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Introduction

In preparation of the City of Hamilton’s update to the 2007 Transportation Master Plan (TMP), the City of Hamilton, in partnership with Cole Engineering, Brook McIlroy, McPhail Transportation Planning Services and David Kriger Transportation Policy and Research hosted a series of Visioning Workshops. Over the course of four days, conducted in the evenings of March 23-26, 2015, the public was introduced to the TMP review process, and invited to share their transportation vision for Hamilton. In addition to the Visioning Workshops, the City of Hamilton also hosted a Transportation Summit, which preceded the first Visioning Workshop.

Visioning Workshops were held at the following locations:

- **Monday, March 23rd, 2015**
  Art Gallery Hamilton,
  123 King Street West

- **Tuesday March 24th, 2015**
  Chedoke Presbyterian Church,
  865 Mohawk Road West

- **Wednesday, March 25th, 2015**
  Battlefield House Museum & Park,
  77 King Street East (Stoney Creek)

- **Thursday March 26th, 2015**
  Emmanuel United Church,
  871 Upper Ottawa Street
Purpose

The purpose of the workshops was to engage citizens in a productive dialogue regarding their vision for the TMP and to solicit feedback on how best to achieve the collective transportation vision.

What was presented?

The workshops commenced with introductory remarks from the City, followed by an overview presentation that covered:

- The TMP process
- Project objectives and timelines
- Key Findings from the 2007 TMP
- Overview of the evening’s break-out sessions

Following the presentation, participants were invited to partake in facilitated break-out sessions of which the key findings are identified within this report.

Who came to the meeting?

Approximately 150 people participated in the sessions, including residents, property owners, business representatives, community group representatives, local councillors, and Staff and City Officials from the City of Hamilton.
The Break Out Sessions

For the Break-Out Session, participants were organized into workshop table groups. Each group centred around a Vision Worksheet Board, a large City Wide Map identifying Hamilton’s transportation network and smaller 11” X 17” maps of six key neighbourhood areas, plus writing utensils (markers, pens, pencils) and post-it notes. Discussions were facilitated by the City of Hamilton and the Consultant Team.

Vision Worksheets

Each worksheet included the following three exercises:

- Exercise one focused on the attendees’ transportation priorities for Hamilton.
- Exercise two focused on challenges Hamilton residents face when commuting throughout the City.
- Exercise three asked specific questions related to residents’ vision for the Hamilton Transportation Master Plan.

These exercises are described in more detail in the next section of this summary report. Vision Worksheets, area maps and general comment forms can be found in the appendices directly following this report.
Exercises

Exercise One Transportation Priorities
Exercise one asked participants to rank their transportation priorities. The following 9 priorities were suggested:

- Congestion
- Public transit
- Walking and cycling
- Accessibility
- Complete streets
- Goods movement
- Public parking
- Complete communities
- Investment and funding

Participants were also encouraged to include other priorities not captured by one of the 9 suggested priorities under the ‘other ideas’ space provided.

Exercise Two Commute Mapping
Exercise two provided participants with an opportunity to map commutes commonly travelled. Participants were provided with a map of the Hamilton area, and were guided to highlight challenges, problem areas, and areas for improvement using color coded markers. Example maps can be found within the appendices directly following this report.

Exercise Three Travel Vision
Exercise three included three questions, which asked:

1. What is your ideal mode of travel for commuting to work and other trips, and what would need to happen to make this feasible?
2. What does a successful Transportation Master Plan look like to you?
3. Do you agree with the stated “2007 Transportation Master Plan Opportunity/Vision Statement?” What is your Vision Statement for the Transportation Master Plan Review and Update?
What we heard?

Exercise One Summary

In exercise one, participants consistently ranked their transportation priorities as follows:

Transportation Master Plan Priorities:

1. Public Transit
2. Walking and Cycling
3. Complete Streets
4. Accessibility
5. Complete Communities
6. Investment and funding
7. Public Parking
8. Good Movement

Other priorities, identified under the “other ideas” space, included safety, way-finding, and infrastructure maintenance.

