



Region of Waterloo

Myers Road Reconstruction

City of Cambridge

- What:** Reconstruction of Myers Road
New storm sewer, pavement, curbs, and asphalt trails
- Where:** From Water Street to Branchton Road
- Why:** To repair pavement, improve drainage, and install pedestrian and cycling facilities
- When:** Construction in 2022 to 2024
- Who:** Region of Waterloo Project Manager
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Public Consultation Centre #2

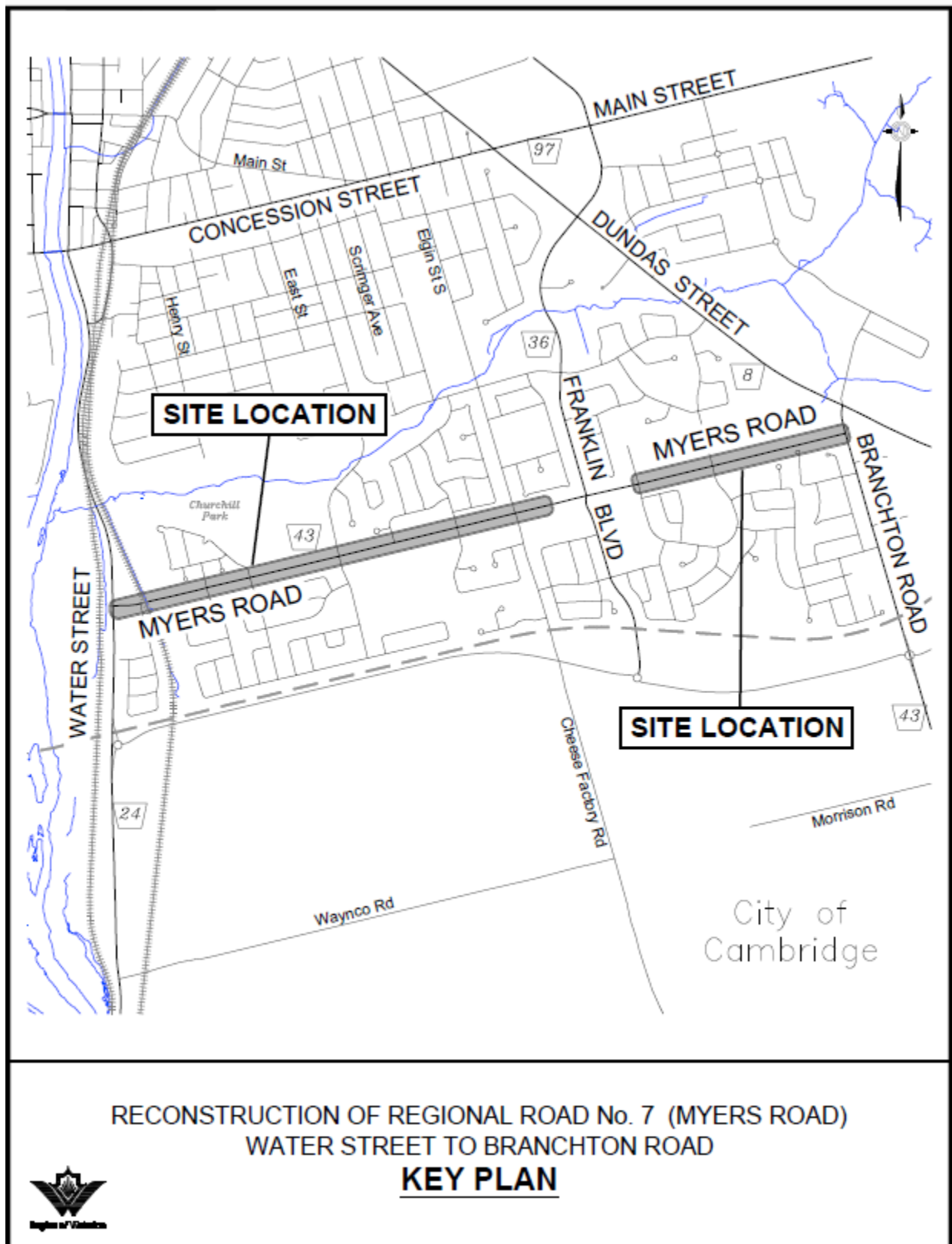
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We Want Your Input!

