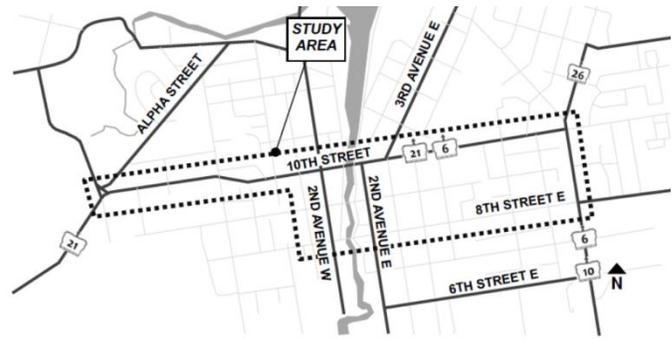


CITY OF OWEN SOUND
PHYSICAL AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO 10TH STREET
SCHEDULE B – MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
NOTICE OF PROJECT INITIATION AND INVITATION TO PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

BACKGROUND AND PROJECT STATEMENT

10th Street is a Connecting Link in the Provincial highway network joining Highways 6 and 21 to Highways 10 and 26. 10th Street forms an integral part of the east-west arterial roadway network in the City of Owen Sound. The corridor carries over 27,000 vehicles per day during peak periods and experiences significant traffic congestion and vehicle delays during those peak travel periods. The City of Owen Sound has initiated this study to identify and evaluate physical and traffic operational improvements to the 10th Street corridor that could improve traffic flow and safety through the City for all road users.



STUDY PROCESS

The 10th Street Corridor EA is being planned as a Schedule 'B' project under the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (2015). The Study will complete all necessary phases of the Municipal Class EA to receive environmental clearance; namely, establish the need and justification for the Project, define the traffic management plan and roadway cross-sections, document existing environmental conditions, consider all alternatives, proactively involve the public and regulatory agencies in defining a recommended plan for improvements, and carry out the related roadway design. This project will plan the future roadway cross-section through the downtown core of Owen Sound for motorized vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians.

A number of potential alternatives are being investigated, including:

1. Do Nothing;
2. Operational and signal timing improvements;
3. Geometric Changes - conversion to a 3-lane cross section (opposing left turn lanes and 1 through lane per direction) that also accommodates wider sidewalks and enhanced streetscaping; and
4. Improve traffic flow by creating a 1-way couplet between 2nd Avenue West and 3rd Avenue East using:
 - a. 10th Street (westbound) and 9th Street (eastbound) or
 - b. 10th Street (westbound) and 8th Street (eastbound)

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

A Public Information Centre is planned for:

Date: March 22, 2017

Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm – Formal Presentation – 5:30 pm

Location: Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre (Shore Room 2), 1900 3rd Ave East, Owen Sound

Persons wishing to be included on the study mailing list should contact the EA Project Manager identified below. Persons will be advised of future communication opportunities by electronic notice. Notices and updates will be posted on the City of Owen Sound's web site <http://owensound.ca/>.

There is an opportunity at any time during the EA process for interested persons to provide comments. Any comments received pertaining to the study will be collected under the *Environmental Assessment Act* and, with the exception of personal information, will become part of the public record.

For more information or if you wish to be placed on the study's mailing list, please contact:

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