

May 20, 2014

Sir/Madam, Communications Director  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: Invitation to Attend the Truck Priority Systems Workshop for the  
GTA West Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, Stage 2**

As part of the GTA West Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, we are pleased to invite you to attend an upcoming workshop on goods movement in the GTA West Study Area. This workshop is a unique opportunity to provide input that will help shape the future of goods movement in the Greater Toronto Area, and we want you to be a part of it. This workshop is scheduled for:



At this workshop, you will have the opportunity to discuss with the Ministry issues that affect your operations every day. We want to learn from your experiences and understand your issues so that we can develop new ideas and strategies to reduce travel times, reduce travel costs and improve safety for goods movement. Specifically, some ideas for goods movement priority and safety features, that we want your input on include dedicated truck lanes and/or ramps, geometric elements, and automated weigh stations.

The workshop will be held in the morning, starting with a continental breakfast and the introduction to the GTA West Study. Our keynote speaker will highlight current issues that hinder goods movement and opportunities to work together to improve the goods movement system. We will then break out into smaller groups to discuss your issues in more detail and brainstorm ideas that could improve goods movement, including topics such as:

- Congestion
- Safety
- Truck parking
- Road geometry
- Connectivity
- Dedicated truck lanes and/or a truck-only road
- Truck lanes and priority at interchange ramps
- System management techniques, such as Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and peak period lanes
- Enforcement
- Education

After the breakout session, lunch will be served while we will share highlights from the morning and closing remarks from the Project Team.

We encourage you to attend this workshop. Please contact the undersigned to RSVP by **June 11, 2014** in order to attend.

In addition, we will interview some stakeholders in advance of the workshop to gain further insight on these issues and help create a more focused workshop, and we may include you as one of these participants. If you are selected for an interview, someone from our team will contact you soon to schedule an interview. The types of questions we may ask include:

- Are you aware of areas of recurring congestion that have caused truck diversion to other routes?
- Do you anticipate growth, decline or level volumes in the next 5-10 years?

***Your feedback will help shape the direction of this study and change how we move goods in Ontario.***

The outcome of this workshop will directly affect goods movement features in the GTA West Study Area, and could also establish a precedent for dedicated goods movement infrastructure throughout the Greater Toronto Area and across Ontario.

As background, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has initiated Stage 2 of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the GTA West Transportation Corridor. Building on the recommendations from Stage 1, the EA Study continues with a focus on identifying the route and developing the preliminary design for a new transportation corridor within the previously identified Route Planning Study Area. The new transportation corridor will include: a 400-series highway, a transitway, and potential goods movement priority features.

We thank you for your interest in this study, and look forward to your participation on this project.

Sincerely,



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