provide feedback with the initiatives our taxes help support. I wish there was a better turnout for this project.

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