

Project Sign - Coming in 2011



To facilitate full construction of The Windsor-Essex Parkway in 2011, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and partners will be busy with a number of key activities.

Initial Construction

Facca Construction Inc. of Essex will be completing the \$15.5 million initial construction contract of two bridges and a noise barrier as a component of The Windsor-Essex Parkway. This work began in December 2009. One bridge is located where Highway 3 will pass over the Parkway and the other will carry a future off-ramp from Highway 401 westbound to Highway 3 and the realigned Howard Avenue. The noise barrier is approximately two kilometres long and five metres high and is adjacent to the Southwood Lakes community, from Howard Avenue to North Talbot Road. The noise barrier will provide effective noise mitigation for the adjacent community. It features transparent panels that will reduce the visual impact of the noise barrier for both residents and drivers.

Trillium Court

During the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study it was determined that the community of Trillium Court would be affected. MTO is working closely with the River Park Non-Profit Corporation and the Ontario Realty Corporation to coordinate a plan for relocation of the community that is sensitive to the needs of the residents. Design of the new community is currently underway by Archer Architects Incorporated in Windsor, with the start of construction anticipated for summer 2011.

Commercial/Financial Close

Infrastructure Ontario, in partnership with MTO, will enter into negotiations with the preferred proponent. Following successful negotiations, the project is expected to reach commercial close and financial close in early 2011, which will mean that relevant contracts have been signed, a financing rate has been set, the project's costs and schedule are finalized, and funds have been made available for the project.

Environmental Protection

Important environmental work conducted during the environmental assessment process will continue leading to the identification of environmental protection and mitigation measures that will be integrated into construction contracts. The design of project components will include the consideration of alternatives, and development of measures, to protect and mitigate against impacts to communities, species at risk, fisheries, wildlife and water quality.

Community Consultation

Public consultation will continue during future design and construction phases of The Windsor-Essex Parkway.

Consultation Plans will be prepared and made available for public review at the outset of design phases. The community will be consulted on key project elements: environmental protection, landscape plans, noise mitigation design, property matters and construction staging and associated mitigation.

Community consultation events will be announced well in advance through local newspapers and on the project website www.weparkway.ca.

All work on The Windsor-Essex Parkway is being carried out in accordance with commitments documented in the approved Environmental Assessment Report and permits received from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.