There is a comment sheet at the back of this package. If you wish, please fill it out and submit it by one of the alternatives indicated on the Comment Sheet.

Key Plan of Project Limits



1. Why is the Region doing this Project?

The Region of Waterloo is currently considering improvements to Myers Road from Water Street to Branchton Road, in the City of Cambridge.

This project has been initiated to:

- Address the deteriorated pavement condition;
- Urbanize the corridor with storm sewer and curbs to improve drainage and help reduce traffic speeds; and
- Improve cycling and pedestrian facilities.

2. Who is Directing this Project?

A Project Team was formed to direct the planning for this project which consisted of staff from the Region of Waterloo, City of Cambridge, and City of Cambridge Councillors Scott Hamilton and Shannon Adshade.

3. How is this Project Being Planned?

This project is classified as a Schedule “A+” undertaking in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment planning process. As part of this process, members of the public and approval agencies have an opportunity to review and comment on the preliminary design concept that is currently being considered.

4. What is the Purpose of this 2nd Public Consultation Centre?

The purpose of this 2nd Public Consultation Centre (PCC) is for the public to:

- review the improvements being considered for this project;
- provide responses to comments received during PCC #1 (see [Responses to Comments Received During PCC#1](#));
- review changes to the design concept as a result of the feedback received during PCC #1 (see [Summary of Changes Since PCC#1](#));
- ask questions of staff from the Region of Waterloo and the City of Cambridge; and
- provide comments and input regarding the planning and design of the improvements being considered.

Information is available and comments may be submitted by using Engage Waterloo Region (<https://engagewr.ca/regionofwaterloo>), mail, e-mail, telephone, and/or facsimile, as shown on the cover page. Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings, there will be no physical Public Consultation Centre for this round of public consultation.

All comments received will be considered along with other information received over the course of the project to assist the Project Team in completing the planning and design for this project.

5. What Improvements are proposed on Myers Road?

Based on technical studies and investigations completed, the Project Team is proposing the following improvements on Myers Road:

- Full reconstruction of the pavement structure;
- Installation of new storm sewers;
- New curb and gutter;
- Multi-use trails on both sides along the full length of the roadway;
- A pedestrian and cycling connection from Myers Road to California Road;
- Installation of additional left turn lanes at select intersections;
- Improved pedestrian crossing facilities;
- Watermain replacement between Woodland Drive and Lorraine Drive; and
- New sanitary sewer from 108 Myers Road to 124 Myers Road.

Please refer to Appendix “A” for the Project Team’s preferred cross-sections throughout the project limits.

For a list of changes to the proposed design since PCC#1, refer to the document outlining a [Summary of the Changes Since PCC#1](#).

6. Are active transportation improvements being considered?

The Region is proposing to construct 3.0 metre wide multi-use trails on both sides of Myers Road for the length of the project. This is supported by the Region of Waterloo’s Transportation Master Plan and Corridor Design Guidelines. The Project Team determined that boulevard multi-use trails would suit the local

neighbourhood, given the number of schools in close proximity, as well as potential connections to adjacent trails and parks.

Maintenance of the new multi-use trails will be completed by the City of Cambridge.

7. Will the Posted Speed be Changed?

No change to the posted speed is being considered at this time.

The Project Team has considered a number of measures that are intended to lower traffic speeds along Myers Road, including:

- Reduced lane widths;
- Addition of curb and gutter;
- Addition of pedestrian refuge islands where applicable; and
- Roadside plantings where possible (to be installed the year following construction).

8. Will there be On-Street Parking at Moffat Creek Public School?

The proposed design does not include any allowance for parking along Myers Road. Currently, parking is not permitted in front of Moffat Creek Public School due to concerns about the safety of students being dropped off along the road near live traffic.

Region of Waterloo and City of Cambridge representatives have been in conversation with school officials, School Board staff, and the school's parent council to discuss parking concerns along Myers Road in front of Moffat Creek Public School. As part of the preferred solution, the School Board has set a budget to expand the parking capacity at the school. This includes 12 additional parking spaces at the front of the school and approximately 22 parking spaces in a new parking lot with access off of Dundas Street. The School Board anticipates completion of construction before the 2021-2022 school year.

