### 4.0 ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS

### 4.1 Roadway Cross Section

### 4.1.1 Travelled Pavement

The roadway capacity analysis carried out in the Traffic Analysis and Planning Report assumed a lane width of $3.65 \mathrm{~m}\left(12^{\prime}\right)$. For heavily travelled roadways the City has typically used a lane width of 3.65 m , ( 12 ft . -eg. Dougall Avenue, Huron Church Road and Howard Avenue) and has recently completed planning studies which have used a pavement width of 3.65 m . However, taking into account construction and property costs and the possible reduction or elimination of Provincial subsidy for roadway construction, a reduced lane width was considered.

Ministry of Transportation of Ontario and Transportation Association of Canada design standards indicate that a 3.5 m lane width is satisfactory for a multi-lane divided urban roadway with a design speed less than $80 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$. which is the case for Tecumseh Road East. The use of 3.5 m lanes would reduce construction cost by less than $2 \%$. Because a reduced lane width could negatively affect capacity and accidents and to maintain consistency with current projects, the 3.65 m lane width was adopted.

Design standards suggest that left turn lanes of 3 m are adequate when the width of the median gutter is taken into account. However, because most intersections will have a number of turning trucks, the left turn lane width was set at 3.25 m for planning purposes. Similarly, where right turn lanes are indicated by high turning volumes, a width of 3.25 m was used.

As noted in Section 3.6.8, Lauzon Road from Clalrvlew to Hawthorn is parallelled by a designated future secondary blkeway. The City's Official Plan requires that arterial road upgrading projects examine the effectiveness of providing additional pavement to accommodate the City's plans for providing bicycle facilities. Accordingly, the curb lane width proposed for Lauzon Road includes a 1.5 m bikelane and 3.65 m vehicle lane. The bike lane is measured to the face of curb.

### 4.1.2 Medians

A key component of the recommended solution is the inclusion of a raised median. There are several factors involved in selecting the width for the raised median:

- minimum width produces minimum cost
- adequate space as refuge area for pedestrians caught at the end of a walk cycle (particularly those using wheelchairs or motorized buggies)
- offset to traffic signal poles from the curb line
- continuity of through lanes

Taking into account the above factors, the offset to traffic signal poles dictates a minimum raised median width of 2.5 m (edge of pavement to edge of pavement and assuming a 0.45 m gutter pan). This width would provide a 1.6 m refuge area which is considered sufficient.

The 2.5 m ralsed median in intersection areas plus the 3.25 m left turn lane creates a median area (space between through lanes) of 5.75 m . In a typical mid-block areas where no left turn lanes are required, the median area could be reduced to 2.5 m ( 2 m would be the minimum because there are no signal pole hazards). This would result in a horizontal deflection of about 1.6 m ( 3.25 m left turn lane width split equally on each direction). This deflection of traffic would have a negative affect on traffic capacity and safety but maintaining the 5.75 median area would add extra construction cost. Therefore, to maintaln capacity and safety it was agreed to maintain a wide median area but to reduce the mid-block median area width to 5 m . The result will be a 0.375 m deflection which is considered acceptable.

On other roadways in the Improvement Corridor, raised medians are required only in intersection areas.

In addition to median width, median type was examined. Four median types were compared:

- wide median with a 560 mm high barrler curb
- concrete median barrler with flush shoulders
- concrete median barrier with mountable curbs at edge of pavement - wide median with 250 mm high barrier curb.

The details of the comparison of these alternatives are included in Appendix C.

For cost and safety reasons, the wide median 250 mm high was selected as the preferred alternative. Its accident reduction potential is good, although less than the concrete median barrier, and is easier to design and build because severe height transitions are not required.

### 4.1.3 Boulevard

The width of the boulevard is based on accommodating sidewalks and illumination poles as well as providing distance between the sidewalk and roadway for comfortable pedestrian use. A reasonable boulevard for a major arterial would be 4.0 m as shown on Flgure 4.1. Depending on the right-of-way adopted and difflculties in obtaining property, the boulevard width could vary slightly.

### 4.1.4 Typical Cross Sections

### 4.1.4.1 Tecumseh Road East

Figure 4.2 shows the cross section elements for Tecumseh Rd. E. as previously adopted, including 3.65 m travelled lanes and a 5 m wide ralsed median. As called for in the Official Plan, 36 m was adopted for planning purposes as the basic right-of-way (Class I Arterial). The resulting boulevard is 4.175 m , with the extra width allocated for utllitles behind the sidewalk.

