

# What Is The Purpose Of This Public Information Centre?

The purpose of this Public Information Centre is to provide an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the alternative design for improvements to Malden Road. The information presented includes.....

- · Background information on the Class EA process and the project;
- Results of related studies, including a traffic assessent study;
- · Alternative Design Concepts for the Preferred Solution and Problem and Opportunity Statement;
- · The evaluation criteria and indicators; and
- The Selection of a Recommended Design for improvements to Malden Road.

Please review the information being presented and discuss your thoughts with members of the Project Team that are present.

## YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS STUDY!









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# What Happens After This Public Information Centre?

After this Public Information Centre (PIC), the Project Team will.....

- · Address the comments received
- · Select the Preferred Design
- · Begin Phase 4 of the Class EA process, which includes the completion of the Environmental Study Report (ESR).

# Will there be another Opportunity for Public Comment?

### Yes .....

• Since the project is a Schedule C, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be produced detailing the work completed and a notice of its completion will be published in the community newspapers and the Town and County websites. The ESR will be available for review and the public can provide comments on the final conclusions and recommendation of the study.









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# What Is The Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Process?

The Municipal Class EA process is a planning and design process that applies to municipal infrastructure projects, including roads, water and wastewater projects, as approved by the Ministry of the Environment in 2000, as amended in 2007.

The key principles of the Class EA process include:

- · Consultation with affected parties;
- · Consideration of a reasonable range of alternatives;
- Consideration of the effects on all aspects of the environment (i.e. Natural, social/cultural, technical, economic);
- Systematic evaluation of the alternatives to determine their net environmental effects; and
- · Provision of clear and complete documentation.





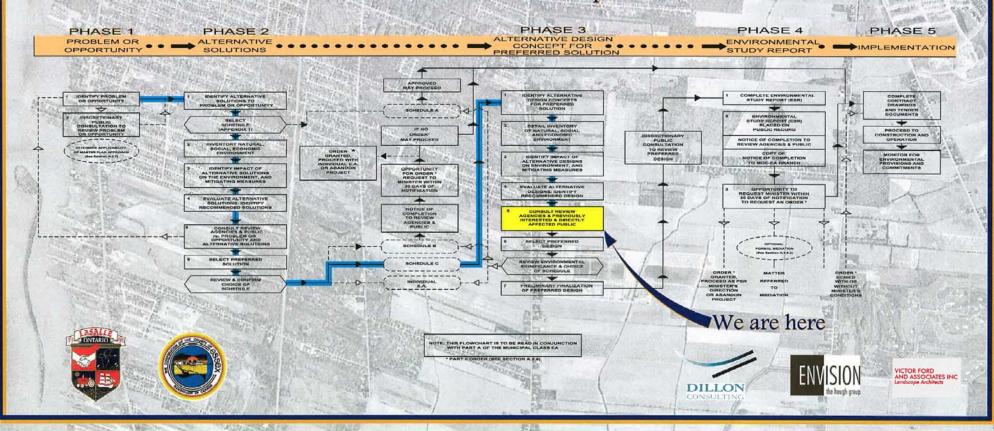




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# Where are we in the Environmental Assessment Process? The project is being planned under the Municipal Class

**Environmental Assessment process** 





# Existing Problems

The existing 2 lane road is not adequate to handle the growth in traffic

- Access and egress delays occur from driveways
- There are identified safety issues including pedestrian crossings, driveway access and egress
- Separation of multi-use pathway from road traffic
- Traffic signal timing
- Few existing public realm landscape features
- Limited right-of-way widths
- Needed improvements to some infrastructure features like open drains and ditches

The Alternative Designs presented at this Public Information Centre address these issues and attempts to strike a balance between competing issues.









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# Problem & Opportunity Statement

#### 1.0 BACKGROUND

The Town of LaSalle is an urbanizing community with a current population in excess of 27,000 persons. The Town's population is projected to double during the next two to three decades, with the corresponding need to provide a broad range of services and amenities that will enable existing and future LaSalle residents to live, work and play within livable, safe and vibrant neighbourhoods, town centres and employment districts.

Since 1999, the Town of LaSalle has invested a significant amount of financial and human resources to meet the needs of existing and future residents by providing infrastructure to better accommodate pedestrian and cyclist-related traffic along the Town's urban arterial and major collector road network. These new sidewalks, trails and bridges are being used extensively by LaSalle residents of all ages and abilities to travel to/from various neighbourhoods and to/from the Malden Town Centre.

In the Spring of 2007, the Town completed a Commercial and Employment Land Study which confirmed the importance of maintaining and enhancing strong, vibrant, mixed-use and compact Town Centres. Many "empty nester" households and seniors have chosen to live within the Malden Town Centre to take advantage of the broad range of goods and services that are available in close proximity to their place of residence. For a variety of health-related and lifestyle reasons, many of these residents want to maintain a healthy lifestyle by walking or ride their bikes to/from the Malden Town Centre and other destinations in adjacent residential neighbourhoods.

#### 2.0 TRANSPORTATION

The volume of vehicular traffic using the Malden Road Corridor has increased significantly during the last decade, with current traffic volumes approaching 16,000 AADT. In keeping with the Town of LaSalle's need to provide modern community facilities and services to existing and future residents they have chosen to develop a new multi-use facility. The Vollmer Recreational and Cultural Facility is south of the Malden Road Town Centre and has been strategically located near the intersection of Malden Road and Laurier Parkway. In the short term, the Vollmer Recreational and Cultural Centre will be primarily accessible from the Malden Road Corridor. Based on the traffic analysis that was completed for the Howard Bouffard Master Plan (2003?), traffic is expected to increase along this important corridor.

