

# **APPENDIX I**

## **CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

## Highway 102 – Aerotech Connector Exit 5A to Trunk 2

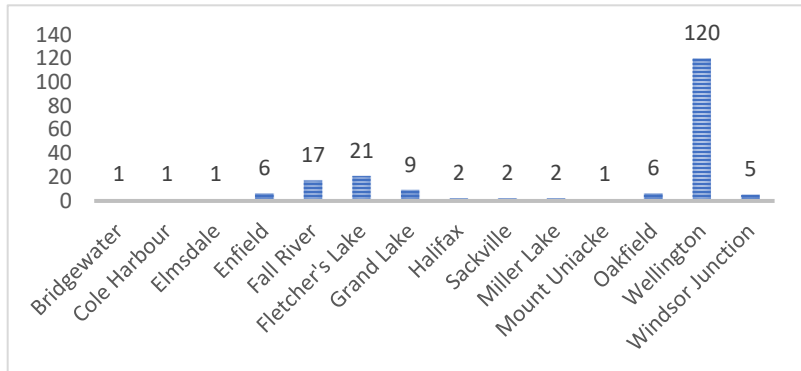
### Summary of April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Information Session Comment Forms

The Information Session was held on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Wellington/Fletcher’s Lake Station House in Wellington. This Information Session include two sessions, an afternoon session from 2-4pm and an evening session from 6-8pm. The sessions were both informal, drop-in sessions, allowing the public to speak to members of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, and members of Wood, the consulting firm that completed the Environmental Assessment. Approximately 194 members of the public attended the sessions, with **55 comment forms submitted**.

The following is a summary of the content of the comment forms:

Sign-in sheets were provided by the entrance to gauge which communities the public was coming from.

Of the **194 members** of the public which attended the Information Sessions, **120 people (62%) were from Wellington**. Fletcher’s Lake (11%) and Fall River (9%) respectfully, were the next most represented communities.



The demographic of attendees is summarized in the graph to the right.

#### Q: Did you find the maps and other materials helpful in understanding the project?

55 of 57 said Yes (96%)

##### Summary of Comments

- \_\_\_\_ Would have liked to see more about acid runoff
- \_\_\_\_ Disappointed with format of session - wanted more open question/answer format
- \_\_\_\_ Hydrological map would have been useful
- \_\_\_\_ Hard to understand without a verbal explanation
- \_\_\_\_ Noise map could be better
- \_\_\_\_ Would have liked to see elevations on the drawings
- \_\_\_\_ Appreciated the chance to see the information
- \_\_\_\_ Would have liked to see a more detailed drawings of roundabout on Trunk 2

#### Q: Were the explanations and answers to questions helpful?

47 of 55 said Yes (85%), while 8 said No (15%)

##### Summary of Comments

Summary of Comments	Frequency
Not all questions could be answered	2
Some of the staff were better informed than others	
Promised future consultations	
The answer for the necessity of the connector was not satisfactory	

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**Q: Would the proposed concept affect your property or business?**

35 of 55 said Yes (64%), while 20 said No (36%)

Summary of Comments	Frequency
Noise from vehicles / noise during construction	16
Increase in traffic	6
Loss of wildlife / no access for wildlife to cross connector	5
Property value decrease	4
Potential changes to water quality and flow from wells	3
There will be a highway in our backyard	2
Impacts would all be positive	2
Loss of privacy / security	2
Position of roundabout will impact property	2
Traffic isn't an issue in Wellington – the connector is not needed	2
Possible damage to septic tanks from blasting	
Wetland running through property – will construction cause flooding?	
Snow removal issues	
Decreased travel time during AM/PM commute	
Loss of walking trails	
Roundabout will slow down vehicles	
Safer access to property	
Increase in speed – issues getting out of driveway along Trunk 2	
Convenient access to highway	
Construction would affect business at Grand Lake Hall	

Locations of property/businesses disclosed:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Abilene Ave (7)</li> <li>○ Brook St (6)</li> <li>○ Trunk 2 (6)</li> <li>○ Belmore Dr (4)</li> <li>○ Sunnylea Rd (4)</li> <li>○ Holland Rd (3)</li> <li>○ Thompson Dr (3)</li> <li>○ Burrows Dr (2)</li> <li>○ Acorn Dr</li> <li>○ Calderwood Dr</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Church St</li> <li>○ Cindy Dr</li> <li>○ Cora Lane</li> <li>○ Grand Lake Drive</li> <li>○ Keegan Lane</li> <li>○ Parkview Dr</li> <li>○ Preakness Crescent</li> <li>○ Summer Lane</li> <li>○ Oakfield Community Centre</li> </ul> |
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**Q: What are your concerns with respect to the proposed project?**

<b>Summary of Comments</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Loss of quiet neighbourhood/traffic noise	14
Wildlife/wetland destruction/disturbances	10
Well water issues, quality and quantity, from blasting	9
Increased traffic along Trunk 2	8
Connector is not necessary – there is no traffic issue	4
Trail connection at Holland Road	4
Safety along connector – no fence?	3
Speeding along connector	3
Poor roundabout placement with rail line	3
Decrease in property value	2
Acid slate rock runoff into water systems	2
Affects from blasting to foundation, well, septic, pool	2
Children use trail from end of Brook St. to Abilene Ave to access playground	2
Allowance for traffic back-up in roundabout when train is coming through	
Connector crossing through multiple areas	
Increased carbon footprint	
Possibility for development, therefore losing the “country” feel	
People do not know how to use roundabout	
Guardrail could impact/block existing off-road multi-use trails	
Members of local trail group want info/detail on crossing over connector	
Flooding on property from brook	
Bus access and trail access to other subdivisions	
No longer concerned regarding noise after speaking to department members	
Project timeline being delayed	
Keeping traffic moving during construction	
Tax increase	
Will the new trail connect to existing trails?	
Will the roundabout on Trunk 2 slow down traffic?	