As part of these past discussions, the Project Team has also reviewed potential improvements to the roadway to make it easier for students to walk to school from the local neighbourhood. This has resulted in the proposed multi-use trails on both sides of the road, the proposed pathway connecting Myers Road to California Road, and the proposed pedestrian refuge island across from the

school. Additionally, as part of the effort to reduce traffic speeds, the design includes reduced lane widths along with new curb-and-gutter.

Simultaneously, the school community has been working on some travel planning initiatives to help encourage students to walk or bike to school, including: a new “Trail Blazer” program, a “Drive to 5” program, and walk to school days. These programs are meant to encourage active transportation, in accordance with the School Board’s Active Transportation Charter.

9. Will there be Traffic Control at the Proposed New Pedestrian Island in Front of Moffat Creek Public School?

A Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) controlled crossing will be implemented at the future connection to California Road in front of Moffat Creek school to assist pedestrians crossing in this location. A Level 2 PXO includes pavement markings and signage, requiring vehicles on the roadway to yield to crossing pedestrians.

10. How will Existing Trees, Driveways, Retaining Walls and Lawns be Affected?

It is expected that some existing trees would have to be removed during construction to accommodate the proposed multi-use trail along the south side of Myers Road near Branchton Road, and along the hill leading down to Water Street. Tree removals are not currently anticipated along the remainder of the corridor. It is the Region’s practice to plant two replacement trees for each tree removed where space permits in the road allowance.

Any grassed areas disturbed during construction will be repaired to equal or better condition with topsoil and sod. In addition to replacing any trees removed on a 2-for-1 basis, new boulevard landscaping, including salt resistant trees and shrubs, will be included as part of the project where feasible. Any new landscaping typically occurs in a separately tendered landscaping contract in the year following construction. Driveways will be re-graded as necessary in order to blend smoothly with the newly constructed roadway.

Some residential/commercial properties along Myers Road may currently have hard landscaping features such as rock gardens, ornamental lights, underground sprinkler systems or similar landscape features which are currently situated on the road right-of-way rather than on private property. If your property has these types of features on the roadway right-of-way, you will be requested to relocate these items from the right-of-way prior to construction.

11. Will Streetlights be Upgraded with this Project?

Existing lighting levels will be reviewed along the corridor to determine necessary upgrades as part of this project. New streetlights will be installed along Myers Road where lighting is not currently provided.

12. Is Any Private Property Required for this Project?

The improvements being considered for this project will not require the acquisition of any property.

13. When will Construction Occur? Will there be Detours?

Construction on Myers Road is tentatively scheduled to commence in 2022 and continue until 2024. Refer to Appendix B for a drawing showing the proposed staging of construction. The Region's Transportation Capital Program is reviewed annually and the timing of projects may change depending on several factors. The timing of this Myers Road work will also be coordinated with the construction of the South Boundary Road (between Water Street and Franklin Boulevard).

During the detailed design of Myers Road, required road closures and lane restrictions will be finalized along with construction staging plans. The Region will stage construction in a way that limits road closures to the extent possible, though it is anticipated that some closures of Myers Road will be required during various stages of the project.

As is customary during Regional Road reconstruction projects, the public will be advised of the construction timing and traffic restrictions through letters to adjacent property owners, advance roadway signage and information posted on the Region's web site.

Pedestrian access will be maintained along Myers Road. Where the sidewalk is close to deep excavations, the sidewalk will be separated from the work area by temporary fencing. Signage will be erected in order to direct pedestrians through the project area.

The City of Cambridge Fire Department, Waterloo Regional Police and Ambulance Services will all be advised of detours and traffic restrictions during the construction period. Grand River Transit service (Routes 54 and 59) will be maintained during construction through a detour route and implementation of temporary bus stop locations as required.

14. How will Access to Properties be Maintained During Construction?

Access to residential/commercial driveways will be maintained to the greatest extent possible during construction. The Contractor will be required to temporarily block access to and from driveways on Myers Road and side streets for short-term periods when completing certain construction operations. Where a disruption to your driveway is expected, the Contractor is required to hand-deliver a notice at least 48 hours in advance advising you of the time and duration of the driveway disruption. If necessary, alternate parking arrangements will be made, such as provision for temporary parking on adjacent side streets.

For commercial properties, access for customers will be maintained at all times. If only one driveway access exists, the Contractor will endeavour to complete the work across the driveway in two stages where feasible in order to maintain customer access.