#### 3.0 PUBLIC REALM AND COMMUNITY DESIGN PRINCIPLE

The "LaSalle Greenway" is a cornerstone upon which the existing and future neighbourhoods and town centres of this urbanizing community will be built. This greenway provides (or will provide) a safe and well developed trail system that connects residents with the natural environment and with each other and will link the various components of the community, while preserving and enhancing ecologically significant lands and providing places to recreate and interact. In addition to this cornerstone urban design feature, the following community design principles have been adopted by LaSalle Council and collectively articulate the shared community vision for the Town:

- a) livable, mixed-use neighbourhoods, designed for people, are the building blocks of a healthy, vibrant and caring LaSalle community;
- neighbourhoods; town centre and employment districts with a highly interconnected road network and a balanced transportation system that is designed and built for pedestrians, cyclists, transit and automobiles;
- shorter block lengths, a finer grain of block sizes and 5 minute walking distances to neighbourhood activity centres;
- d) neighbourhoods which are diverse in use and population, with a broad range of housing choices for residents with different needs and different incomes;
- e) parks, schools, places of worship, compact pedestrian-scaled shopping districts (mixed-use town centres) and employment
  opportunities situated closer to where people live, easily accessible by foot, bicycle, transit and automobile;
- f) public places that foster a sense of community pride and well-being within each neighbourhood (with each neighbourhood having an activity centre - parkettes, day care centres, transit stops, corner stores/cafes, places of worship, etc. - which would be the focal point, creating a sense of place for each neighbourhood);
- g) ecologically significant lands are protected, enhanced, incorporated within planned "greenway" systems and given prominence (i.e. single loaded roads) for the benefit of all residents in the surrounding neighbourhood;
- urban places framed by architecture and landscape of a high standard of design that celebrates local history, climate, ecology and building practice, in keeping with new urban design guidelines and standards for both the public realm and for private lands.

The transportation related and public realm problem and opportunities that are identified must incorporate and apply these community design principles, and must ensure that the preferred design properly balances and promotes the needs of pedestrian, cyclist, transit and vehicular traffic along the Malden Road Corridor and establishes:

- a comprehensive and effective set of preferred public safety, traffic and public realm improvements that need to be made with this
  transportation corridor (including the Malden Town Centre) to meet the evolving needs of existing and future LaSalle residents for a
  twenty-wear planning horizon; and
- an implementation strategy for this transportation corridor that is fiscally and environmentally responsible; enhances public safety for
  motorized and non-motorized forms of transportation; promotes and facilitates healthy and active lifestyles; properly addresses
  on-going municipal servicing requirements; and is capable of retaining/attracting businesses, services and residents as part of a
  vibrant, attractive and safe Malden Town Centre.

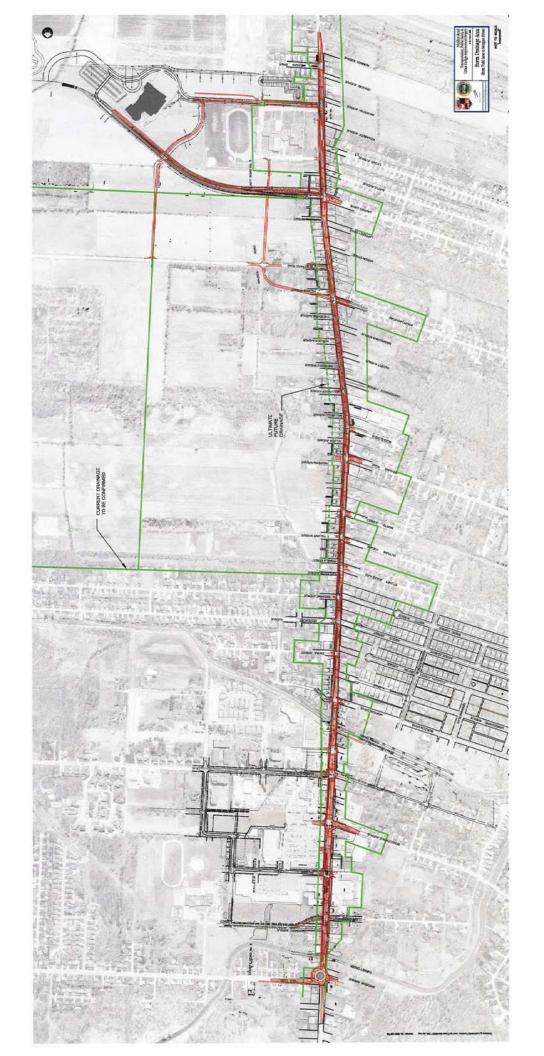








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- Malden Road is a major north/south arterial that accommodates between 11,000 to 15,500 vehicles per day.
- Peak hour volumes exceed 800 vehicles per hour between Todd Lane and Morton Drive.
- Traffic operational constraints exist at the Sprucewood Avenue signalized intersection. Southbound traffic experiences significant delay in the PM peak hour.
- A number of unsignalized intersections are experiencing significant delays on the side street due to traffic volumes and lack of gaps.

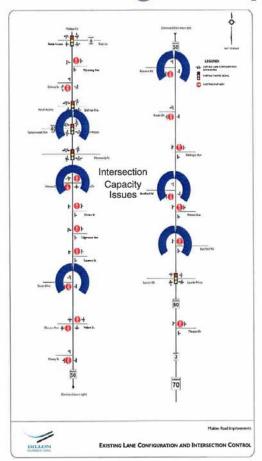


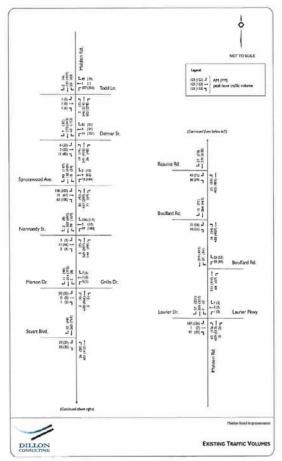


- An average of 43 collisions per year along corridor. Majority of collisions are congestion and turning related.
- Access management issues related to safe turning movements at driveways and entrances.
- Existing signal timing changes have been identified for Malden Road and Sprucewood Ave. to deal with pedestrian crossing issues and delays.