### 4.1.4.2 Jefferson Boulevard

As shown on Figure 4.2, the cross section elements for Jefferson Blvd. will generally fit on the existing 26.2 m ( 86 ft .) right-of-way. Included is a 4 m TWLTL which is slightly wider than the adjacent through lanes to provide a higher comfort level for motorists using the turning lane and lower the probability of improper use affecting through lanes. Additional right-ofway width is required for the channelized intersection at Tecumseh Rd. E.

### 4.1.4.3 Lauzon Road

Flgure 4.2 shows 3.65 m inside through lanes and 4.7 m curb lanes on Lauzon Rd. The 4.7 m curb lane accommodates a 1.5 m dedicated bikelane. A 3.65 m TWLTL was included. Generally, this section will fit on the existing 26.2 m ( $86^{\prime}$ ) right-of-way,

These cross sections have been used in the development of alternative designs in the following sections.

### 4.1.5 Planning Criteria

The following criteria were used in the development of alternative alignments and designs;:
1.Road Classification - Tecumseh Rd. E. - Urban Arterial Divided

- Jefferson Blva. - Urban Arterial Undlvided
- Lauzon Rd. - Urban Arterial Undivided

2. Speed - design

- posted - $60 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$.

3. Basic Number of Lanes - Tecumseh Rd. E. - 3 (each direction

- Jefferson Blvd. - 2 (each direction)
- Lauzon Road - 2 (each direction)

4. Through Lane Width

- 3.65 m

5. Auxiliary Lane Width
3.25 m
6. Medians - Tecumseh Rd. E.

- Jefferson Blva.
2.5 m ralsed $(\mathrm{min}) 5.0 \mathrm{~m}$ raised (max)
- Lauzon Rd.
$\begin{array}{ll}- & \text { 4m (TWLTL) } \\ - & 3.65 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{TWLTL})\end{array}$

7. Sidewalks

- $\quad 1.5$ (min)

8. Minimum Horizontal Curvature

- $\quad 190 \mathrm{~m}$ (@6\% super elevation)

9. Boulevard WIdth (typical distance

- Tecumseh Rd.E. - 1.5 m
edge of pavement to front of sidewalk)

10. Basic Right-of-Way Width Roadway

- Jefferson Blva. - 1.2 m
- Lauzon Rd. - . 65 m
- Tecumseh Rd. E. - 36 m
- Jefferson Blvd. - 26.2 (existing)
- Lauzon Rd. $\quad$ - 26.2 (existing)


### 4.2 Alternative Alignments

### 4.2.1 Evaluation Methodology

A major part of Phase 3 of the Class E.A. process involves the development and evaluation of alternative designs based on the recommended solution. In this study, the main problem was identified as insufficient traffic capacity in the existing roadway corridors. The solution identified in Phase 2 (widening of existing roadways) can be accommodated generally within the existing corridors. Alternative designs which implement the widening solution in the existing corrldors are very concentrated and the differences between the alternatives relative to their traffic operation effectiveness, construction cost and adherence to desireable design standards was considered negliglble. For example, where raised medians are called for in the recommended solution, travel patterns to existing businesses will be affected; however, these effects are deemed to be comparable to all alternative designs, ie. their differences are negligible. Similarly, the opportunity to provide effective areas to turn around, necessitated by the ralsed median, are deemed equal to all alternatives.

The main area where design alternatives differ is their impacts on abutting properties. Because the operational characteristics of the design alternatives are considered comparable, to establish the relative property impacts, only alternative alignments incorporating the typical right-of-way requirements were developed. The following criteria were adopted for comparing alternative alignments and a brief description of each follows:

- number of properties affected
- area of property required for right-of-way
- estimated property costs
- number of businesses affected
- estimated number of buyouts
- potential effects on business viability


## Number of Properties Affected

This involves a count of all existing residential and business properties where negotiations will be required to purchase property for right-of-way requirements. It is an indication of the general property effects of each alternative allgnment.

## Area of Property Required

This crlteria is included for situations where a small number of properties are significantly affected. The total area required could be higher for a smaller number of properties impacted. The measurement is based on a calculation of the area required as shown on Figures 4,4A-F.

## Estimated Property Cost

This comparison criteria reflects the extent to which alternative alignments affect land or business operations of varying value. Typlcal unit costs for various land classifications were provided by the Property Department and applled to the area calculations. This measurement includes any buyout cost or business viability allowance. The estimates are presented as low, moderate, or high according to the following definition:
low $<\$ 100,000$
moderate $\$ 100,000-\$ 250,000$
high $>\$ 250,000$

## Number of Businesses Affected

This is an indication of the general economic effects when, for example, alternative alignments affect existing business versus residential properties where redevelopment is planned. Vacant businesses were not counted.