School bus access will be maintained at all times, with any necessary detours coordinated with school bus operators throughout construction.

Property and business owners are asked to contact the site supervisor if they have any concerns in relation to access, signage or other issues during the project so it can be determined if reasonable changes or modifications can be made.

15. Will there be Water Service Shutdowns During Construction?

In order to make connections to the existing system, temporary water service interruptions will be required in select locations as part of this work. Specifically, watermain replacement will be completed along Myers Road between Woodland Drive and Christopher Drive, and between Christopher Drive and Lorraine Drive. Water service interruptions will likely be less than ½ a day in duration and will likely occur between 9:00 am and 2:30 pm Monday to Friday unless other arrangements have been made. "Notices of Water Service Interruption" will be delivered to your front door a minimum of 24 hours before any required water service shutdown.

16. Can my Existing Water Service be Upgraded?

Replacement of the existing distribution watermain between Woodland Drive and Lorraine Drive is being proposed as part of this project and, as such, water services will be replaced in these locations. If property owners wish to increase the size of the water service to their property beyond the standard 25mm size or

to request an additional water service (i.e. for an anticipated future severance), please indicate so on your comment sheet. From this information, staff will contact you at a later date to discuss your plans and any further requirements.

Additionally, property owners may wish to consider replacing the water service on their private property (i.e. between the property line and their building) during the construction activities. Property owners can inquire to arrange this work directly with the Region's Contractor on-site during construction but it cannot be guaranteed that the Contractor will be able to accommodate this additional work request.

17. Can my Existing Sanitary Service be Upgraded?

Replacement of the existing sanitary sewers are not proposed as part of this project and, as such, sanitary service replacements are not being completed at this time.

18. Will New Services be Provided to Properties Currently on Septic Systems?

New sanitary sewer and watermain will be installed along Myers Road to service the properties at the following addresses:

- 108 Myers Road
- 112 Myers Road
- 116 Myers Road
- 120 Myers Road
- 124 Myers Road
- 140 Myers Road
- 142 Myers Road

The City of Cambridge has provided a letter summarizing the process, connection costs, and by-law requirements for the properties listed above. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the City through the information provided in the summary letter. If your property is noted in the list above and you did not receive a letter, please contact the Region's Project Manager listed at the end of this document.

19. What is the Estimated Cost of this Project? How will it be Funded?

The estimated cost for construction of the Project Team's Preferred Design Concept is approximately \$8.5 Million. This includes approximately \$1 Million for active transportation facilities.

Funding for the proposed road improvements and storm sewer is included in the Region's approved 2021 Ten-Year Transportation Capital Program. Funding for the City of Cambridge's share of costs will be included in the City's Capital Budget.

20. What are the Next Steps?

Prior to finalizing the recommended design concept, the Project Team is asking for the public's input. This Public Consultation Centre is your opportunity to ask questions, provide suggestions and make comments. Once your input is received, it will be used by the Project Team, in conjunction with other relevant information, to finalize the recommended design concept for this project.

Once finalized, the Preferred Design Concept will be presented to the Region's Planning and Works Committee in spring 2021 for their endorsement. At this meeting, members of the public will be given another opportunity to provide comments on this project. Pending Committee endorsement, final approval of the Preferred Design Concept for this project will be considered by Regional Council, which will make the final decision regarding the proposed improvements.

In advance of these meetings, letters will be sent to all adjacent property owners as well as to all members of the public providing comments through this Public Consultation Centre so that anyone wishing to speak to Committee or Council about this project can do so before final approval.

21. How can I view Project Information Following the PCC? How will I Receive Further Notification Regarding this Project?

All the relevant project information, notifications of upcoming meetings and contact information are available for viewing at the Region's website at www.regionofwaterloo.ca or by contacting the Region's project manager by telephone, e-mail, mail or facsimile.

Adjacent property owners/tenants and members of the public registering for this

Public Consultation will receive all forthcoming public correspondence, and will be notified of any future meetings.

