

# Regional Transportation Master Plan Study Process

- St. Catharines Council
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# Growth to 2041 for Niagara Region

- 179,000 more people
- 64,000 more jobs
- Plus increases in tourism and goods movement over next 25 years

# Key Questions

- How will our transportation system handle the increases in travel demand?
- What new transportation services and facilities are needed over the next 25 years?
- What much will it cost and can we afford it?
- Are our policies and practices up to date?

# Regional TMP Objective

- Identify and develop policy, program and infrastructure improvements:
  - To support Regional Council strategic priorities
  - To support economic prosperity
  - To meet travel demands to 2041
  - To satisfy Provincial policy, legislation & regulation requirements (EA Act, AODA, Municipal Act, etc.)

# Regional TMP Study Components

1. Develop travel demand forecasting models
2. Develop a Complete Streets Policy and Design Guidelines
3. Update Bikeways Master Plan
4. Develop policy, program and infrastructure recommendations for 2021, 2031 and 2041
5. Develop Terms of Reference for ITS Management Plan, TDM Strategy, Goods Movement Strategy

# Strategic Regional Studies

- Urban Structure Study
- Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review
- Mobility Hub Study
- Transportation Master Plan
- WWW Master Servicing Plan
- Development Charges Bylaw update

# Strategic Transportation Initiatives

- Niagara GO Train
- Mobility hubs
- Inter-municipal transit
- Niagara to GTA Corridor
- QEW expansion

# Outreach and Consultation Program

- Comprehensive program including public and stakeholder meetings
- Social media channels for communication and consultation
- 3 rounds of Public Consultation Centres with 3 locations/meetings each round
- Feasibility of joint public and stakeholder meetings with other Regional studies



# Stakeholder Committees

- Internal Steering Committee
- Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)
- Non-Governmental Stakeholder Group

# Regional TMP Key Outputs

- Travel demand forecasting models
- Complete Streets policy and design guidelines
- Updated ROP transportation policies
- Road and highway policies and network plan
- Inter-municipal transit policies and network plan
- Bikeways policies and network plan

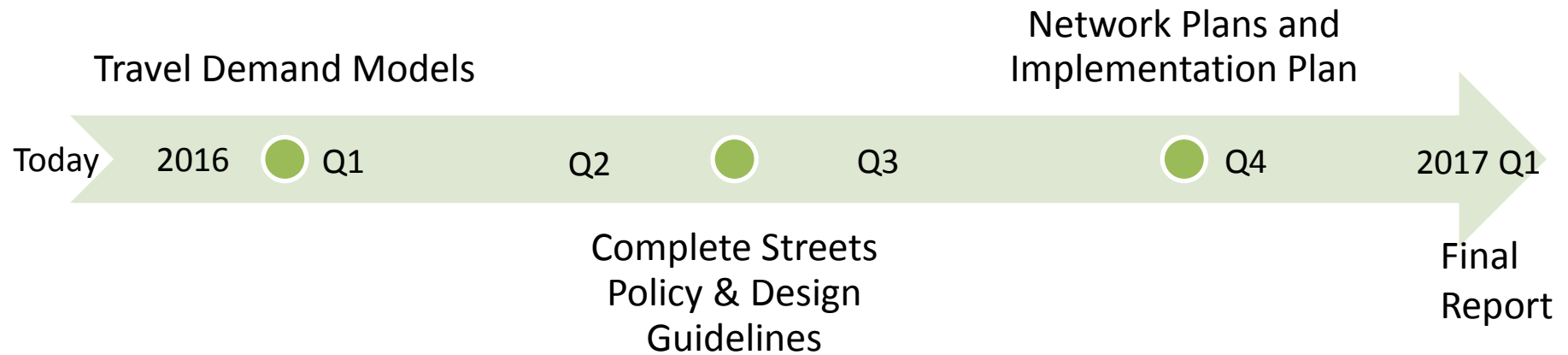
# Applying Regional TMP to the City

- Travel demand forecasting models
  - City-wide or sub-area transportation planning
- Regional road and transit network plans
  - Development of a City Transportation Master Plan
  - Development of transportation plans within Secondary Plan areas
  - Input to local corridor or sub-area network studies
- Complete streets policy and design guidelines
  - Reference for similar policy and guidelines for City OP

# TMP Study Process and Schedule

- Final Terms of Reference (May 2015)
- Request for Proposal (June 2015)
- Proposal evaluation and selection (July 2015)
- Study initiation (August 2015)
- Study completion (Winter 2017)

# Coordinating Regional and City TMPs



**City TMP Study Process**

# Thank You

## Questions?