Dangerous Goods Route & Truck Routes

Engagement Summary
Phase 2

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City of Lloydminster

INTRODUCTION

The City of Lloydminster has initiated a study to update and develop the Dangerous Goods Routes and Truck Routes within the municipal boundaries. The purpose of this study is to provide safe and efficient options for travel and transportation within the municipal boundaries.

The City of Lloydminster currently has both Truck Routes and Dangerous Goods Routes. The updated Dangerous Goods and Truck Routes will lessen risks involved with the transportation of dangerous goods and hazardous materials within the municipal boundaries. This plan will take into consideration industry and agricultural needs, economic impacts, and the existing highways bisecting the City. Furthermore, the established routes will include a study of current conditions, Transportation Master Plan, formal review of the Traffic Bylaw and a series of public and stakeholder consultation.

The City of Lloydminster wants to establish Dangerous Goods Routes and Truck Routes within the municipal boundaries that meet the needs of industry while maintaining a safe road network. The development of new Dangerous Goods Routes and Truck Routes will include studying the current conditions, reviewing existing Transportation Master Plans and reviewing the Traffic Bylaw. In order to develop comprehensive Dangerous Goods Routes and Truck Routes, stakeholder and public engagement is required.

In Phase 1 of engagement (October 2019), the focus was hearing from stakeholders and the public to understand how the current truck network is working, any challenges or concerns and their preferences for future routes within the municipal boundaries. Engagement opportunities in this phase include stakeholder meetings, a Your Voice event and an online survey.

In Phase 2 of engagement (December 2019), the project team shared proposed options for the Dangerous Goods and Truck Routes within Lloydminster. These routes were established based on phase 1 feedback, and were shared with key stakeholders and the general public through a Your Voice Open House. The focus of the engagement was to gather feedback, comments and concerns from stakeholders and the public on the options.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR PHASE 2

Below are the channels the stakeholder meetings and public open house were advertised on:

- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn)
- Website (youvoicelloyd.ca/DGR and lloydminster.ca)
- Newsletters (Team News- City of Lloydminster)
- Invitations (76 invitations to local businesses)
- Newspaper (Meridian Source)
- Media Release (The Goat, Prime Time News, Meridian Source)

ENGAGEMENT PURPOSE

The overall goal for engagement in this phase was to provide opportunities for invited stakeholders and member of the public to provide feedback on options presented for Truck Routes and Dangerous Goods Routes

The feedback gathered from the stakeholder meetings and the Your Voice event will inform the recommendations created by the project team.

Table 1: Level of Engagement

	CONSULT	INVOLVE
Purpose	To educate and collect public/ stakeholder opinion to improve decisions.	To stimulate public/ stakeholder debate, clarify values and broaden the information base to improve decisions.
Promise	We will listen, acknowledge and report concerns and aspirations about presented alternatives, and explain to the decision-maker how the public input influenced the recommendation.	We will work with the public/ stakeholders to ensure comments are directly reflected in the alternatives developed, report the comments received and explain how the input contributed to recommendation(s).

Table 2: Engagement Summary

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE AND TIME	LOCATION	LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT
Stakeholder Meetings	December 3, 2019 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	City of Lloydminster City Hall	Involve
Public Pop-up Event	December 3, 2019 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Servus Sport Centre	Consult

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS AND WHAT WE ASKED

Stakeholder Meeting

Several key stakeholders were identified and invited to attend one-of-two, one-hour stakeholder meetings on December 3, 2019. Each stakeholder was given a workbook that presented all the draft options. Truck Route options were presented in sections of the city – north, southwest and southeast. Dangerous Goods Routes were presented as city-wide plans that work along with the truck routes.

Project team members presented the workbook with stakeholders discussing each option, asking questions and recording feedback. Stakeholders were able to share their concerns and feedback about each option through group discussion and making notes in the workbooks. The workbooks were collected at the end of each session.

Public Pop-up Open House

A public Your Voice event was held on December 3, 2019 at the Servus Sport Centre from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. that included Truck Routes and Dangerous Goods Routes as a topic for feedback. All the options were presented on display boards with space for participants to leave feedback on a sticky note.

Stakeholders and members of the public were asked to share whether they support, do not support, or could support with changes all the options presented. Project team members were available to discuss the project and answer questions related to Truck Routes and Dangerous Goods Routes within the municipal boundary. 29 comments were captured at the Your Voice event.

STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Stakeholder Feedback Summary

The following summary includes feedback and concerns regarding existing or future Dangerous Goods Routes and Truck Routes in the municipal boundary for the City of Lloydminster:

- North truck route option 3 is the preferred route, it is good for future planning and development and leaves no grey areas for drivers
- Southeast truck routes option 1 is preferred but could be improved by adding an industrial area similar to the north and adding Highway 16 as a truck route
- Southwest truck routes 3 is preferred, including College Drive as a truck (restricted or not) is not critical for industry to operate as long as deliveries can still be made
- Routes with restrictions would need to be clear on what the restrictions are – time of day, type of goods, etc.
- Several participants wondered if industrial zones could be implemented for dangerous goods routes as well
- Dangerous goods route option 3 would be good if the route included all of Highway 16
- Dangerous goods route option 4 would be good if Highway 17 south of Highway 16 was removed

Public Feedback Summary

The following summary includes feedback from the in-person event. Participants were asked questions about current routes, which routes should be excluded, and which routes should be considered. The prevailing themes include:

- Several participants would prefer dangerous goods and truck traffic to stay out of the city, many referencing a ring road or by-pass and just wanting all trucks to go around the city
- Preferred options keep trucks and dangerous goods out of the city centre
- There is some concern of having truck routes through residential areas and near schools or playgrounds in the southeast and southwest areas of the city
- There are a number of concerns around public safety and truck traffic on current routes in or near residential areas and the city centre
- Participant feedback supports College Drive as a truck route if the entire road is four lanes

Key themes

- Creating industrial areas for truck routes is the preferred options for all routes
- College Drive is not critical to industry to have as a truck route as long as deliveries can be made
- Public feedback supports College Drive as a truck route if the entire road is four lanes
- Including Highway 16 for truck routes and dangerous goods routes is preferred
- Highway 17 through downtown and south of Highway 16 do not need to be included as a truck route, as long as deliveries can still be made
- Improvements to the roads and turning lanes at 75 Avenue and 12 Street

NEXT STEPS

The next steps for the Dangerous Goods Routes and Truck Routes project will be presenting recommendations to the Governance and Priorities Committee and pending direction to City Council. Stay tuned to the project page yourvoicellyd.ca/DGR for regular updates.