Report PED20063(a)PW18008(c)



PW20063(A) / PED18008(C) RED HILL VALLEY AND LINCOLN ALEXANDER PARKWAYS FEASIBILITY STUDY

April 7, 2025

AGENDA

- Feasibility Study Scope and Key Highlights
- Potential Alternatives
- High Level Costs
- Related Initiatives
- Proposed Next Steps





PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF FEASIBILITY STUDY

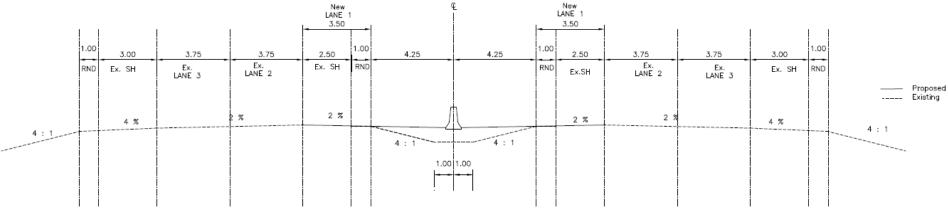
- The Feasibility Study was initiated to evaluate the short and long-term corridor needs of RHVP and LINC.
- Answers the question: Is it feasible to provide additional lanes on the LINC and RHVP?
- Feasibility study is the first step in the multi-phased Environmental Assessment Process
- Study includes an initial evaluation of alternatives, but further public consultation and Indigenous engagement is required prior to recommending a preferred solution





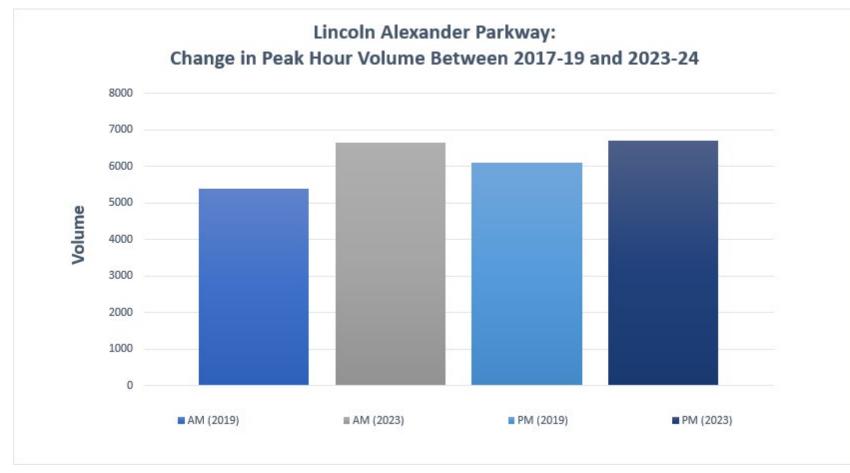
Potential Additional Lane Alternative







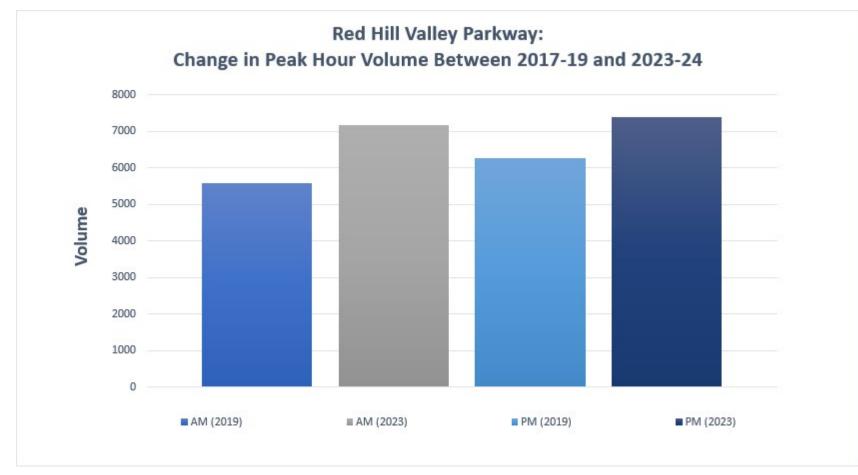
Traffic Volume Trends



Eastbound and Westbound Combined Volume



Traffic Volume Trends



Northbound and Southbound Combined Volume



Transportation Needs

- The LINC and RHVP support a variety of needs including access to business parks, access for residents which would otherwise use parallel streets, regional and provincial goods movement and through traffic.
- As part of the (Re)envision plan, additional HSR services are planned for the RHVP
- Based on existing volumes, both the RHVP and LINC are operating at or above capacity in the morning and afternoon rush hour periods.
- With planned City growth of 236,000 people and 122,000 jobs by 2051, traffic volumes and associated congestion on the LINC and RHVP will continue to increase