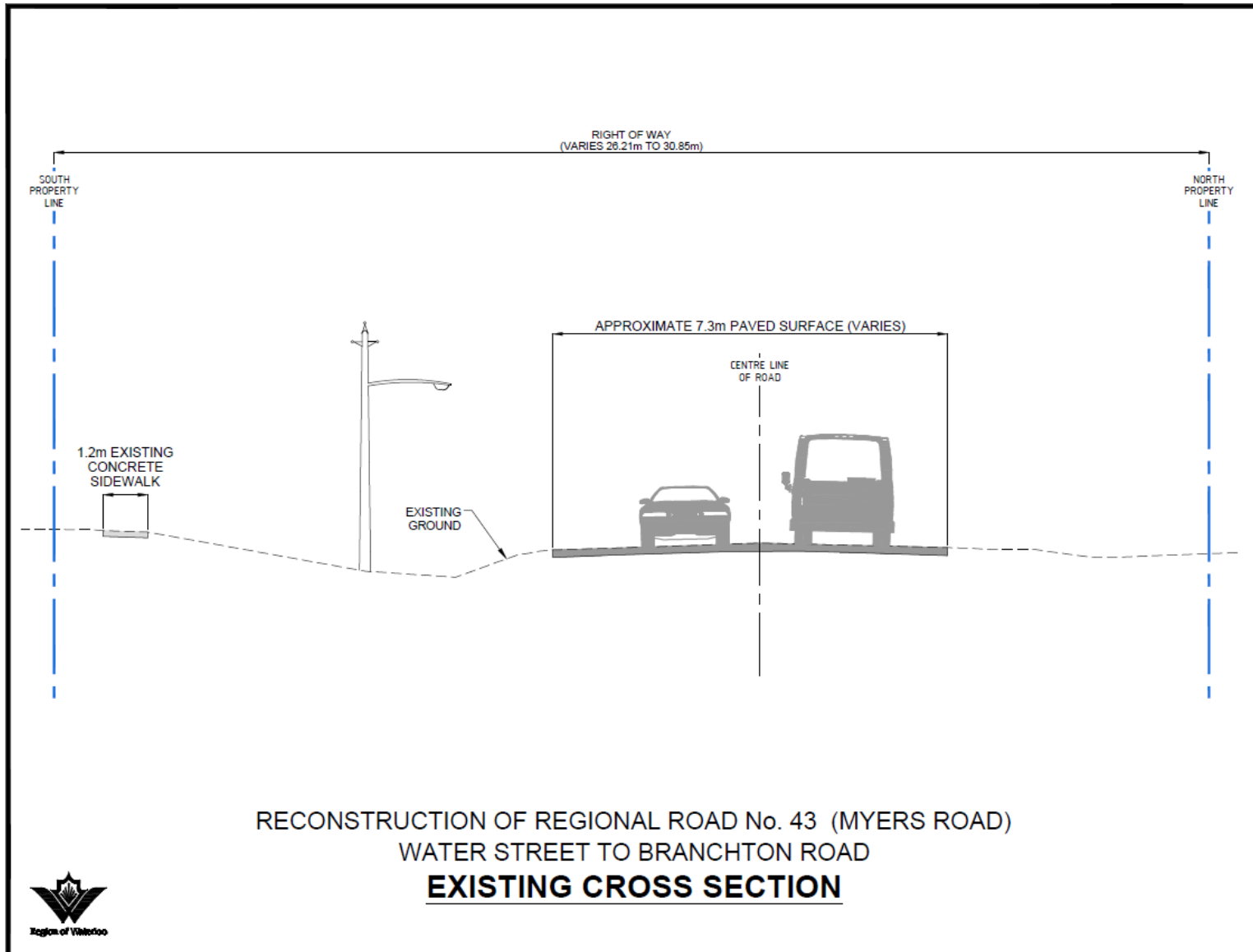
22. How Can I Provide My Comments?

In order to assist the Project Team in addressing any comments or concerns you might have regarding this project, we ask that you visit the Region's consultation page at www.engagewr.ca/myers-road-reconstruction where you can provide your comments on the project. Alternatively, you can fill out the attached Comment Sheet and mail or e-mail your comments to the Region of Waterloo. Comments will be accepted until March 2, 2021.

