

CASABLANCA BOULEVARD & GO STATION ACCESS

CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

Thursday September 27th, 2018

5:30PM – 8:00PM

MOVING
TRANSIT
FORWARD

CONNECTING MORE PEOPLE TO MORE POSSIBILITIES

Niagara  Region

WORKSHOP PURPOSE

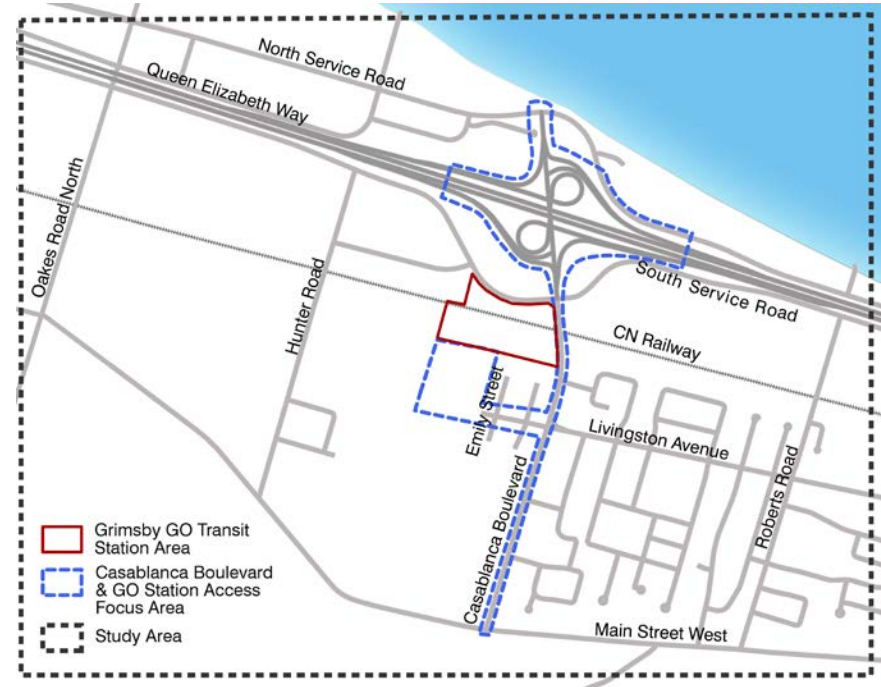
- Provide an overview of the Design Alternatives being considered for the Casablanca Boulevard and GO Station Access EA
- Get input on the advantages and disadvantages of the Alternative Designs and discuss impacts to property owners
- Receive feedback to improve the Alternative Designs

AGENDA

ITEM	TIMING
Presentation	5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Working Table Discussions	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Summary and Wrap-up	7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

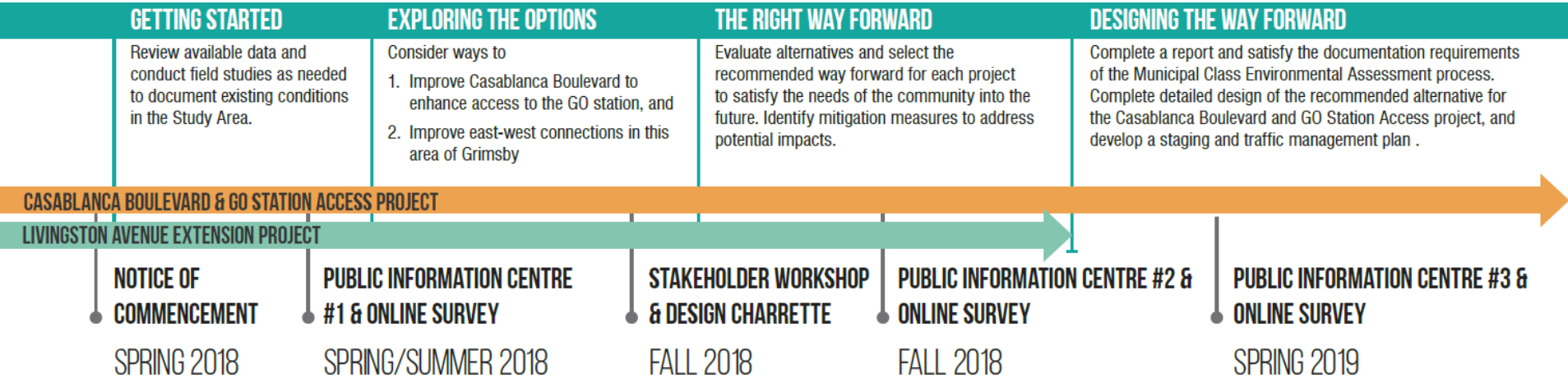
CASABLANCA BOULEVARD ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- Improvements are needed to address **traffic operations, access and capacity issues** related to the planned new GO Rail Station and development activity in the Study Area.
- The improved transportation corridor will **support the planned GO Rail station, improve the transportation network to better serve** the surrounding area, and **support area growth to 2040**.
- The project also provides an opportunity to support the Region's active transportation objectives through the **provision of pedestrian and cycling facilities**.