## Estimated Buyouts

Where propertles appear to be impacted in a major way, estimates were made as to whether continued use of the remaining property was possible. If not, they were identifled
as a "buyout" and a cost estimate was included to buy the total property, whether business or residence. The tables include a count of the locations and the estimated cost is Included under the criterion Estimated Property Cost.

## Business Vlablility Impacts

Where businesses, in particular, appeared to be impacted such that contlinued profitable operation might be affected, a viability impact was identified. An example would be reduction of parking which might limit customers. Similar to "Estimtated Buyouts", locations of viability impacts were counted. Costs are included under the Estimated Property Cost item.

## Other Criteria

For some evaluations, additional criteria were used such as "alignment compatibility with existing roadways". However, they are used only where approprlate and are considered self-explanatory.

### 4.2.2 Jefferson Boulevard

The traffic flow analysis at the Tecumseh Rd. E. - Jefferson Blvd. intersection, using Passer $2^{13}$, was adjusted several times to approach optimum levels of service on the critical traffic movements. The resulting lane configuration is as follows:

- left turn lane on both north and south legs
- 2 through lanes north bound (outside lane dropped north of Diamonds)
- 1 through lane south bound
- north bound right turn lane
- south bound right turn lane

The existing conditions in the area of this intersection are shown on Figure 4.3. The right-ofway on the north side of Tecumseh Road E . is 20 m while on the south side, it is 26.2 m .

[^0]The 6.2 m difference in right-of-way width is split approximately equally on both sides and the alignment is stralght.

Figure 4.3 shows 3 intersection quadrants occupied by businesses:

- northwest - Sofos Submarine, Onyx Engineering, Adaptable Software and Tally Ho Distributing
- northeast - Diamonds, Sassy Sclssors, Attard Clothing
- southeast - Vallant Tool and Machine Inc.

The southwest corner is vacant and is zoned commercial (previously occupled by Esso gas station). North of the commercial development on the north side are residences. Offsets from the right-of-way to houses on the west side are in the order of 5.5 m while on the east side, houses are set back about 10 m .

On the northeast side, a laneway has been incorporated into Diamonds parking area. Slightly further north on the west side, a laneway serves the rear of the businesses on Tecumseh Road E. just west of Jefferson Blvd.

The alignment concepts examined for Jefferson Blvd. At Tecumseh Road E. were:

Alternative 1 - use centrellne of existing right-of-way
Alternative 2 - hold the west right-of-way and widen to the east
Alternative 3 - hold the east right-of-way and widen to the west

For elther Alternative 1 or 2 , which require widening to the east, Diamonds would be affected to the extent that a costly buyout is required. For Alternative 1, Sofos would be affected as well. Since Alternative 1 affects both sides and there are no offsetting benefits, it was abandoned and only Alternatives 2 and 3 were analyzed. Therefore, one side or the other is affected, not both.

Figure 4.3 shows the alignments for Alternative 2 and Alternative 3 respectively. Operationally, the two alignments are comparable and the only reasonable comparison criteria are property impacts.

| TABLE 4.1 <br> TECUMSEH ROAD EAST CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT <br> JEFFERSON BLVD. TO BANWELL ROAD |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| ALIGNMENT EVALUATION - JEFFERSON BOULEVARD |  |  |

The following criteria were used:

- number of properties affected
- number of businesses affected
- number of buyouts
- area of property required
- property cost

Table 4.1 summarizes the evaluation of alternatives relative to the evaluation criterla. As shown, the overall property impacts of Alfernative 3 are lower and it was identifled as the recommended alternative by the Project Team.

### 4.2.3 Tecumseh Road East Alignment

### 4.2.3.1 Corridor Review

Prior to proceeding with development of alternative alignments, it is appropriate to examine the existing right-of-way. Figure 3.6 shows the approximate right-of-way widths at spot locations along the Corridor. Examination of the various right-of-way widths and where they occur help in the development of design alternatives. For example, from Rose City Ford to Lauzon Parkway much of the right-of-way on the south side has been already widened consistent with an overall 36 m right-of-way. Similarly on the north side, although not as extensive, widenings have occurred to create the full 36 m . Between Lauzon Parkway and Lauzon Road, the right-of-way has been widened, primarily to the north, to about 34 m to accommodate a continuous left turn lane. The remainder of the right-ofway to the east City Limits reflects a basic 30 m (100') right-of-way.

