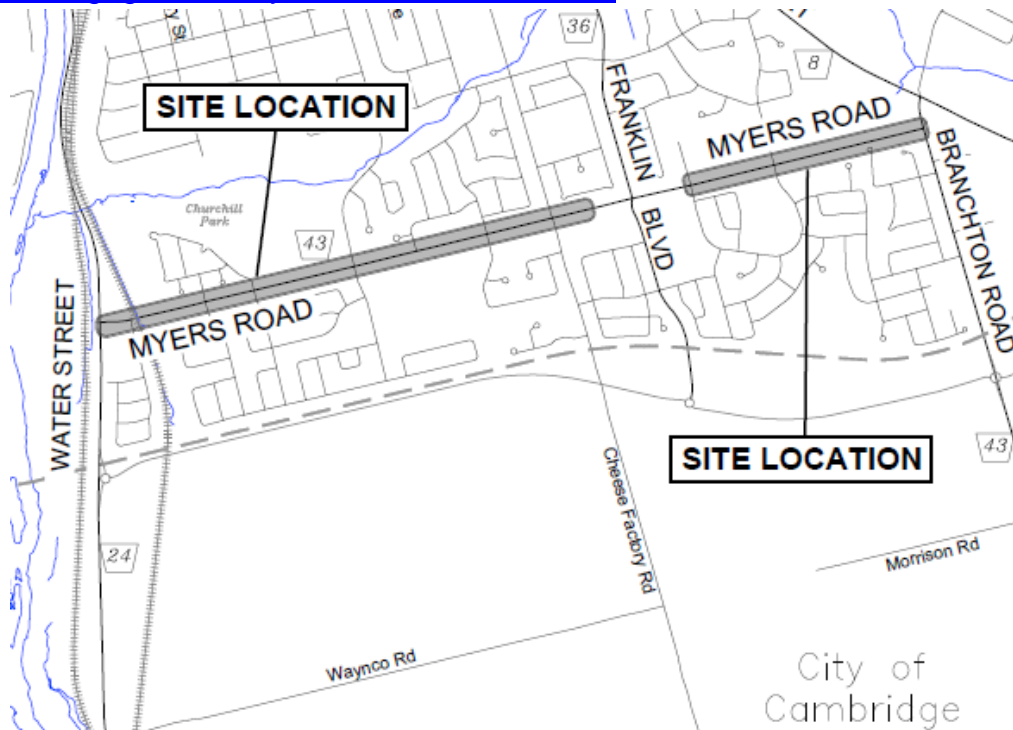




Region of Waterloo

**Public Consultation
Myers Road (RR#43) Reconstruction
From Water Street to Branchton Road
City of Cambridge**

You are invited to provide your input into the planning of the Myers Road (RR#43) Reconstruction Project by visiting the Region of Waterloo Public Engagement website at: <https://www.engagewr.ca/myers-road-reconstruction>



Background

The Region is considering improvements on Myers Road between Water Street and Branchton Road. This second virtual Public Consultation Centre (PCC) is a forum to:

1. Review the proposed design for Myers Road, including updates to the proposed design since PCC #1;
2. Ask questions of staff from the Region of Waterloo, and
3. Provide any comments you may have on the design under consideration.

Information is available and comments may be submitted by using Engage Waterloo Region (<https://www.engagewr.ca/myers-road-reconstruction>). Comments can also be submitted by filling out the Comment Sheet attached to the back of this letter and submitting it by one of the alternatives indicated on the Comment Sheet by March 2, 2021.

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings, no physical public consultation centre will be held for this project.

Your comments will be considered by the Project Team in conjunction with all other relevant information in finalizing the proposed design for road improvements on Myers Road.

The Process

The project is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA), which is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (amended through 2019). The proposed improvements are considered a Schedule “A+” undertaking in accordance with the MCEA document.

This second Public Consultation Centre (PCC #2) is presenting the needs and opportunities for improvements on Myers Road to the public, updates to the proposed design since PCC #1, and responses to comments received during PCC#1. PCC #2 provides interested members of the public, local businesses, community, and agencies the opportunity to review the design, get an update on the project work completed to date, and comment on project issues.