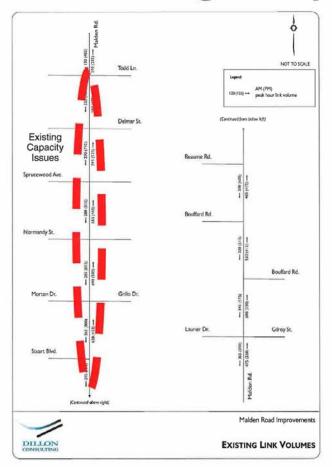


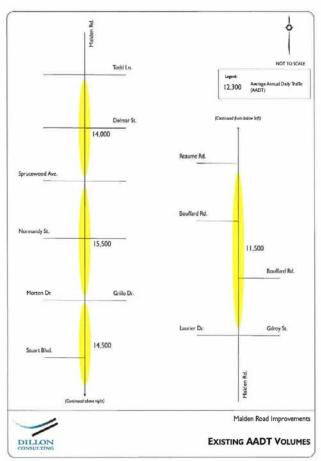








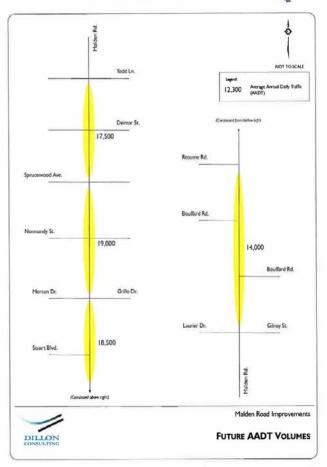








### **Future Transportation Conditions**



- The section of the corridor between Todd Lane and Reaume Road will experience capacity deficiencies under future conditions (2021).
- The level of service at signalized intersections and along the corridor will exceed acceptable levels for a two lane roadway.
- Transportation improvements will be required to accommodate future travel demands.





### **Transportation Alternative Solutions**

### Planning alternatives considered:

- Do Nothing maintain roadway in its present configuration
- Improve adjacent parallel roadways widened other roads to accommodate projected future demand
- Public transit service encourage a shift in modal choice
- Travel demand management (TDM) measures reduce peak hour demand and single occupancy vehicles
- Traffic signal optimization and coordination increase capacity
- Cycling and pedestrian facilities provide alternative modes
- Widen roadway provide additional capacity to accommodate demand (3 lane or 5 lane)





### **Transportation Alternative Solutions**

### Planning alternatives evaluation:

- Do Nothing Does not address problem
- Improve adjacent parallel roadways
   – Improvements to Huron Church, Laurier Pkwy, Reaume Rd. taken into consideration
- Improve public transit service incorporated into analysis
- Travel demand management (TDM) does not solve problem on its own, part of overall solution
- Traffic signal optimization and coordination does not solve problem on its own, part of overall solution
- Cycling and pedestrian facilities incorporate as part of overall solution
- Widen the roadway to accommodate demand (3 lane or 5 lane) recommended solution in conjunction with traffic signal optimization, cycling and pedestrian facilities, public transit and TDM.

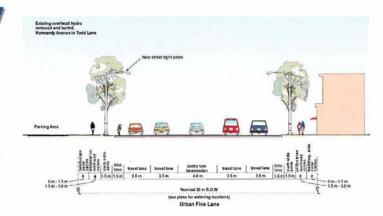


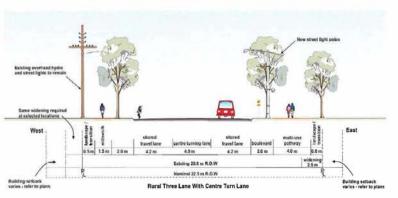


# Transportation Strategy Alternatives

### **Key Considerations:**

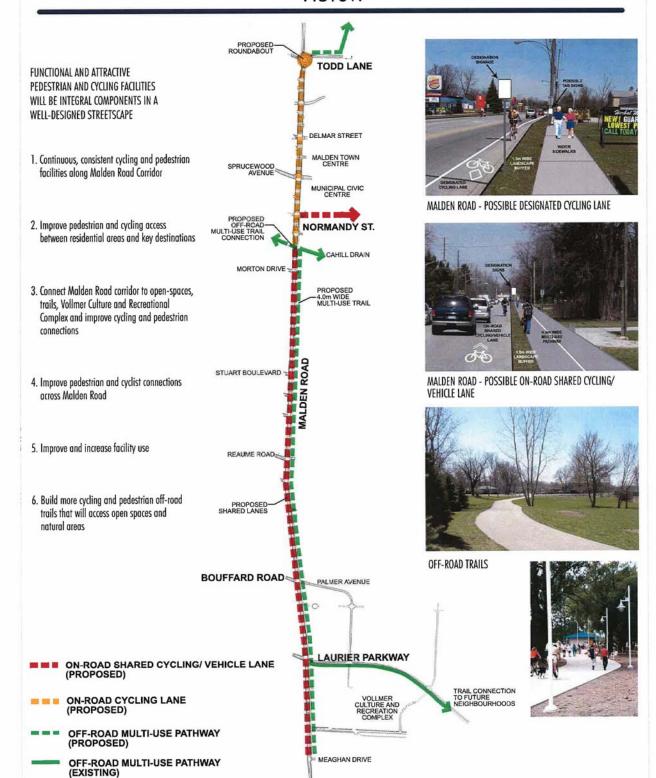
- Integration of sidewalk, multiuse trail and cycling facilities
- Pedestrian and cyclist movement at intersections
- Traffic operations and roadway safety
- Long term capacity requirements
- · Access management
- Speed and traffic calming measures



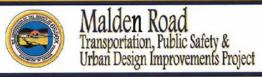


#### CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN STRATEGY MALDEN ROAD ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