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**Q: Is there any other information that you can provide us that you feel would benefit our planning and design process?**

Summary of Comments	Frequency
AT trail must be paved	3
Noise barriers	2
Wait for the buildout of the Burnside Connector before this project	2
Wildlife signage	
Long trains will affect roundabout and traffic	
Move the connector farther down the road	
Fencing along connector	
AT trail should connect to other trails and tie into the Blue Route	
It appears decisions have already been made	
Reduce speed posting along connector	
Park and Ride by Aerotech exit	
High cadmium levels in abandoned gravel pit at Exit 6	
No accesses off the connector for development	
Inspection of wells/septic/foundations/pools prior to blasting/construction	
Connector pedestrian crossing must encourage passage, not a dark/wet culvert	
Connector will not help traffic coming from Halifax/Dartmouth	
Commuter train to Halifax instead of connector	
HRM Green Network Plan identifies Wellington as being a “pinch point” for wildlife	
Check the wetlands during all seasons, not just summer when drier	
Better advertising is necessary – notice in mail, signage in Fall River/Wellington	
Project has been known for decades by residents	
Allow for trail connection at the top of Brook St	
Would like to see the connector with 2 lanes in each direction	
Semi-trucks must be able to maneuver roundabout	

**Q: How did you find out about the information session?**

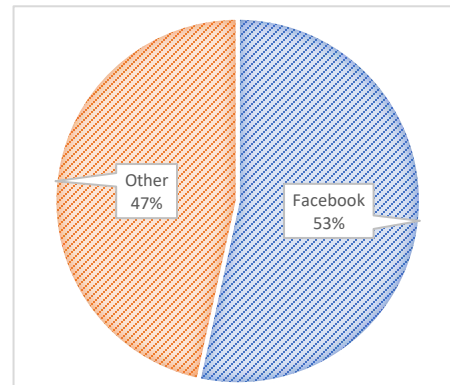
**(Check all the apply.)**

Of the comment forms that were submitted, 53% heard about the event through Facebook, while 47% heard about the event through different means.

A majority of the individuals who answered “Other” heard about the event through Radio. The Laker, the SWEPS Trail Group, and through neighbours/friends were also mentioned.

Advertising of the event included:

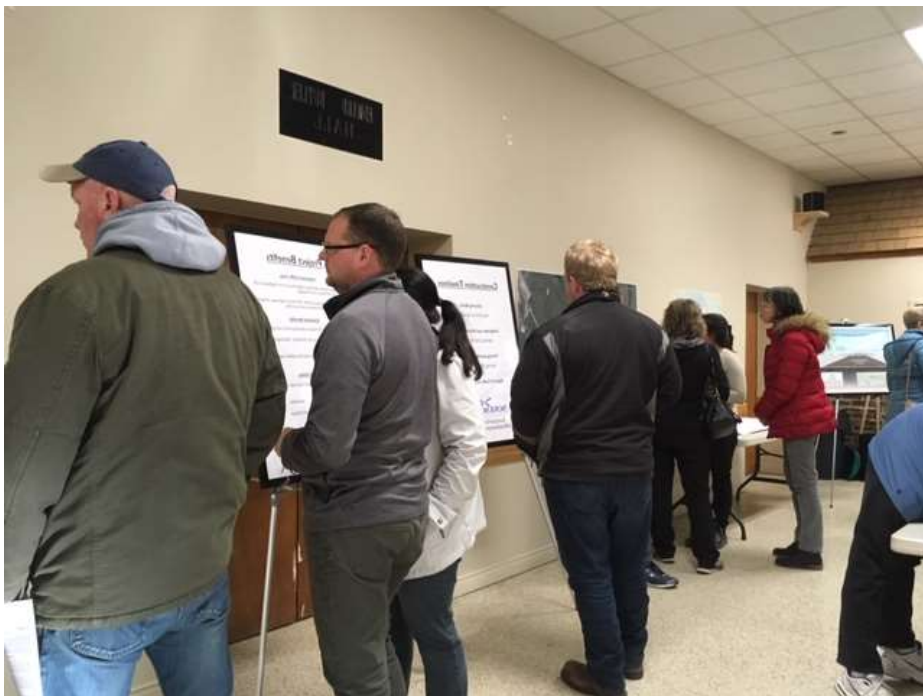
- Through Facebook advertising that was boosted to local geographic areas
- Tweets through the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal’s Twitter page, @NS\_TIR
- Radio advertisements on Q 104, Jack 92.9, 101.3 Virgin, and C 100
- Posting outside the Wellington/Fletcher’s Lake Station House



Photographs of NSTIR Open House – Aerotech Connector Exit 5A to Trunk 2

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