



Third Crossing west shore road work and active transportation elements: Engagement summary, fall 2021

Engagement Overview

The purpose of engaging residents on the final design of the west shore road work and active transportation elements was to allow residents to review the final designs; to gain an understanding of the road design and active transportation elements and considerations given to safe and efficient movement of pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular traffic; and to ask questions of the project team.

The Project Team engaged residents through the following approach.

- Held meetings with key stakeholders and consultants, including internal City departments, near neighbours on the west and east shores as well as informed businesses on the west shore.
- Presented the final designs on the Get Involved Kingston for three weeks from November 3, 2021 to November 24, 2021 encouraging residents to review the final designs and ask questions of the project team.
- Encouraged residents to ask questions of the project team through Get Involved Kingston or through connecting with the team through the project email at thirdcrossing@cityofkingston.ca

Summary of feedback

- On the [City's Get Involved Kingston webpage](#) there were 410 total visits to the engagement page and 178 downloads of the final design display boards. 11 questions / comments were asked of the project team on the Get Involved Kingston website.
- The team also received 14 emails / comments via email through the [Third Crossing inbox](#) and personal emails relating to the final design.

Comment themes and suggestions

In terms of comments, input was received on the following key themes.

- Considerations and comments on the road design and how the road was designed. The road design was part of a coordinated effort with other adjacent land uses. Coordination with the Kingston Transportation Master Plan, Walk and Roll Plan, the Waterfront Master Plan, North King's Town were referenced to facilitate the connections of pathways that are being built as part of the Third Crossing
- There were ideas expressed about the use of a roundabout at the Ascot Road intersection. A roundabout did not meet all the technical criteria's when compared to the final design of having a conventional 4-legged intersection complete with traffic signals. One key driver was to ensure that pedestrian/cycling crossings were protected with dedicated signals in order to cross the street at the John Counter Blvd /Ascot Road intersection.
- A question was received about adjacent landscaping on the west shore and the design of a boat ramp and parking lot. The planning of future adjacent projects, including consideration for water access, will be part of our upcoming engagement for west shore landscaping.
- Comments on the intersection of Montreal and John Counter Boulevard, including traffic impacts. The configuration of this intersection was modified to increase the operational capacity of the intersection to account for the increase in traffic flows once the bridge is open.
- For active transportation a question was received about multi-use pathways and dedicated bicycle lanes. The bridge will provide an opportunity to service all users whether pedestrian, cyclists, transit, and cars. The bridge will have a separated 4 metre multi-use pathway for active transportation and will also have shoulders that are 2 metres wide in both directions. The pathways and sidewalks being built as part of the Third Crossing meet accessibility standards so that residents of all ages and abilities can use the infrastructure.
- Comments around the intersections of Montreal Street and Ascot Road were also received with a resident hoping to have dedicated right turn movements. Although having more dedicated lanes increases the level of service for car movements, the need to have dedicated right turn lanes is not necessary to still maintain acceptable levels of service at these intersections.

Next steps

Construction for the east shore landscaping and site restoration is anticipated to begin in spring 2022. Stay tuned for future engagement on the final design of components of the bridge and site restoration and landscaping works on the west shore, including opportunities to explore ideas for cultural heritage interpretation and public art.

Learn more

For more information and updates on the [Third Crossing project website](#).