### VISION





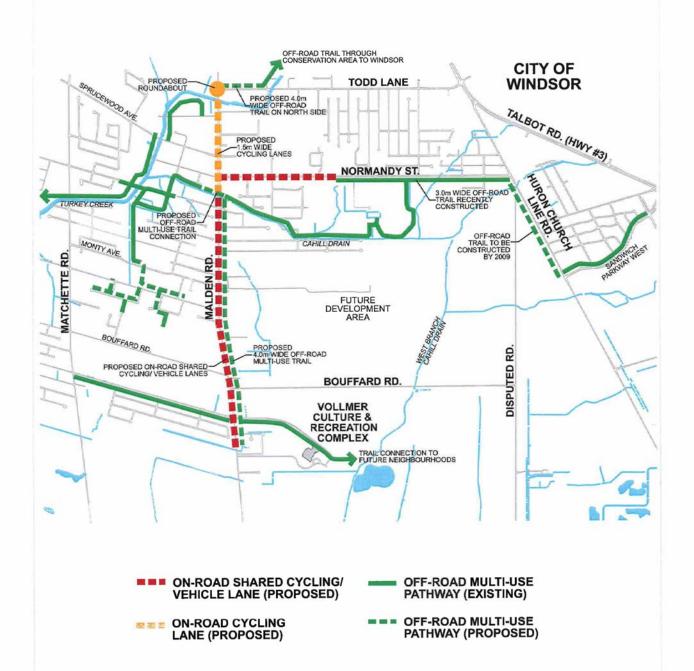








### CYCLING AND PATHWAY CONNECTIONS









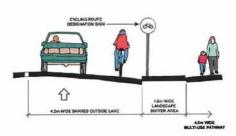


### CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES



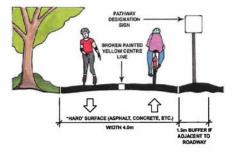
ON-ROAD CYCLING LANE





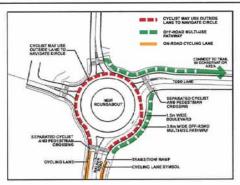
ON-ROAD SHARED CYCLING/ VEHICLE LANE



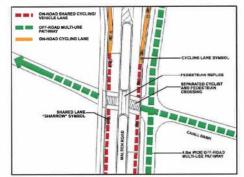


OFF-ROAD MULTI-USE PATHWAY





CYCLING FACILITIES AT NEW ROUNDABOUT: MALDEN ROAD AND TODD LANE



CYCLING FACILITIES AT NEW MIDBLOCK CROSSING: MALDEN ROAD AND CAHILL DRAIN





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### **SIGNAGE**

#### **DESTINATION SIGNAGE EXAMPLES:**



Ottawa Capitol Area



Amherstburg (Private Development Sign)

#### **DESTINATION SIGNAGE CONCEPT:**



#### **DESIGNATION/ ROAD-RULES SIGNAGE:**

#### SHARED LANES:



County signage for on-road shared cycling/ vehicle lanes



Typical on-road shared cycling/ vehicle lane marking (bicycle symbol with chevrons, or "sharrow")

#### **CYCLING LANES:**



Typical on-road cycling lane markings



Typical on-road cycling lane designation signage

#### **OFF-ROAD TRAIL SIGNAGE:**



Off-road, multi-use pathway designation sign in use elsewhere in Lasalle





Typical information, trail-rules, wayfinding and trip-end signs













### PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR INPUT

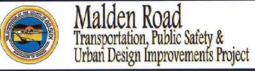
- EXISTING CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ACROSS THE TOWN CAN BE IMPROVED TO INCREASE SAFETY, EASE AND DESIRABILITY OF USE AND REDUCE CONFLICTS.
   PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.
- PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT EXISTING CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES
   ALONG MALDEN ROAD.
   WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE?
- WHAT TYPES OF NEW OR IMPROVED CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR MALDEN ROAD AND OTHER PARTS OF THE TOWN?