Community Involvement

The Region of Waterloo encourages members of the public, stakeholder groups, and agencies to actively participate in this study by using Engage Waterloo Region (<https://www.engagewr.ca/myers-road-reconstruction>) and providing your comments or questions. If you wish to be added to the project mailing list, or would like further information on the project, please visit www.regionofwaterloo.ca or contact:

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All interested parties are invited to complete the online questionnaire and add any comments at the Region’s EngageWR project site at <https://www.engagewr.ca/myers-road-reconstruction>. Interested parties may complete the survey and submit their comments on the project site between the dates below:

**Open to Comments at <https://www.engagewr.ca/myers-road-reconstruction>:
Tuesday, February 9, 2021.**

Closes to Comments: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Accessibility

If you require assistance to review this information online, or to access information in alternate formats, please contact Michelle Pinto prior to the deadline to submit comments.

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 information that may be included in a submission becomes part of the public record. Questions regarding the collection of this information should be referred to Michelle Pinto.

Please note that 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.

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

What do you like about the updated design proposed for Myers Road (see attached 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

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Responses to Comments Received during Public Consultation Centre #1

The public was invited to a Public Consultation Centre on April 10, 2020 at Cambridge Christian School, and/or to participate in a virtual consultation between April 5th – April 26th 2019 on engagewr.ca. Plans for the Myers Road improvements were presented for public information, discussion and comment. Comments were received on the Engage website, in person at the Public Consultation Centre, by mail, email, telephone, and/ or facsimile. The Region would like to thank everyone who attended the Public Consultation or participated using Engage Waterloo Region and provided comments on the proposed improvements. A summary of responses to comments received in PCC #1 is provided below. Comments received from the public have been summarized by the most common themes below:

Theme #1: A number of comments expressed concern about the need for parking at Moffat Creek Public School.

Project Team Response: As part of the preferred solution, the School Board has set a budget to expand the parking lot for the school to include 12 additional parking spaces at the front of the school and approximately 22 parking spaces in a new parking lot with access off Dundas Street. Construction is anticipated to be completed before the 2021-2022 school year. The addition of multi-use trails, a new connection to California Road, and a mid-block pedestrian crossing will also provide alternatives for children to get to and from school.

Theme #2: A number of comments expressed support for the proposed design including the addition of multi-use trails on Myers Road and the proposed connection to California Road.

Project Team Response: The Project Team acknowledges these comments.

Theme #3: Some comments expressed concern about the need for traffic control at the proposed pedestrian refuge island in front of Moffat Creek school.

Project Team Response: A Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) controlled crossing will be implemented at the future connection to California Road in front of Moffat Creek school at the proposed pedestrian refuge island 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.

Theme #4: Some comments expressed concern about the need for traffic calming and reduced speed limits at schools.

Project Team Response: A number of measures that are intended to lower traffic speeds have been proposed as part of the project including: reduced lane widths, addition of curb and gutter, addition of pedestrian refuge islands where applicable and roadside plantings.

Theme #5: Some comments expressed concern about the congestion surrounding Monsignor Doyle Catholic Secondary School.

Project Team Response: A westbound left-turn lane is proposed at the west access to the high school to alleviate some congestion during peak periods.

Theme #6: Some comments expressed concern regarding proposed measures to maintain traffic flow during construction, including access to subdivisions and commercial plazas.

Project Team Response: Myers Road will require some closures for the installation of underground sewer pipes, watermains and road construction. Local access to all properties will be maintained during construction. Motorists will be advised of the construction timing and traffic restrictions through advance signage and through information on the Region's website. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times during construction.

Changes to the Preferred Design Concept Since Public Consultation Centre #1

A summary of the changes to the preferred design concept since PCC #1 is provided below.

Location	Update Since PCC#1
Myers Road @ Birkinshaw Road	The proposed pedestrian refuge island that was originally blocking the Churchill Park access was shifted towards the west and the westbound left-turn lane at Birkinshaw Road was removed
Myers Road @ access to Monsignor Doyle Catholic Secondary School	A westbound left-turn lane at the west access was added to help reduce congestion
Myers Road @ Gatehouse Drive/Lisbon Pines Drive	A pedestrian refuge island is proposed on the west leg and a westbound left-turn lane on the east leg of the intersection
Myers Road @ future connection to California Road	A Level 2 Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) controlled crossing will be implemented at the proposed future connection to California Road in front of Moffat Creek Public School. A Level 2 PXO includes pavement markings and signage, requiring vehicles on the roadway to yield to crossing pedestrians.
Myers Road @ Branchton Road	A retaining wall is no longer required along this property and the trail width along the property frontage has been increased to 3.0 meters.
Moffat Creek Public School	School Board to provide 12 additional parking spaces at the front of the school and approximately 22 parking spaces in a new parking lot with access off Dundas Street