Exercise Two Summary

When asked to identify problem areas and challenges encountered on their daily commutes, as well as opportunities for improvement, participants cited the following:

- Congestion on the Lincoln Alexander Expressway (LINC) during peak hours, especially in regards to access/egress
- Poor condition of downtown roads (i.e. Potholes on Burlington Street)
- Poorly identified connections to waterfront trails
- Difficulty traveling between upper and lower Hamilton, especially for pedestrian traffic
- Difficulty traveling East-West through downtown
- Need for complete streets in downtown corridors
- Better connections between public transit routes
Exercise Three Summary

A. Travel Vision
When asked to describe their ideal commute, and travel vision, participants identified the following:

- Balanced options for travel modes, including access to more than one option
- A better quality public realm for pedestrian traffic
- Increased bus service frequency
- Dedicated transit and/or HOV lanes
- Higher-order rapid transit

B. Successful TMP
Participants responded to the question regarding what makes a successful TMP as follows:

- Comprehensive and attainable
- Connects upper and lower Hamilton
- Responsive to local needs
- Focuses on specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound results
- Incorporates integrated transit networks
- Promotes a more walkable pedestrian realm, featuring wider sidewalks
- Provides a comprehensive transit network
- Balances all transportation modes
- Considers impacts on homeowners
- Based on the public’s feedback

C. Vision Statement
The 2007 TMP Vision Statement reads:

“Key objectives of the Transportation Master Plan include reducing dependence on single-occupant vehicles and promoting improved options for walking, cycling and transit, while maintaining and improving the efficiency of trips related to the movement of goods and servicing of employment areas.”

When asked if participants agreed with the 2007 TMP vision statement, the majority of participants responded in the affirmative. Some participants also suggested that the vision should include a strong emphasis on:

- Reducing automobile dependence, especially single occupancy trips
- Promoting the public transit system
- Reducing congestion
- Increasing bus frequency and service coverage
- Increasing accessibility
- Investing in high-order rapid transit
Hamilton Transportation Summit

As part of the Transportation Summit, a workshop was held for attendees. Participants included City of Hamilton staff and officials, representatives from community groups and other key stakeholders. Two sessions were held, lasting 90 minutes each. Participants responded to a series of questions aimed at identifying transportation issues and priorities.

Key findings from the workshop are summarized as follows:

1. Rural, Suburban & Urban Transportation Issues

   - Limited access to integrated transit was identified as a key issue for rural and suburban residents
   - Auto dependancy due to a lack of alternative options was noted as a key issue for rural residents
   - Safety for active transportation users (particularly cyclists) was identified as a priority in rural, suburban, and urban areas

2. Public Transit & Active Transportation Networks

   - Updating current bus schedules was identified as a potential opportunity for an improved transit experience in urban and suburban areas
   - Accessibility for persons with limited mobility (e.g. seniors) was identified as a potential transportation network issue

   - The integration of systems was identified as a key priority for improving the transportation network, particularly related to transportation up and down the Escarpment and access to GO Transit facilities

3. Complete Streets & One-to-Two-Way Street Conversions

   - Complete streets were noted as a priority and opportunity for improvements to the public transit and active transportation networks
   - Pilot projects were identified as a key opportunity to develop complete streets
   - One-to-two-way street conversion was noted as a priority but also a potential concern if not managed effectively

4. Goods Movement & Technology

   - Goods movement was identified as an important consideration in both rural and urban areas
   - Connecting the Presto Card with SOBI was identified as an associated opportunity and emerging trend that would have a positive impact on the transportation network
   - Other key associated opportunities and emerging trends identified as related to the transportation network include real-time information, integrated fares and zonal fares
Key Directions from the PICs and Transportation Summit

Throughout the consultation process several key themes and messages became apparent. These include:

Priorities

- Public transit, walking and cycling, and complete streets were identified as the highest transportation priorities

Public Transit & Active Transportation Networks

- Difficulty traveling between upper and lower Hamilton was consistently ranked as a challenge that needs improvement
- Complete and connected active transportation networks are crucial

A Successful TMP

- Needs to include balanced transportation options and more than one viable option for travel
- Connects upper and lower Hamilton
- Is comprehensive, measurable, attainable and implementable
- Promotes a more walkable pedestrian realm, featuring wider sidewalks
- Provides a comprehensive transit network
1. Transportation Priorities

Suggested Time: 10 minutes

Please tell us your transportation priorities to help us best reflect these ideas in the Vision for the Transportation Master Plan.

With your group, review the list of suggested priorities. If your group has additional ideas to add, please do so. Rank all of the ideas from highest to lowest priority.

- □ Congestion Management
- □ Public Transit
- □ Walking and Cycling
- □ Accessibility
- □ Complete Streets
- □ Goods Movement
- □ Public Parking
- □ Complete Communities
- □ Investment and Funding
- □ Other Ideas:
  - ______________________
  - ______________________
  - ______________________

2. Your Commute (Using the Maps)

Suggested Time: 20 Minutes

When traveling around Hamilton, where do you encounter challenges? Do you have ideas for improvements? Between which locations would you most want to improve connections?