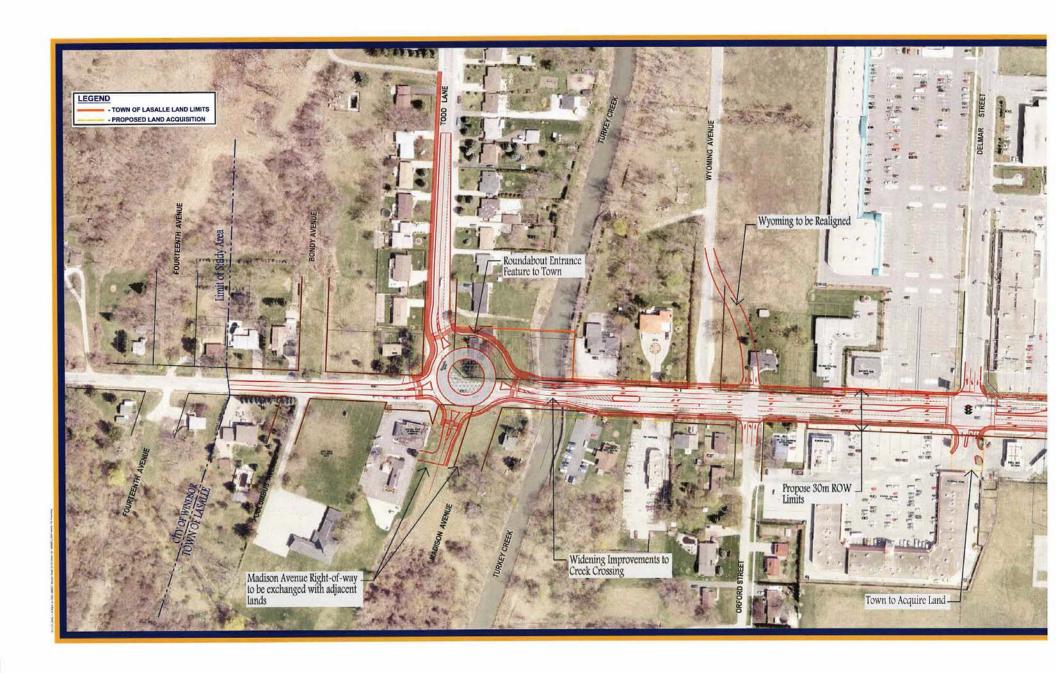




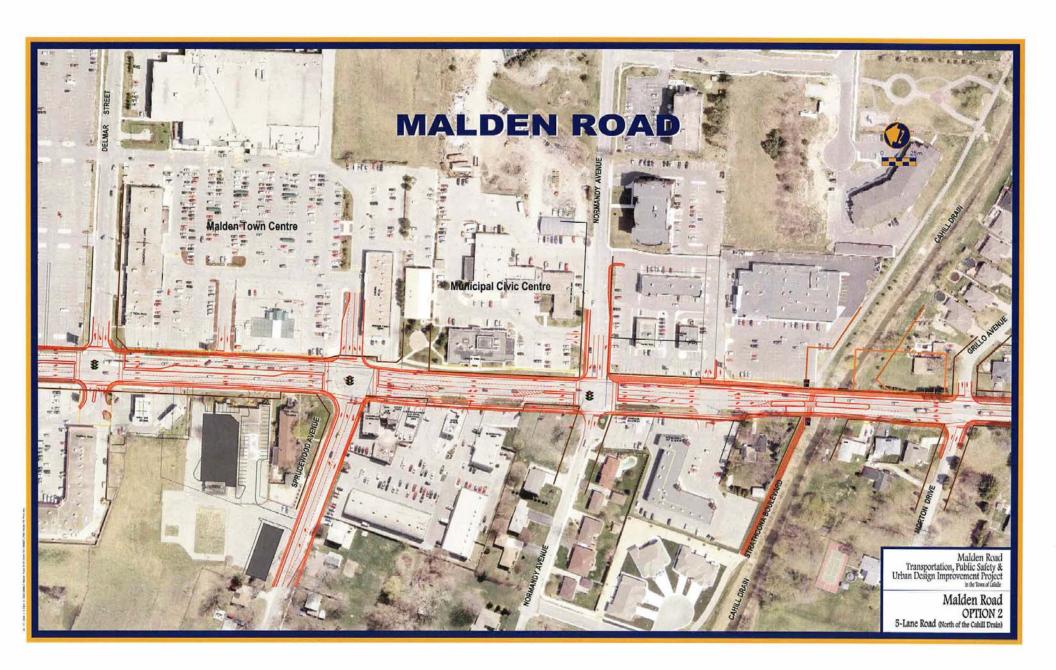




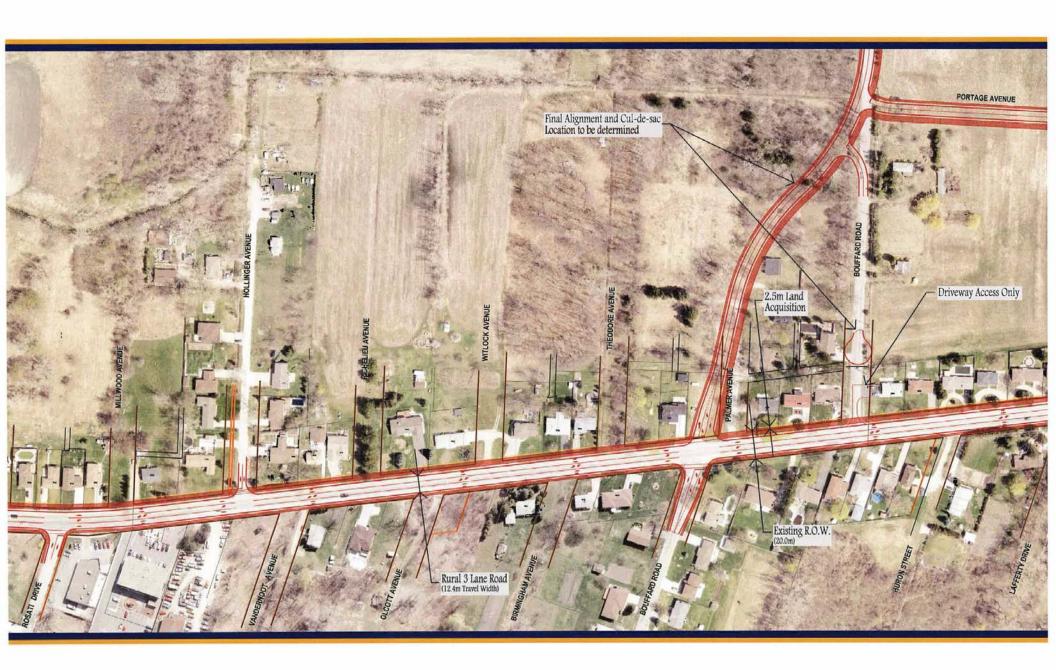








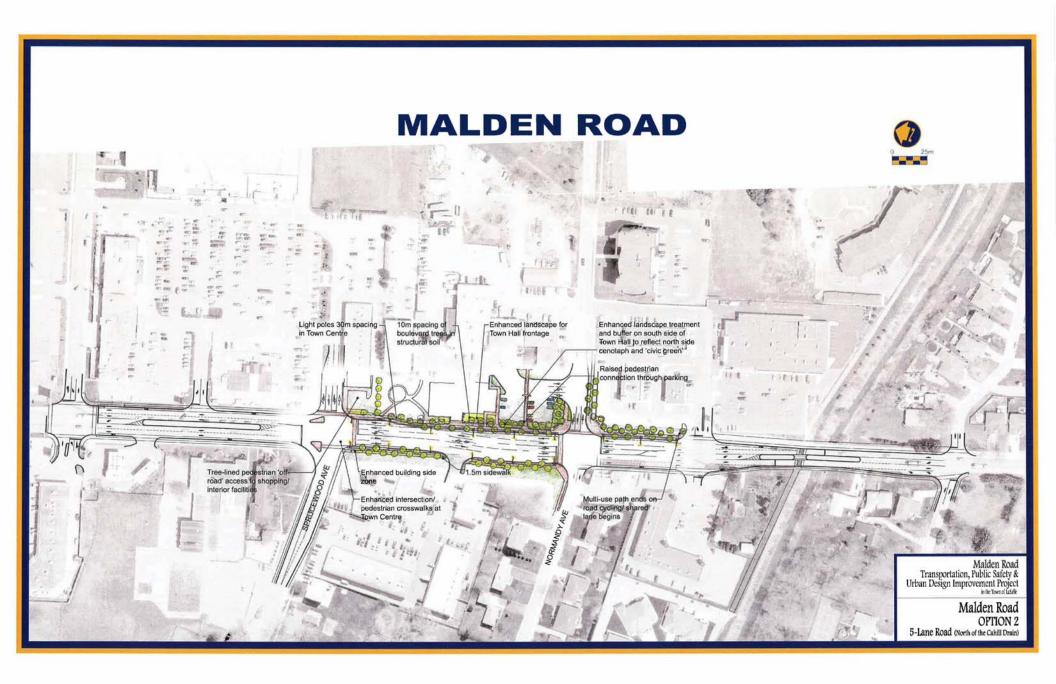


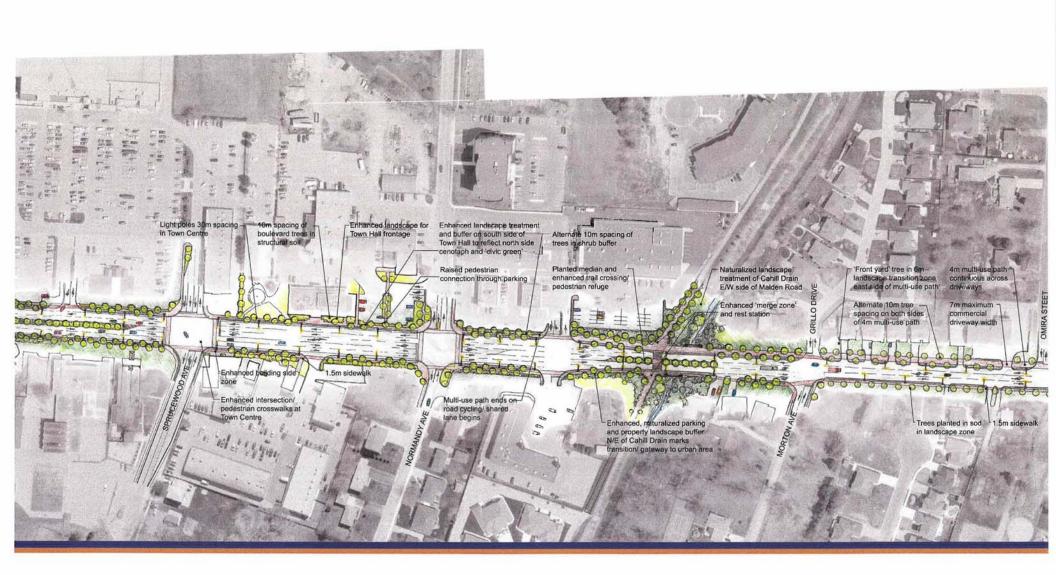




