

**Lauzon Parkway Improvements
Class Environmental Assessment**
(Including Lauzon Parkway / County Road 42 / Future East-West Arterial)

Notice of Study Completion

THE STUDY

MRC, a member of MMM Group, on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), the City of Windsor and the County of Essex, is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to address the future requirements for Lauzon Parkway, County Road 42, and the future East-West Arterial. The study includes:

- Lauzon Parkway widening from a 2-lane rural to a 4-lane (interim) and 6-lane (ultimate) urban cross-section from E.C. Row Expressway to County Road 42;
- Lauzon Parkway's extension of a 4-lane (interim) and 6-lane (ultimate) urban cross-section to Highway 401;
- A new Lauzon Parkway Interchange with Highway 401;
- Lauzon Parkway's further extension to Highway 3 with a 4-lane rural cross-section;
- County Road 42 widening from a 2-lane rural to a 4-lane urban cross-section from Walker Road to County Road 25 (E. Puce Road);
- A new East-West Arterial roadway with a 2-lane urban cross-section with protection for an ultimate 4-lane cross-section;
- New proposed intersections and enhancement of existing intersections; and
- Active transportation facilities incorporated within the transportation corridors – sidewalk, multi-use path, bike lane, and paved shoulder.

A parallel study is being carried out for the preparation and approval of a Secondary Plan for the remainder of the lands transferred to the City of Windsor in 2003. The area of the draft Sandwich South Secondary Plan is bounded, in general terms, by: Provincial Highway 401 to the south; the Windsor International Airport, CP Rail mainline, and E.C. Row Expressway to the north; 8th Concession Road to the west; and the Town of Tecumseh to the east.

The study area is shown on the key map.

THE PROCESS

The study has followed the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* through the application of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000 as amended in May 2007). As well, the basic requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (July 2000) were met. The preparation and approval of the Secondary Plan has followed the requirements of the *Ontario Planning Act*.

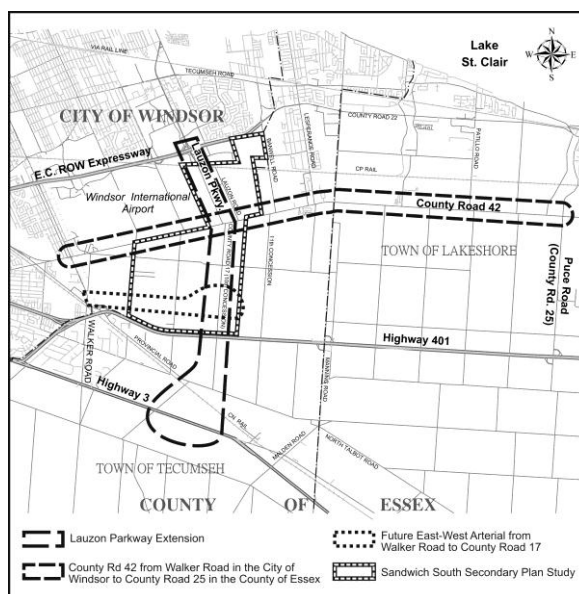
PUBLIC CONSULTATION

As part of the EA Study, two Public Information Centres (PIC's) were held on July 14, 2011 and October 22, 2012. Based on input received at these PIC's as well as input from technical agencies and other key stakeholders, the Project Team has prepared the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for this study.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT (ESR)

By this notice, the ESR is being placed on the public record for review in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000 as amended in May 2007) process. Subject to comments received as a result of this notice and the receipt of all necessary approvals, the project may proceed to the next phase of design.

The ESR will be available for a 45-day public and agency review period from January 20, 2014 to March 6, 2014 at the following locations:



Windsor City Hall City Clerk's Office 350 City Hall Square West Windsor, Ontario N9A 6S1 Tel. 519-255-6222	County of Essex 360 Fairview Avenue West Essex, Ontario, N8M 1Y6 Tel: 519-776-6441	Ministry of Transportation 949 McDougall Avenue, Suite 200 Windsor, ON, N9A 1L9 Tel: 519-973-7367
Town of Tecumseh 917 Lesperance Road Tecumseh, Ontario, N8N 1W9 Tel. 519-735-2184	Town of Lakeshore 419 Notre Dame Street Belle River, Ontario, NOR 1A0 Tel: 519-728-2700	Ministry of the Environment Windsor Area Office 4510 Rhodes Drive, Unit 620 Windsor, Ontario, N8W 5K5 Tel: 519-948-1464

The ESR will also be available for viewing from January 20, 2014 on the project website: www.lauzonparkwayea.ca

Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by **March 6, 2014**. If, after consulting with the staff of the MTO, the City of Windsor, the County of Essex, and their consultant, there are outstanding significant environmental issues, you have the right to make a written request that the Minister of the Environment (11th Floor Ferguson Block, 77 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, ON M7A 2T5) issue a Part II Order ('bump-up') for this project. This may lead to the preparation of an Individual Environmental Assessment or the imposition of conditions if the request is denied. A copy of a Part II Order request should be forwarded to the City of Windsor, the County of Essex, MTO and MRC at the addresses listed below. If there are no outstanding concerns by **March 6, 2014**, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA.

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Thank you for your participation in this study

Comments and information regarding this project will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant (905) 823-8500 Poste 1471 (Yannick Garnier).

