Hello,

Thank you very much for this information. From my review of the publically available documents on your website, there are references to terrestrial and aquatic wildlife surveys in the selection of alternatives. These are not referenced elsewhere. There are no underlying reports including the actual surveys on your website. May I please have copies of any surveys done for the selected route?

Many thanks,

Laura Bowman C: <Personal information removed>

Please note that I do not work on Fridays

From: project team@gta-west.com [mailto:project\_team@gta-west.com] Sent: November 18, 2020 2:55 PM To: Laura Bowman <<Email address removed> Cc: 'Sarah Buchanan' <Email address removed> Subject: RE: Breeding Birds [ECO-ACTIVE.FID20766]

Hello Laura,

Thank you for your email regarding the GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, Stage 2.

The Project Team is continuing to undertake fieldwork on properties within the Preferred Route, where Permission-To-Enter (PTE) is granted. Information collected will be used to document existing environmental and engineering conditions and will inform the preliminary design of the transportation corridor and the development of appropriate mitigation measures. The non-intrusive fieldwork commenced in Spring 2020 and is anticipated to end in Winter 2020. This first phase of field investigations does not require any physical disturbance and will consist of field staff documenting observations, taking photos, and mapping existing conditions. These findings and recommendations will be available for public review at Public Information Centre #3 (PIC #3), which is anticipated to be held in Fall/Winter 2021.

The Project Team compiled an Environmental Conditions and Constraints Revised Draft Overview Report (December 2010) and a Draft Overview of Environmental Existing Conditions and Constraints Working Paper Update (June 2015) which supported the development and evaluation of route and interchange location alternatives. Following the resumption of the GTA West Study, the Project Team did revisit the evaluation of the short list of route alternatives completed in 2015 and updated it to include a review of more recent policies and plans. As part of the work undertaken to resume the Study, field and secondary source reviews were also completed to update information and existing conditions and this has also been reflected in the evaluation of the short list of route alternatives. The Draft Overview of Environmental Existing Conditions and Constraints Working Paper Update (June 2015) can be viewed on the study website at: <a href="https://www.gta-west.com/reports/">https://www.gta-west.com/reports/</a>.

The evaluation was updated including a review of more recent policies and plans including, but not limited to The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019), Greenbelt Plan (2017), Source

Protection Plans for Credit Valley, Halton and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority Areas (2017), Municipal Official Plans and Transportation Master Plan updates, Municipal Secondary Plans including existing and proposed developments, general changes in land use and existing conditions since 2015, Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Geometric Design Guide for Canadian Roads (2017) and MTO Supplement for the TAC Geometric Design Guide for Canadian Roads (2017), and updates to secondary source natural environment data, as applicable and publicly available. The Project Team does not intend to update the Environmental Conditions and Constraints Revised Draft Overview Report (December 2010) or the Draft Overview of Environmental Existing Conditions and Constraints Working Paper Update (June 2015), but rather included the updated references in the Evaluation of the Short List of Route Alternatives – Comparative Evaluation of Net Effects and Ranking of Section 1 to 9 (Draft September 2019). The background documents can be viewed on the study website at: <u>https://www.gtawest.com/background-materials/</u>.

You are on our project contact list so you will be notified of future public information centres and updates for Stage 2 of this study. For further information, visit the study website: <u>www.gta-west.com</u>

Sincerely,

## The GTA West Project Team

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From: Laura Bowman <<Email address removed>>
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 2:49 PM
To: project team@gta-west.com
Cc: Sarah Buchanan <<Email address removed>
Subject: RE: Breeding Birds [ECO-ACTIVE.FID20766]

Hello I am following up on this again. I have not yet received a response.

Please let me know if someone on your team is able to get back to me.

Laura Bowman C: <Personal information removed>

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From: Laura Bowman Sent: October 28, 2020 1:50 PM To: project\_team@gta-west.com Subject: Breeding Birds [ECO-ACTIVE.FID20766]

Dear Ms. Morneau and Grobel

I am wondering if you could provide me with documentation on breeding bird surveys and other terrestrial and aquatic wildlife surveys that were done in respect of the preferred route for GTA west?

Kind regards,

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