Please use the city-wide and local maps by using the appropriate colour marker to identify the desired location and provide your comments.

- Driving (Blue)
- Public Transit (Green)
- Walking (Purple)
- Cycling (Yellow)
- Highest Problem Areas (Red)
- Accessibility (Orange)
- Parking (Black)

Additional Comments:

3. A Vision for Travel in Hamilton

Suggested Time: 20 minutes

With your group, discuss and answer the following questions.

1. What would be your ideal mode of travel for commuting to work? What would be your ideal mode of travel for other trips? What would need to happen for this to be feasible?

2. What does a successful Transportation Master Plan look like to you?

3. 2007 TMP Opportunity/Vision Statement

“Key objectives of the Transportation Master Plan include reducing dependence on single-occupant vehicles and promoting improved options for walking, cycling and transit, while maintaining and improving the efficiency of trips related to the movement of goods and servicing of employment areas.”

Do you agree with the 2007 Transportation Master Plan Opportunity/Vision Statement? What is your Vision Statement for the Transportation Master Plan Review and Update?
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONS:

Please rank the following transportation topics in terms of priority:

☐ Congestion Management  ☐ Goods Movement
☐ Public Transit  ☐ Public Parking
☐ Walking and Cycling  ☐ Complete Communities
☐ Accessibility  ☐ Investment and Funding
☐ Complete Streets  ☐ Other: ________________________________

2007 TMP Opportunity/Vision Statement

“Key objectives of the Transportation Master Plan include reducing dependence on single-occupant vehicles and promoting improved options for walking, cycling and transit, while maintaining and improving the efficiency of trips related to the movement of goods and servicing of employment areas.”

Do you agree with the 2007 Transportation Master Plan Opportunity/ Vision Statement?

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What is your Vision Statement for the Transportation Master Plan Review and Update?

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Visit the study website at: www.hamilton.ca/TMP
Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist the City of Hamilton in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. They will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in study documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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Our City’s Transportation Future
Hamilton Transportation Summit 2015 - March 23, 2015

The purpose of this workshop is to identify the priorities, key issues, opportunities and emerging trends related to the (1) Rural, Suburban and Urban Transportation Issues; (2) Public Transit and Active Transportation Networks; (3) Complete Streets and One to Two-Way Street Conversion; and (4) Goods Movement and Technology. This will inform the Transportation Master Plan Review and Update and input directly into developing a Vision for the Study.

1 Rural, Suburban and Urban Transportation Issues (~15 minutes)

The City of Hamilton includes rural, suburban and urban areas. The transportation challenges facing each of these areas are likely to differ. As such, it is important that the Transportation Master Plan consider and appropriately balance the needs of all Hamiltonians.

What are the key transportation priorities, issues and opportunities facing rural residents?

What are the key transportation priorities, issues and opportunities facing suburban residents?

What are the key transportation priorities, issues and opportunities facing urban residents?

2 Public Transit and Active Transportation Networks (~15 minutes)

The local transit network is operated by the Hamilton Street Railway Company (HSR), which is the Transit Division of the City of Hamilton, Public Works Department. The regional transit network is operated by GO Transit, a division of Metrolinx. Active transportation refers to any form of human-powered transportation - walking, cycling, using a wheelchair, in-line skating or skateboarding. To accommodate these modes, the active transportation network includes walking trails, on and off road cycling routes, sidewalks, bicycle racks, way-finding signage, etc.

What are your priorities for improvements to the public transit and active transportation networks?

What are the associated opportunities and emerging trends impacting these networks?

What are the issues, if any, of which we should be aware?
Complete Streets and One-to-Two Way Street Conversion (~15 minutes)

Complete Streets is a transportation policy and design approach that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities, regardless of their mode of transportation. One-to-two way street conversions consists of converting existing one-way streets to two-way streets. For example, York Boulevard was converted from a one-way to a two-way street in 2010 and redesigned at the same time as a complete street that accommodates bicycle lanes, improved pedestrian space and streetscaping.

Goods Movement and Technology (~20 minutes)

Goods Movement refers to the transportation of for-sale products from the manufacturer or harvest to their final retail destination. More efficient goods movement means more network capacity, which translates to safer and faster trips for all users of the transportation network. New and emerging technologies are making a significant impact on the transportation network. For example, car and bike sharing programs, smartphone apps, real-time trip information and autonomous (self driving) vehicles have the potential to reshape the way we live and move.