THE PROJECT PROCESS

WE ARE HERE



WHAT WE HAVE HEARD: CASABLANCA BOULEVARD

- PIC # 1 – June 20, 2018 – Over 70 attendees, opportunities and issues noted include:



LIMIT IMPACTS TO
ADJACENT PROPERTIES



REDUCE CONGESTION ON
CASABLANCA BLVD & AT
INTERSECTIONS



ADDRESS GO STATION
PARKING AND ACCESS



ADDRESS WAIT TIME AT
RAIL CROSSING



PROTECT ACCESS TO
DRIVEWAYS ALONG
CASABLANCA BLVD



LIMIT TRAFFIC SPEED IN
RESIDENTIAL AREAS



PLAN FOR GROWTH AND
INCREASED TRAFFIC



PROVIDE ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION
FACILITIES

BACKGROUND STUDIES COMPLETED/UNDERWAY



- Natural Heritage Survey (Aquatic and Terrestrial)
- Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Assessment
- Utilities Coordination
- Transportation Network and Operations Assessment
- Infrastructure Inventory (including topographic survey and utilities)
- Drainage and Stormwater Management
- Socio-Economic Inventory
- Air Quality Assessment
- Noise Assessment
- Railway Grade Separation Study

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

- September 5, 2018
 - Ministry of Transportation and Metrolinx
- September 6, 2018
 - Utility Providers Meeting
 - Local Agencies Meeting (Town of Grimsby, Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks)
- September 2018
 - Property Owners' Workshop/Meetings
- October 2018
 - Stakeholder Meetings
- November 28, 2018
 - Public Information Centre #2

ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS

QEW Interchange

- Ramp Signalization & Active Transportation Improvements
- Diamond Interchange
- Diverging Diamond Interchange

Casablanca Boulevard Widening: Grade and Treatment Options

- Urban Cross Section: Road Widening with Storm Sewer
- Rural Cross Section: Road Widening with Side Ditches

CN Rail Crossing

- Improved At-Grade Crossing
- Grade Separation: Underpass
- Grade Separation: Overpass

Casablanca Blvd & Livingston Ave. Intersection

- Signalization & New Turning Lanes
- Roundabout

GO Station South Access

- Multi-use Trail
- Two lane road with Cycling Lanes

The 'Do Nothing' Alternative was also considered for each of the above four categories of Designs

ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS: PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

QEW Interchange

- Ramp Signalization & Active Transp. Improvements
- Diamond Interchange
- Diverging Diamond Interchange

Casablanca Boulevard Widening: Grade and Treatment Options

- Urban Cross Section: Road Widening with Storm Sewer
- Rural Cross Section: Road Widening with Side Ditches

CN Rail Crossing

- Improved At Grade
- Grade Separation: Underpass
- Grade Separation: Overpass

Casablanca Boulevard Intersections: South Service Road, Livingston Avenue, and Main Street West.

- Signalization and/or New Turning Lanes
- Roundabout

GO Station South Access

- Multi-use Trail
- Two lane road with Cycling Lanes

DISCUSSION AREAS

INTERCHANGE AND INTERSECTIONS

- Diverging Diamond Interchange
- Ramp Signalized option
- Intersection with South Service Road
- Intersection with Livingston Avenue
- Intersection with Main Street West

CASABLANCA BOULEVARD WIDENING

- Urbanized Casablanca Boulevard – South Service Road to Livingston Avenue
- Urbanized Casablanca Boulevard – Livingston to Main Street

CN RAIL CROSSING & GO STATION SOUTH ACCESS

- At Grade Crossing
- Grade Separation: Underpass
- South Access to GO Station – off Livingston Avenue

NEXT STEPS

EA/Design Process

- Public Information Centre #2: November 28th, 2018
- Design phase work start in November (some preliminary work already underway)
- December 2018
 - EA Completion/Submission (Casablanca Boulevard EA Project)
- Q3 2019
 - Construction Commencement (Casablanca Boulevard EA Project)