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Potential Alternatives to Address Needs

- Do Nothing (no change to current conditions);
- Managed Lanes (such as High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes or transit only lanes);
- Improved active transportation facilities;
- Localized locations to add lanes;
- Additional lanes on both parkways;
- Improved connections to the Queen Elizabeth Way and Highway 403; and,
- Improved Transit Accessibility.





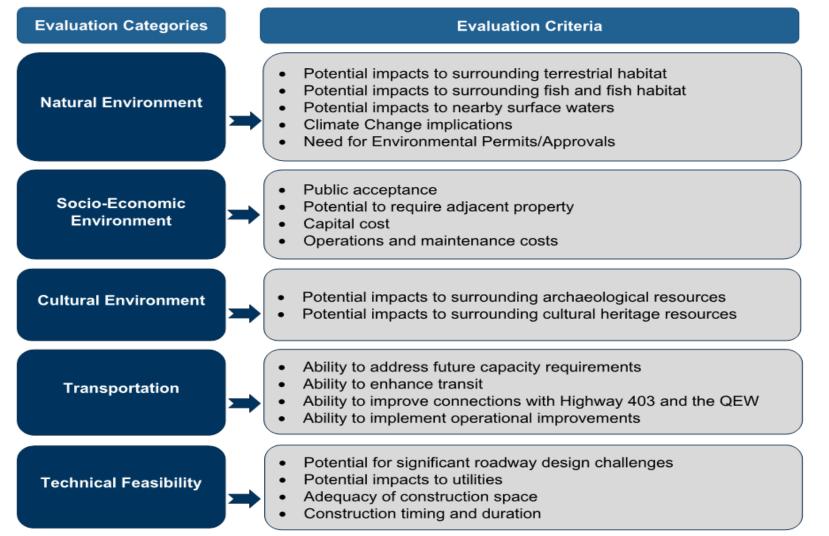
Potential Improvement Alternatives

- The technical work completed to date concludes that it is feasible to provide one additional travel lane in each direction. This can be achieved within the existing right-of-way by providing additional lanes inward toward the centre median in combination with new median barrier
- Interim solutions in advance of additional lanes are also possible including:
 - Modifications to selected interchanges
 - Additional lanes along portions of the Parkways
 - Modifications to improve operations
- Additional lanes to median can also support related infrastructure such as lighting
- Since both parkways connect to the provincial highway network improvements will be needed to address the connections at the LINC/Highway 403 and at the RHVP/QEW



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Draft Evaluation Criteria





Planning and Economic Development Transportation Planning and Parking

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High Level Cost Estimate

- Capital Costs for full widening:
 - LINC \$81.5 M
 - o RHVP \$56.2 M
- RHVP Repaving Cost in 2019
 - **\$12.5** M
- Operating and Maintenance Costs (LINC and RHVP)
 - o ~ \$3.9 M annually (current)



Related Initiatives

The Feasibility Study and subsequent work will inform on-going and related initiatives including:

- The Joint Stewardship Board which oversees the Haudenosaunee-Hamilton Red Hill sub-agreement on Joint Stewardship
- Discussions for potential uploading of the facilities to the Province of Ontario
- Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Working Group and Action Plan
- Multi-year budgeting and 10 year capital plan



Recommendations

- That the Red Hill Valley and Lincoln Alexander Parkways Feasibility Study Technical Report, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED20063(a)/PW18008(c) BE RECEIVED;
- 2. That staff BE DIRECTED to proceed with a public and stakeholder engagement program focused on potential improvement alternatives for the Lincoln Alexander Parkway;
- 3. That staff BE DIRECTED to report back to Public Works Committee following the completion of the public and stakeholder engagement process with a Terms of Reference and cost estimate to undertake the next phases of the Environmental Assessment process to design the improvements for the Lincoln Alexander Parkways.





THANK YOU