The existing and future land use pattern in the Improvement Corridor shows differing characteristics for different sections which are factors in developing and evaluating allgnments. The existing development pattern on the south side of the Corridor is consistent with the City's Official Plan and little or no change from existing is anticipated. The exceptions are the areas either side of Little River and from Robinet Lane easterly where the existing land use and designations are expected to change. In contrast on the north side, where the land use designation is industrial, considerable change is expected within the 20 year study period.

Because of the differing characteristics, the Improvement Corridor was broken into 6 sections, as shown on Figure 3.6 and on Figures 4.4A-F, to facilltate evaluation of alternatives for Tecumseh Rd. E. The sections and their main characteristics are summarized below.

## Section

1

## Main Characteristics

- 24 m right-of-way
- development mature both sides
- mature commercial development south side
- industrial redevelopment expected on north side
- allowance for 36 m right-of-way already made for majority of south side

3

- 34 m right-of-way
- mature commercial development on south side
- shopping centre occuples most of north side

4

- 30 m right-of-way
- mature development on north side
- redevelopment pending on south side
- shopping centre occuples about $1 / 3$ of north side

5
6.

- 30 m right-of-way
- existing business on both sides and redevelopment expected


### 4.2.3.2 Alignment Alternatives

Three basic approaches to implementing the widening of Tecumseh Road E. to 6 lanes considered:

Alternative 1. Centre of the existing road (approximately centre of right-of-way).

Alternative 2. Hold the south right-of-way limit and widen only to the north.

Alternative 3. Hold the north right-of-way limit and widen only to the south.

Centreline alignments were developed and the necessary right-of-way identified according to the typlcal cross section. The edges of pavement and intersection designs were not developed on each alternative as there was no evaluation factor requiring that level of detall.

## Alternative 1

Figures 4.4 A-F show the alignment concept developed for Alternative 1. It generally coincides with the existing roadway centreline which is basically centred in the right-of-way except for the widened areas noted previously. The right-of-way was offset 18 m either side of centreline consistent with the typlcal section for Tecumseh Rd. E. The allignment is a best fit of the alignment controls.

## Alternative 2

Figures 4.4 A-F show the alignment concept developed for Alternative 2. Because of the variatlons in the south right-of-way, it was necessary to select control points for the alignment. Controis at the east limit of Rose City Ford and at Swiss Chalet take advantage of the earlier widening in this area to accommodate a 36 m right-of-way. Between Lauzon Parkway and Lauzon Road, the general south limit controlled the centreline. Maintaining the concept at the Jefferson intersection involves a considerable shift to the north and a reverse curve system opposite Rose City Ford to connect the alignments. East of Lauzon Road, the control points are set according to the south right-of-way tangents. Alternative 2 requires a set of reverse curves at both ends to match to existing pavements.

## Alternative 3

Figures 4.4 A-F show Alternative 3 developed similar to Alternative 2 based on a set of control points using the north right-of-way limits. The alignment is a best fit on the control points and like Alternative 2, reverse curves are required at each end to match existing pavements.

### 4.2.3.3 Evaluation of Alternative Alignments

The following tables show the evaluation on a section by section basis.

Review of the evaluation tables shows that, generally, the differences between alternatives are small. However, a recommended alternative for certain section was reasonably clear and following those selections compatibility with the already preferred sections in some cases, became a deciding factor.

## Section 1

In a previous section of the report, Alternative 3 was identified as the preferred alternative for Jefferson Blvd. at Tecumseh Rd. E. That concept involves maintaining the east property line of Jefferson Blvd, and widening to the west. As shown in Table 4.2A, in Section 1, concentration of property impacts along with those resulting from Jefferson Blvd. and compatibillity with the existlng allgnment to the west were deemed important factors.

Although Alternative 2 has greater concentration of property impacts in the northwest quadrant, it also severely impacts the northwest quadrant resulting in concerns for business viability, Alternative 1 concentrates property Impacts, matches the existing roadway alignment to the west, and was identified as the recommended alternative.

## Section 3

Before reviewing Section 2, Section 3 was examined. Table 4.2B shows that Alternative 2 causes less overall property impact and therefore was identified as the recommended alternative.