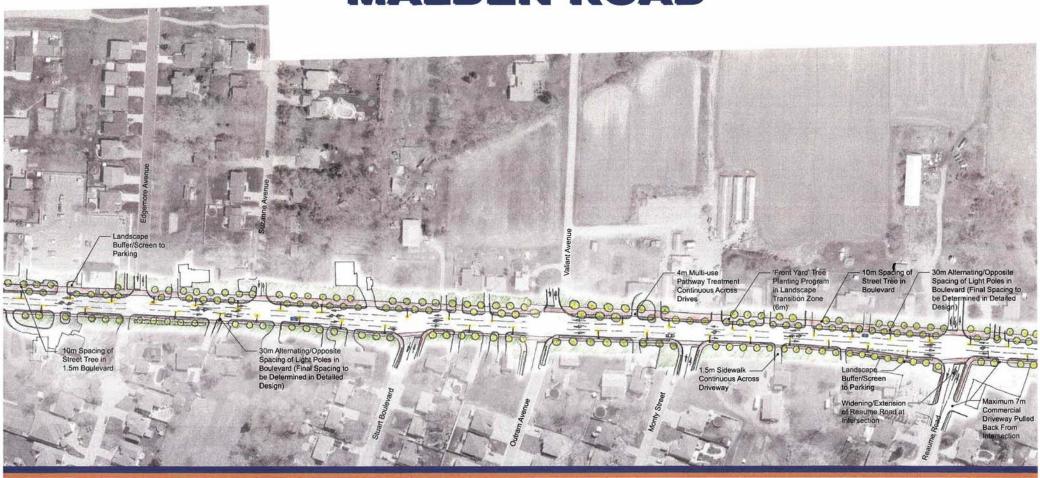




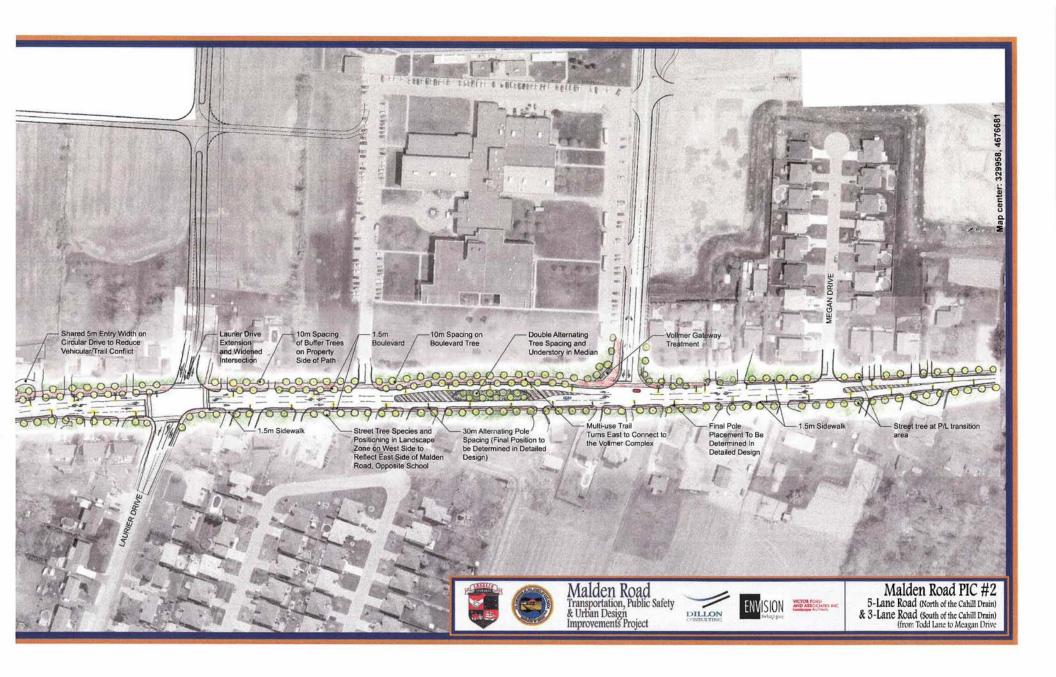


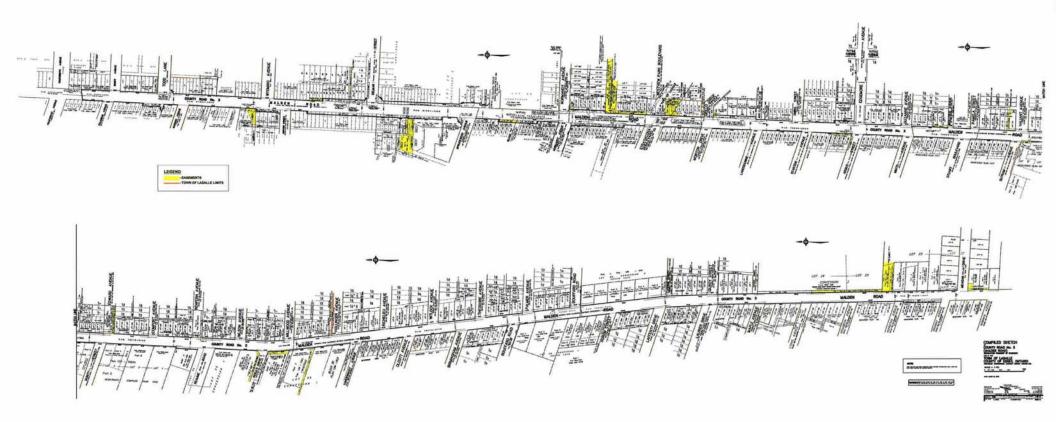


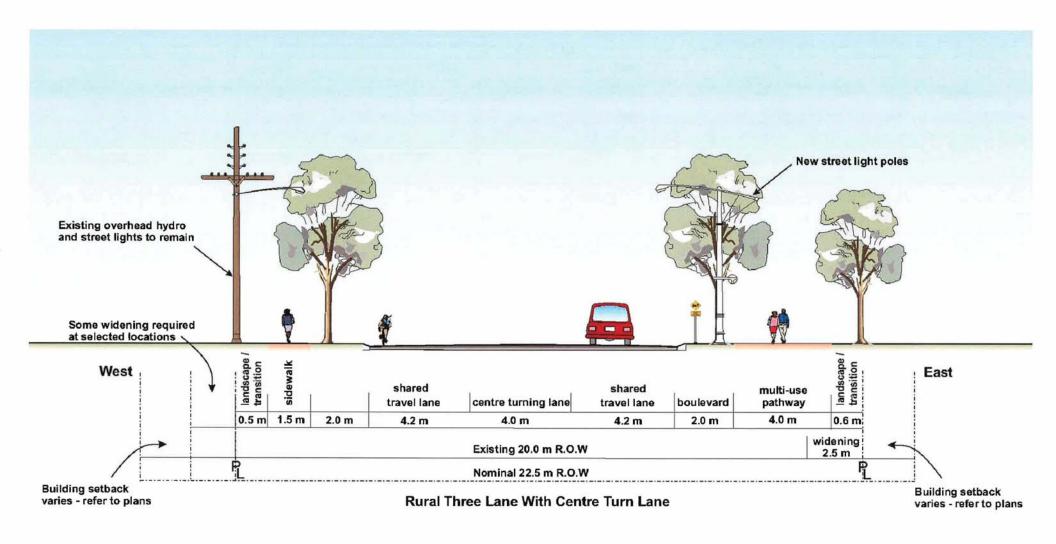
