



Third Crossing east side near neighbour meeting – June 25, 2019 Kingston East Fire Hall at Gore Rd.

Blow is an overview of questions we heard from residents during the last east side near neighbour meeting and the project team responses.

Attendees: 32 residents and seven project staff members attended the meeting

Extended work hours and noise impacts

- Residents had questions around noise they will hear for the extended work hours and duration of noise. The project team explained that as the project starts in-water work which, due to calendar and seasonal constraints, will require extended work hours to ensure the project remains on schedule. Overall duration will be from six to eight months. The operations are:
 - Access installation and removal
 - Drilled shaft installation
 - Some concrete placements
- Mitigation efforts are being made to lessen the impacts of noise such as:
 - Installing noise fencing in advance of extended work hours
 - White noise backup alarms
 - Jobsite policies and best practices
 - Noise assessment is also currently being performed for extended hours

More information will be provided, and at least two-week notice will be given before any extended work hours are implemented.

Closure of Point St. Mark Dr.

- The project team confirmed Point St. Mark Dr. will be closed for the duration of the project (a three-year build period) at Gore Rd. anticipated to start this July/August. Residents will receive a two-week notice of the closure with signs advising of the date of closure.
- Residents had questions around the continuation of this closure and if the road will remain closed at the end of the project. The project team identified that one intention is to get traffic data for that neighbourhood when Point St. Mark is closed to evaluate how the neighbourhood is responding to the new closure. A final decision will be made based on what is discovered through full access and restricted access. The project team will also be talking to residents about the future of this neighbourhood access as the project gets closer to completion.

- Some residents expressed concern that the neighbourhood is used as a shortcut and that traffic will increase once the bridge is active. The project team has heard this comment from several residents in the neighbourhood and will be monitoring the traffic patterns.
- A resident wanted the team to know that he is opposed to opening up the neighbourhood access for fear of being used as a shortcut to get to the other side of Hwy 15.

Information to Kenwoods Circle residents about tree removal

- A resident asked about when the project team would walk the residents living on Kenwoods Circle through the neighbourhood to identify which trees will be cut. The project team responded that if residents are interested in walking through the forest to understand which trees and why they need to be cut, an invitation will be presented in the near future.

Illumination of bridge at night

- A resident raised concerns about illuminating the bridge at night and why night lighting was needed. The project team responded saying they are currently evaluating the specifics of the lighting and will bring back more information about the design, the requirements and the functionality of the lighting and how it will be illuminated at nighttime.

Railing on the deck

- Residents had some questions around the railing on the deck and what the design will be and how it is being designed to either lessen impact on noise. The project team responded saying there will be two railings: one for pedestrians and one for the traffic barrier.

Multi-use path

- The project team confirmed the multi-use path will be for pedestrians as well as cyclists. It will be a 4 metre wide path. The configuration is still under discussion with the City's internal transportation group to ensure the path is designed with pedestrians and cyclists in mind.
- Residents had questions around the multi-use path and why it is positioned on the south side instead of the north side of the bridge. The project team responded saying as part of the Environmental Assessment that was done in 2013 an evaluation was done to determine the best location for the path. It was identified to put the path on the south side for many reasons such as a view of Belle Island and as part of the connectivity through the city to make connections across the bridge and continue the path to Belle Island and then ultimately to connect to the K&P Trail.

Noise wall on Gore Road.

- Questions were asked to confirm the design of the noise fence on the east shore along Gore Road. The project team responded confirming there will be two designs along Gore Road. From Point St. Mark to Hwy 15 a 2.3 metre wooden noise fence will be installed with an arch on the bottom. Along Point St. Mark Drive a 2.3 metre wooden noise fence will also be installed, without the arch on the bottom.

- Along Gore Rd to Point St. Mark Dr. a 3 metre composite wall will be installed. Please see slide #18 in the presentation for further visual images and understandings of the noise fences being installed. The near neighbour presentations can be found on our project website at www.thirdcrossing.cityofkingston.ca

Paths along Kenwoods Circle

- Residents had questions for access to the trails in the neighbourhood and if access will be restricted at any point during construction. The project team discussed the plan to make use of the pathway in the neighbourhood to build a trail network along the east shore of the Cataraqui River to make connections to the library. During construction it is anticipated the trail will be closed along the east shore as part of the construction activities.

Tree removal on east shore

- Residents had questions about timing on tree removal on the east shore. The project team said the next steps are to start surveying the trees for bird nesting in advance of any activity. Once the surveys are complete some select trees will be removed in preparation for construction activities. The project team will notify residents before select trees are removed.

Dog park near the library

- Residents had questions about whether the dog park would continue to remain open and usable during construction. The project team confirmed the dog park would remain open as well as the community garden during all construction activities.

Bridge design

- A resident asked if the design will change now due to steel tariffs being lower than a few months back. The project team responded by saying the bridge design will not change again and go back to the older design.

Water level

- A resident asked if the new high-water level has had any impact on the bridge height. The project team responded saying the water levels were taken into account when designing the bridge. The navigation channel was designed with the average high water levels.