| TABLE 4.2A <br> TECUMSEH ROAD EAST CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT JEFFERSON BLVD. TO BANWELL ROAD <br> ALIGNMENT EVALUATION - TECUMSEH ROAD EAST |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SECTION 1 |  |  |  |  |
| EVALUATION CRITERIA |  | ALTERNATIVE 1 | ALTERNATIVE 2 | ALTERNATIVE 3 |
| NUMBER OF PROPERTIES AFFECTED | CHANGE EXPECTED | --(1) | --- | - |
|  | NO CHANGE | 13 | 8 | 5 |
| AREA OF PROPERTY REQUIRED | CHANGE EXPECTED | -- | -- | - |
|  | NO CHANGE | 3054 | 3111 | 3071 |
| ESTIMATED PROPERTY COST (2) | CHANGE EXPECTED | -- | -- | - |
|  | NO CHANGE | HIGH | HIGH | HIGH |
| ESTIMATED BUY-OUTS | CHANGE EXPECTED | - | - | - |
|  | NO CHANGE | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| NUMBER OF BUSINESSES AFFECTED | CHANGE EXPECTED | $\cdots$ | - | -- |
|  | NO CHANGE | 30 | 22 | 8 |
| BUSINESS OPERATION IMPACTS | CHANGE EXPECTED | - | - | - |
|  | NO CHANGE | 6 | 10 | 2 |
| ALIGNMENT COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING PAVEMENT |  | - good, matches existing | - poor, requires 6 m . shift to south | - poor, requires 6 m shift to north |
| COMPATIBILITY WITH JEFFERSON BLVD. |  | - preferred Jefferson Blvd. alignment impacts heavily in the northwest quadrant - this altemative consolidates impacts in northwest quadrant and adds impacts in the northeast quadrant | - preferred Jefferson Blvd. alignment impacts heavily in the northwest quadrant - this altemative also impacts heavily on the northeast quadrant thereby spreading out impects and creating via. bility concems | - preferred Jefferson Blvd. alignment impacts heavily in the northwest quadrant - this altemative also impacts heavily on the south side and also spreads out impacts |
| SUMMARY |  | - aggregates property impacts - good match to existing alignment to west | - more buy-outs and viability impacts - short taper to reduce impacts west of Balfour may have negative affect on traffic operation | - more buy-outs <br> - have major impact in northwest quadrant from Jefferson regardless <br> - short taper to reduce impacts west of Baffour may have negative affect on traffic operation |

(1) No change in land use expected on either side.
(2) $\$ 152,700$ \$325,000 - land acquisition cost and additional buyout or viability costs respectively

(1) No change in land use expected on either side.

| TABLE 4.2C <br> TECUMSEH ROAD EAST CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT JEFFERSON BLVD. TO BANWELL ROAD <br> ALIGNMENT EVALUATION - TECUMSEH ROAD EAST |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SECTION 2 |  |  |  |  |
| EVALUATION CRITERIA |  | ALTERNATIVE 1 | ALTERNATIVE 2 | ALTERNATIVE 3 |
| NUMBER OF PROPERTIES AFFECTED | CHANGE EXPECTED | 16 (1) | 16 | 0 |
|  | NO CHANGE | 3 | 3 | 7 (2) |
| AREA OF PROPERTY REQUIRED | CHANGE EXPECTED | 2076 | 2671 | 0 |
|  | NO CHANGE | 866 | 525 | 3550 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { ESTIMATED PROPERTY } \\ & \text { COST } \end{aligned}$ | CHANGE EXPECTED | MODERATE | MODERATE | LOW |
|  | NO CHANGE | LOW | LOW | MODERATE |
| ESTIMATED BUY-OUTS | CHANGE EXPECTED | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | NO CHANGE | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF BUSINESSES AFFECTED | CHANGE EXPECTED | 6 | 6 | 0 |
|  | NO CHANGE | 3 | 3 | 8 (3) |
| BUSINESS OPERATION IMPACTS | CHANGE EXPECTED | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|  | NO CHANGE | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUMMARY |  | - more impact in stable area <br> -2 m shift to north required to match Alt 2 in Section 3 | - least impact in stable area <br> - best match with Alt 2 in Section 3 <br> - best match with Alt 1 in Section 1 <br> WUECOMMENDEO | - highest impact in stable area <br> - worst match with Alt 2 in Section 3 |


| TABLE 4.2D <br> TECUMSEH ROAD EAST CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT <br> JEFFERSON BLVD. TO BANWELL ROAD |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ALIGNMENT EVALUATION - TECUMSEH ROAD EAST |  |  |  |  |