## **MALDEN ROAD**















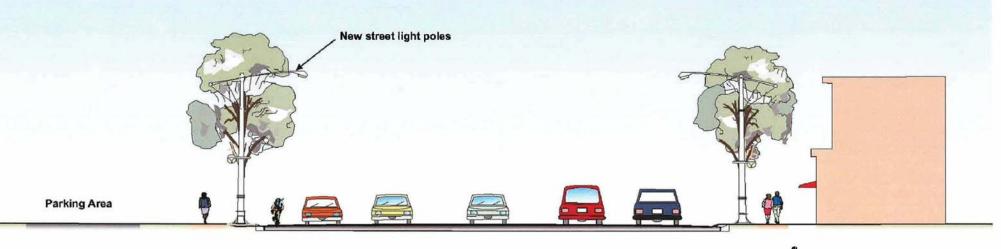


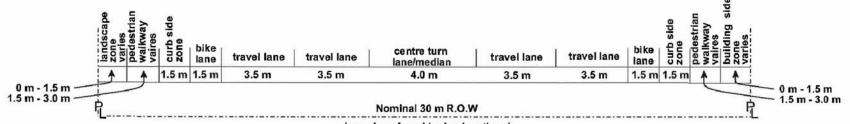




Malden Road PIC #2
Typical 3-Lane (12.4m wide)
Road Cross Section
(South of the Cahill Drain)