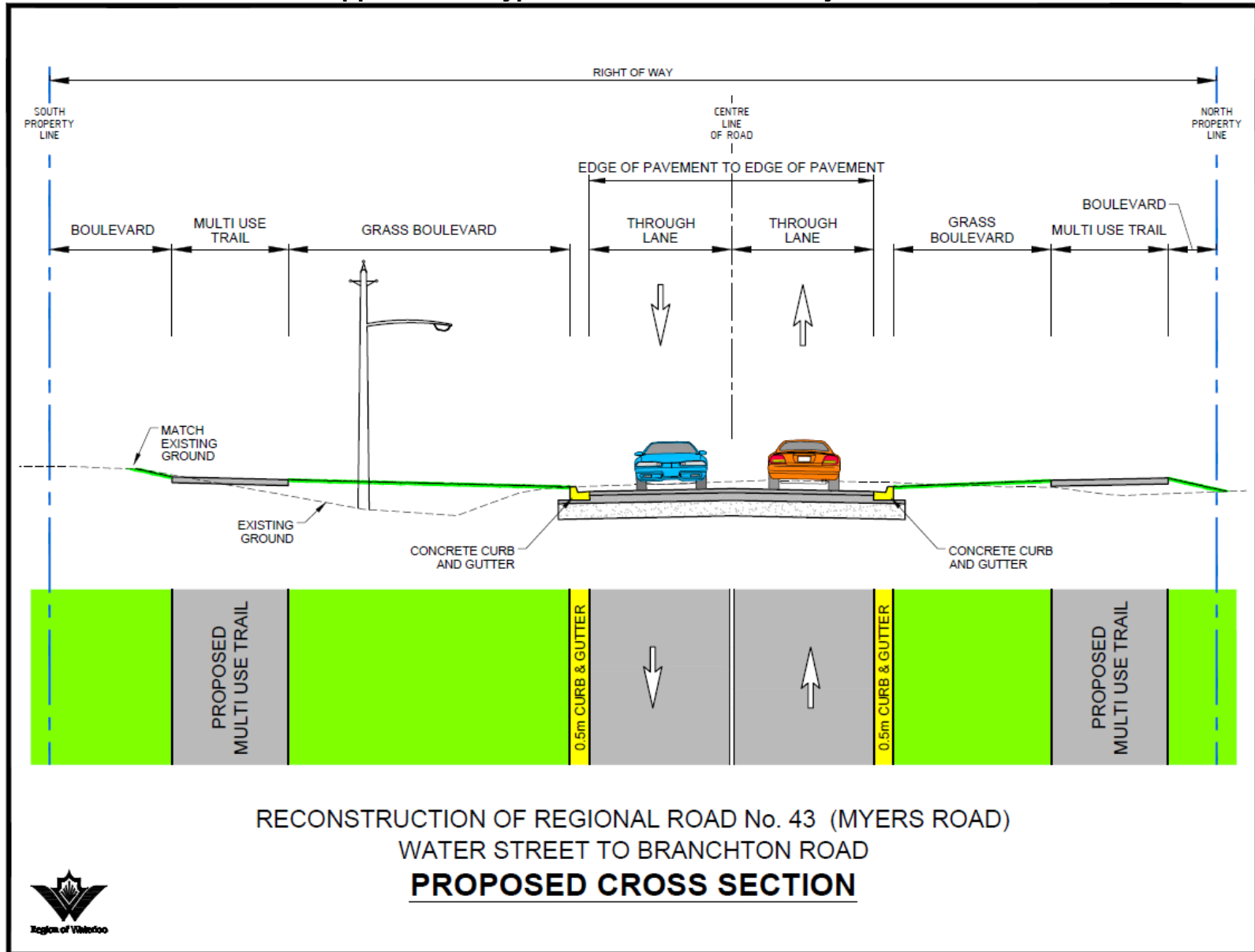
We thank you for your involvement and should you have any questions or concerns please contact one of the following:

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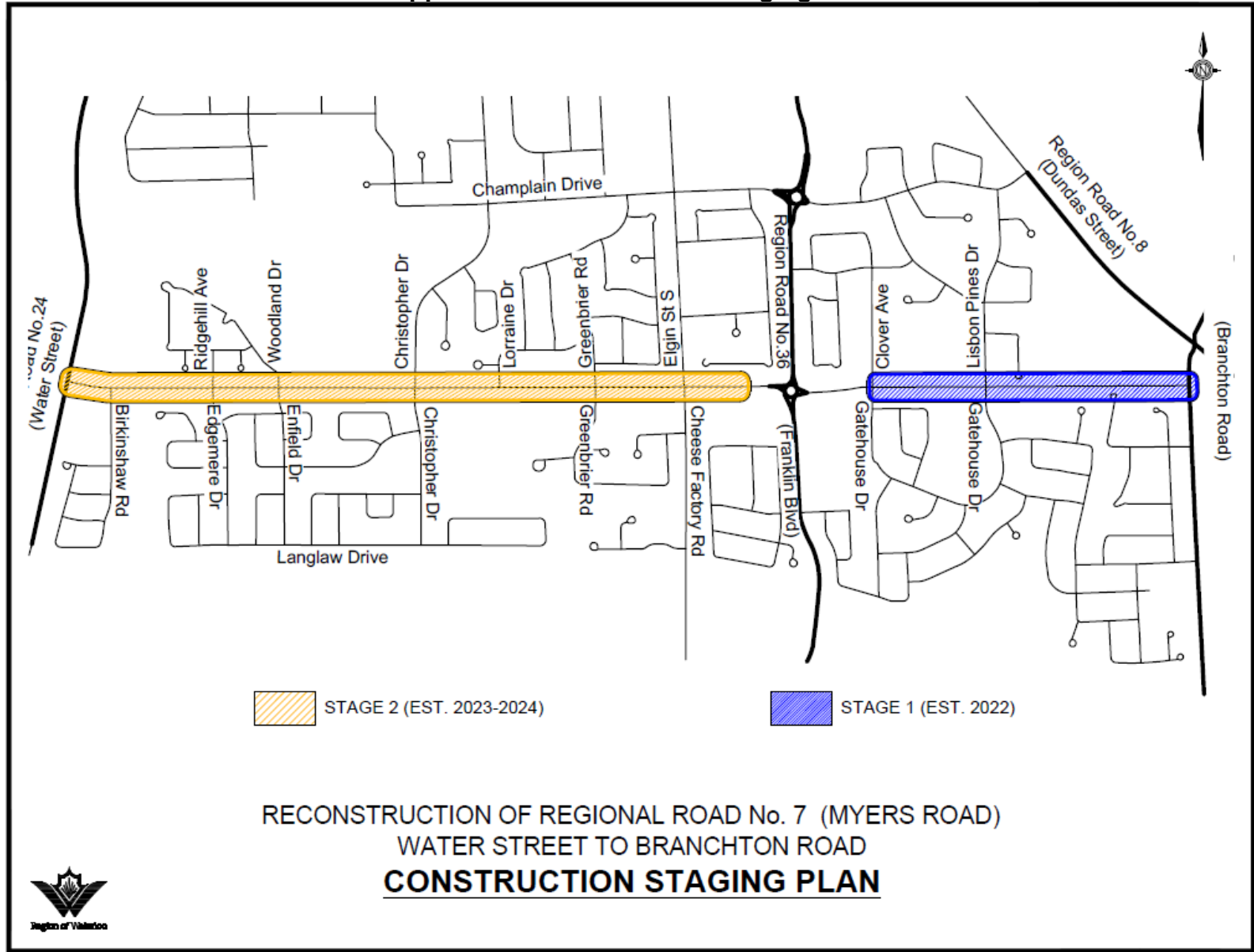
Appendix A - Typical Cross Sections of Myers Road



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Appendix B - Construction Staging Plan



**Comment Sheet
Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Myers Road Reconstruction
Water Street to Branchton Road
City of Cambridge**

Please complete the survey so that your comments can be considered for this project.

Comments can be submitted on the Region's consultation page at www.engagewr.ca/myers-road-reconstruction by March 2, 2021.

Comments can alternatively be submitted by filling out this comment sheet and returning it by mail or e-mail by March 2, 2021 to:

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If you submit your comments online, you do not need to fill out this comment sheet as well.

What do you like about the updated design proposed for Myers Road (see [Summary of Changes Since PCC #1](#))?

What challenges do you see with the updated design proposed for Myers Road?

What new information should the Project Team consider for this updated design?

Please describe yourself as you relate to the project area: Myers Road from Water Street to Branchton Road (select all that apply)

- I live in Cambridge
- I own a property on Myers Road between Water Street and Branchton Road
- I drive on Myers Road
- I walk on Myers Road
- I cycle on Myers Road

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Collection Notice

All comments and information received from individuals, stakeholder groups and agencies regarding this project are being collected to assist the Region of Waterloo in making a decision. Under the "Municipal Act", personal information such as name, address, telephone number, and property location that may be included in a submission becomes part of the public record.