| TABLE 4.2E <br> TECUMSEH ROAD EAST CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT JEFFERSON BLVD. TO BANWELL ROAD ALIGNMENT EVALUATION - TECUMSEH ROAD EAST |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SECTION 5 |  |  |  |  |
| EVALUATION CRITERIA |  | ALTERNATIVE 1 | ALTERNATIVE 2 | ALTERNATIVE 3 |
| NUMBER OF PROPERTIES AFFECTED | CHANGE EXPECTED | 21 | 21 | 0 |
|  | NO CHANGE | 45 | 0 | 89 |
| AREA OF PROPERTY REQUIRED | CHANGE EXPECTED | 3349 | 5224 | 0 |
|  | NO CHANGE | 1320 | 0 | 5007 |
| ESTIMATED PROPERTY cost | CHANGE EXPECTED | LOW | LOW | \$0 |
|  | NO CHANGE | LOW | So | MODERATE |
| ESTIMATED BUY-OUTS | CHANGE EXPECTED | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|  | NO CHANGE | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NUMBER OF BUSINESSES AFFECTED | CHANGE EXPECTED | 13 | 13 | 0 |
|  | NO CHANGE | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| BUSINESS OPERATION IMPACTS | CHANGE EXPECTED | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | NO CHANGE | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SUMMARY |  | - some impacts to stable area <br> - pavement closer to Forest Glade residences | - least impact to stable area <br> - pavement furthest away <br> from residences in <br> Forest Glade <br> RECOMAETBED | - most impacts in stable area <br> - pavement closest to Forest Glade residences |


| TABLE 4.2F <br> TECUMSEH ROAD EAST CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT JEFFERSON BLVD. TO BANWELL ROAD <br> ALIGNMENT EVALUATION - TECUMSEH ROAD EAST |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SECTION 6 |  |  |  |  |
| EVALUATION CRITERIA |  | ALTERNATIVE 1 | ALTERNATIVE 2 | ALTERNATIVE 3 |
| NUMBER OF PROPERTIES AFFECTED | CHANGE EXPECTED | 28 | 16 | 12 |
|  | NO CHANGE | -(1) | - | - |
| AREA OF PROPERTY REQUIRED | CHANGE EXPECTED | 3085 | 3088 | 2879 |
|  | NO CHANGE | - | - | - |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { ESTIMATED PROPERTY } \\ & \text { COST } \end{aligned}$ | CHANGE EXPECTED | LOW | MODERATE | LOW |
|  | NO CHANGE | -- | --- | $\cdots$ |
| ESTIMATED BUY-OUTS | CHANGE EXPECTED | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|  | NO CHANGE | $\cdots$ | -- | -- |
| NUMBER OF BUSINESSES AFFECTED | CHANGE EXPECTED | 16 | 12 | 4 |
|  | NO CHANGE | - | - | - |
| BUSINESS OPERATION IMPACTS | CHANGE EXPECTED | 0 | 1 | 0 |
|  | NO CHANGE | --- | - | -- |
| ALIGNMENT COMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING PAVEMENT |  | - matches existing | - requires 3 m . shift to south to match existing | - requires 3 m . shift north to match existing |
| SUMMARY |  | - highest property impact <br> - partially overlaps 6m easement on south side | - more property impacts <br> - Em easement in addition to right-of-way | - least overall impacts <br> - overlaps easement on <br> south side <br> - longer transition required <br> 2 S REOMMENOED |

## Section 2

Section 2 was examined with respect to identiflcation of compatibilities with Alternative 1 in Section 1 and Alternative 2 in Section 3 (see Table 4.2c). Alternative 2 had marginally less impact in the stable area and matches the adjacent preferred alternatives best. Alternative 2 was identified as recommended.

## Section 4

In Section 4, the area of stable development switches to the north side. East and west of Little River on the south side, re:development is expected.

Table 4.2D indicates Alternative 3 as the recommended alternative because of its lower property impacts in the stable development area and compatibility with the alignment for the Little River bridge widening. The ultimate transition with Alternative 2 in Section 3 will further reduce impacts in the southeast quadrant of the Tecumseh Rd. E. - Lauzon Rd. intersection.

## Section 5

In Section 5, impacts to the established Forest Glade community were deemed negative. Because Alternative 2 has the lowest property impacts in the stable area and its pavement would be furthest from the outdoor living area of existing Forest Glade residences backing onto Tecumseh Rd. E., it was recommended. (See Table 4.2E).

## Section 6

In Section 6, redevelopment is expected on both sides of the Improvement Corridor. Table 4.2F Indicates overall property impacts to be less for Alternative 3 and it was identified as the recommended alignment.

### 4.2.4 Lauzon Road

The future traffic volumes for the Lauzon Road intersection at Tecumseh Road E. require a basic intersection for a 4 lane roadway - 4 lanes through and a left turn storage lane on both north and south legs. Although there is an existing separate right turn lane for
south bound turns, because the Lauzon Parkway extension is assumed to be in place, right turning traffic is reduced and therefore a separate lane is not required.

