

Midtown Oakville Mobility Hub Study

Study Purpose

A mobility hub study provides a concept plan for an area of approximately 800m around a given transit station. The study demonstrates how the mobility hub should look and work over the longer term – about 25 years. The Midtown Oakville Mobility Hub study builds on the substantial amount of existing planning the Town of Oakville has already completed – the May 2011 [Livable Oakville Official Plan](#) and the June 2008 [Draft Midtown Business and Development Plan](#).

Background

The [Big Move](#) Regional Transportation Plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) identifies 51 mobility hubs, and 92 transportation priority actions and supporting land use policies so that over 80 per cent of residents in the region will live within two kilometres of rapid transit by 2031. Mobility hubs are centred on major transit stations which have significant levels of transit service planned while currently serving a critical function as the origin, destination, or transfer point for a significant portion of trips in the region. In 2011, Metrolinx released the [Mobility Hub Guidelines](#), which aim to clearly communicate the hub concept and provide guidance and innovative ideas on how to develop and plan development and mobility hubs. Metrolinx values its partnerships with municipalities throughout the GTHA, and is working with the Town of Oakville to conduct a collaborative planning process that reflects the perspective of the community.

Project Description

The Midtown Oakville Mobility Hub study area is the same as the Growth Area Boundary identified in the [Livable Oakville Official Plan](#). The major elements the study will explore are: access to the GO train platforms by all modes of transportation, including proposed location and layout of the bus loop, GO station buildings and tunnels, and GO station parking and drop off facilities; refinements to the road network identified in the Livable Oakville Official Plan; implications for a new Oakville Town Hall; development opportunities; and phasing of implementation.

Next Steps and Implementation

The community will be invited to a public meeting on January 30, 2012 to provide input and will also be invited to an open house in the spring to see the final design. Metrolinx and the Town of Oakville will also be meeting with landowners in the hub to let them know about the study. The feedback gathered from the community will help inform the preferred design concept, anticipated to be complete by February 2012. A Public Open House will be held in March 2012 to present the final concepts. The study and report should be finalized by June 2012. This planning study is an essential step in the broader process of evaluating the opportunities and demands within the Midtown Oakville Hub area and potential phasing of implementation. Decisions about the specifics of any proposed construction projects that may arise from the study would be determined after its completion.