Existing overhead hydro removed and buried, Normandy Avenue to Todd Lane





(see plans for widening locations)

**Urban Five Lane** 





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Malden Road PIC #2
Typical 5-Lane (21.0m wide)
Road Cross Section
(North of the Cahill Drain)

#### **LaSalle Town Centre**

Continuous pedestrian walkways, enhanced pedestrian crossings & multi-use path connections to Cahill Drain provided Improvements to lighting and streetscaping Landscape buffer screening of parking areas Enhanced gateways to urban area

#### Mixed Use Transition

Continuous pedestrian walkways, enhanced pedestrian crossing & multi-use path provided Improvements to lighting and street tree planting Landscape buffer screening of parking areas

#### **Residential - Vollmer Gateway**

Continuous pedestrian walkways & multi-use path to Vollmer Comples provided Improvements to lighting and streetscaping

Residential - Vollmer Gateway LaSalle Town Centre Mixed Use Transition

> Improved urban corridor appearance Some access and egress alterations

Improved transition area appearance Some access and egress alterations

Improved residential corridor appearance Some access and egress alterations











# Impacts of Recommended Designs on Natural, Social and Economic Environment

	Description	Natural Environment	Social Environment	Economical Environment
ansportation				
	4 lanes plus left turn lane, north of Cahill Drain	No major impacts	Property taking to increase right-of-way at	Disruptions to business and residents during
			various locations kept to a minimum	construction
	2 lanes plus continuous left turn lane and a few	Structure widening at Turkey Creek and Cahill Drain will	Property taking mostly on east side of	Left turn lane will improve access to businesses ar
	right turn lanes, south of Cahill Drain	impact fish habitat during construction. Obtain	corridor south of Cahill	residents
		DFO/ERCA approvals with conditions non in-water		
	I	works during fish spawning (March 15 - July 1)		
	Round-about at Todd Lane	Town owned land	Eliminates traffic signal	N/A
	Traffic signals at Delmar, Sprucewood,		Signal timing to be adjusted to allow for	
	Normandy, Laurier		safe pedestrian crossings	
	Alignment north of Normandy	Impact on buildings	Building relocation	Move municipal office to minimize impact on
				commercial block
	New service roads in and around Vollmer	Limited impact	Better traffic flow, less waste time. Should	
	Complex/School Site		relieve traffic congestion and access to	
			Malden Road	
	Realignment of Wyoming and Bouffard	Will impact current use of property	Property required	Some costs can be recovered through Developme
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	New storm sewer	Will improve drainage	Reduces flooding risks	
	Existing sanitary sewer and watermains to remain	Some in-line storm water quality features can be		
		implemented		
	Hydro poles north of Normandy to be removed	Limited impact		
	Most utility poles south of Malden on east side to		Removal of utility poles improves	Utility pole relocation expensive, but needed to
	be removed		appearance of corridor	implement solution
cling				
	On-road cycling lanes north of Cahill Drain.	No significant impacts, since all work within or adjacent	Some property taking, supports Town	Not a significant cost
	Shared cycling / vehicle lanes south of Cahill	existing to right-of-ways	vision and addresses problems and	
	Drain. Separated multi-use path on east side of	3	opportunity statements	
	road right of way south of Normandy.		appointing characteristic	
	Connections of shared lanes/ path to Heritage via			
	Normandy, Huron Line, Sandwich West Parkway.			
	Crossing of Malden Road at Cahill Drain.			
	Connection to Vollmer Complex and subdivision			
	in south and multi-use path connection adjacent			
	to Todd Lane connecting to conservation			
	authority and Windsor to the north.			
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icau iai ia	Sidewalks and multi-use nath along Malden Road	No significant impacts, since all work within or adjacent	Some property taking, supports Town	Not a significant cost
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an osoigii	Landscape boulevards, median, round-abouts	Limited right-of-way (used by road and trails) has	Some property taking, supports Town	Not a significant cost
	caroscape boulevalus, median, round-abouts	resulted in significant scaling back of available urban	vision and addresses problems and	140t a significant cost
		design applied. Comparation with advate comments		
		design corridor. Cooperation with private owners would	opportunity statements with cooperation of	
		enhance corridor in commercial district (north of Cahill)	land owners, urban design features can be	
			extended on private property	
	Lighting improvements		Enhance corridor appearance. Softens	
	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR		impact of road improvements	





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### Improvements to Malden Road Recommended Design Summary

The Recommended Design includes the following:

- 5 lane cross section in Town Centre (Todd Lane to Cahill Drain)
- 3 lane cross section, south of Cahill Drain
- Cycling lanes/wider curb lanes to accommodate on street cycling
- Pedestrian walkways on both sides of road in Town Centre
- Sidewalk on west side of road, south of Town Centre
- Multi-use Pathway on east side of road, south of Town Centre
- Urban design features along entire corridor
- Enclosed drainage system (storm sewers)
- Roundabout at Todd Lane to improve safety and to enhance urban design features
- Utility pole relocation at various locations on Malden Road
- Property acquisition at various locations.





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# How can I Provide My Comments on this Presentation?

After you have reviewed this information and talked to members of the Project Team, please complete a Comment Sheet.

Your Input
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You may fill in your comment sheet and hand it in before you leave or mail it to the address indicated before November 14, 2008.

# Thank You for Attending









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