Similar to Jefferson Blvd. the right-of-way width varles - on the north it is 26.2 m while on the south it is 20 m . The additional width on the north side occurs mainly on the east side.

A detailed analysis of alignment options was not carried out for Lauzon Road. With the property control on the west and the acute angle intersection in the southeast quadrant, it was agreed that the alignment should be based on the existing parking arrangement in the southeast quadrant.

The typlcal cross-sectlon for Lauzon Rd. calls for a 26 m right-of-way width (wider at intersections). This generally fits on the existing right-of-way north of Tecumseh Rd. E . however, additional property on the east side south of Tecumseh Road E. Will be required.

### 4.2.5 Other North/South intersecting Roads

The existing alignments for the remaining north/south roads intersecting Tecumseh Rd. E . such as Rosevilie Garden Drive, East Park Centre, Lauzon Parkway, Annie Street/Tecumseh Mall, Forest Glade Drive, Robinet Lane and Banwell Road, were generally maintained. Widening on the existing allgnments was deemed appropriate.

### 4.3 Alternative Crossings of Little River

As noted previously, a 6 m easement paralleling the east side of Little River has been allocated for the future extension of the Ganatchio Trail (primary recreationway). However, because an at grade crossing of Tecumseh Road East at Little River would represent a serious conflict between pedestrians and vehicles, the currently planned extension of the Ganatchlo Trail parallels the south side of the CNR easterly and then southerly to the Forest Glade Drive intersection. At the outset of the study, it was deemed appropriate to consider the incorporation of future recreationway plans in any improvements to be carried out for Tecumseh Road East.

The existing roadway bridge over Little River is located in Section 4 as defined for the evaluation of Tecumseh Road East alignments. The preferred roadway alignment in

Section 4 was identified as Alternative 3 - widen to the south. That alignment is consistent with a bridge allgnment based on widening only on the south side. This is the preferred brldge alignment because the widening would be added to the newest section of the existing bridge and traffic disruption would be required only on one side. Also most of the utility crossings are located on the north side. Therefore, widening of the existing bridge on both sides was not evaluated.

The north section of the existing bridge is about 46 years old and the south section is about 30 years old. The latest structural adequacy review of the bridge indicates a high rating (structure is in good condilion) and nothing but minor maintenance is scheduled for the near future.

Three alternatives for the roadway crossing of Little River and the recreationway crossing of Tecumseh Road East were considered:

Alternative 1 - Widen the existing bridge on the south side to accommodate 6 lanes on Tecumseh Road East and construct recreationway overpass.

Alternative 2 - Reconstruct the existing bridge about 1 m higher and 1 m . longer to accommodate 6 lanes and a recreationway underneath.

Alternative 3 - Widen the existing bridge as in Alternative 1 and provide a separate tunnel to take the recreationway under Tecumseh Road East just east of Little River.

Figure 4.5A shows Alternative 1 which includes the minimum requirements to widen the existing structure to provide for 6 lanes together with an overpass to accommodate the future recreationway extension. About 8.5 m of new bridge would be required on the south side of the existing roadway bridge. The key structure component is the box girder supports for the riding surface which allows quicker construction and less work in the water. This bridge widening accommodates the 1:100 year storm elevatlon ( 177.5 m ) as defined in ERCA's 1985 flood line mapping of Little River. Standard provision was included in the estimated cost for minimizing sedlmentation of Little River.

The overpass structure consists of a double "T" beam providing a clear span over the future roadway and concrete approach ramps at appropriate grades for wheelchair users.

Alternative 2, as shown on Flgure 4.5B, involves the complete replacement of the existing brldge according to a raised roadway profile which accommodates the recreationway under the structure. The structure substantially exceeds the flood requirements. The recreationway elevation under the bridge was assumed at a level of 400 mm above the highest lake level or 176.5 m and clearance of 2.5 m to the underside of the structure was assumed. The 1 m thick structure requires a raising of the roadway profile grade about 1 m above the existing road profile.

Alternative 3, shown on Figure 4.5C, Includes the widening of the existing bridge similar to Alternative 1, plus the construction of a concrete box culvert to accommodate the extension of the recreationway along Little River. The approach ramp slopes accommodate wheelchair use. Estimated costs include provision for illumination and water level sensors to signal the backup of storm flows in Little River and consequently to the box culvert.

Late in this study, the planners for the East Riverside Planning District concurred with the concept of a roadway link on the extreme east side of the district. The traffic analysis for this study also assumed that an easterly link would be required. This has led to the need to investigate a 4th alternative which would be for the Ganatchio Trail to follow the east link (also known as Scarsdale Road), to a crossing of Tecumseh Road at a signalized intersection. This alternative will be evaluated further.

The alternatives were compared according to the following factors:

## Natural Environment

- Work in Channel Area - The extent of excavation work required in the invert area or on the side slopes of the channel will have the potential to increase sedimentation. A measure of this impact is indicated subjectively in the evaluation table.


## Social Environment

- Property impacts - A measure of impacts to adjacent properties was provided in the form of a subjectlve description.
- Personal safety - Safety is an issue onto itself, but also any alternative perceived to be unsafe will discourage use, thereby reducing the pedestrian and recreational benefits. These advantages or disadvantages were identified.

Construction Flexibility - The flexibility to advance the construction of the recreationway grade separation, in the event that special recreatlonway funding becomes available, was considered an advantage.

Construction Cost - The cost of alternatives was estimated. Higher cost without higher benefits is undesirable.

Utility Impacts - While general utility relocation will be required for the overall project, any additional utility relocation was consldered a disadvantage.

Compatibility with Roadway - Features of bridge alternatives which generate spin-off effects on the adjacent roadway were identified.

Structure Life - A subjective indication of long term consequences of widening rather than replacing the existing road bridge was provided.

Table 4.3 shows the measurements of the comparison criteria for the three alternatives. Alternative 3 was abandoned for safety reasons. Alternatlve 2 requires the demolition of a structure which currently has a very good rating. Alternative 1 is the safest, has good construction flexibility and was identified as the recommended alternative.

### 4.4 Recommended Alignments

In the preceding sectlons, the recommended allgnments were identified as follows: Jefferson Blva. - Alternative 3
Tecumseh Rd. E.
Section 1 - Alternative 1
Section 2 - Alternative 2
Section 3 - Alternative 2
Section 4 - Alternative 3
Section 5 - Alternative 2
Section 6 - Alternatlve 3

The evaluation leading to selection of preferred alignments in some cases also identifled offset distances between respective alternative alignments. As required, transition alignments have been added to the composite alignment where the recommended alignments are offset between evaluation sections eg. Section 3 (Allignment 2) and Section 4 (Alignment 3). Most of the transitions occur at deflections in the existing right-of-way and the appearance of a parallel jog in the alignment will not be evident.

The recommended centreline alignments for all roadways based on the preceding selections is shown on Figures $4.6 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{K}$, along with the prellminary property requirements.

### 4.5 Development of Recommended Design

### 4.5.1 Basic Lane Requirements

To solve the capacity problem, Tecumseh Rd. E. requires 3 through lanes in each direction while both Jefferson Blvd. and Lauzon Rd. require 2 through lanes in the north/south direction. Although the northerly extension of Lauzon Parkway is not part of this study, a stub which matches the lane configuration on the south side has been included. The remaining north/south roads intersecting with Tecumseh Rd. E. require only one through lane in each direction.

### 4.5.2 Auxiliary Lanes

Auxiliary traffic lanes have been added to improve traffic flow. Figure 4.7 shows the schematic arrangement of the auxiliary traffic lanes provided at each intersection together with the through lanes.

Storage lengths for left turn lanes were estimated in the Traffic Analysis and Planning Report as follows:

# TABLE 4.3 <br> EVALUATION OF LITTLE RIVER CROSSINGS TECUMSEH ROAD EAST CLASS ENVIROMENTAL ASSESSMENT JEFFERSON BLVD TO BANWELL ROAD 

| COMPARISON CRITERIA | ALTERNATIVE 1 WIDEN EXISTING BRIDGE (8.6m) AND CONSTRUCT OVERPASS | ALTERNATIVE 2 RECONSTRUCT EXISTING BRIDGE ON RAISED PROFILE | ALTERNATIVE 3 WDEN EXISTING BRIDGE ( 8.5 m ) AND CONSTRUCT TUNNEL | COMPARISON CRITERIA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NATURAL <br> ENVRONMENT <br> - grading work in the channel area | - road bridge widening affects channel bottom and side slopes - minor localized excavation for structure | - most grading required in channel and along side slopes | - road bridge widening affects channel bottom and side slopes <br> - substantial excavation for box culvert, approach ramps, and storm outlet | NATURAL ENVRONMENT <br> - grading work in the channel area |
| SOCIAL <br> ENVRONMENT <br> - property impacis <br> - personal safety | - minor property impacts during consfruction <br> - additional easement required on south side <br> - good, recreationway grade separation in full public view | - no impact <br> - poor, safety compromised because portion of recreationway out of public view | - property required from Top Hat and possibly some reduction of parking during construction - additional easement required on south side <br> - poor, 35 m tunnel where recreationway users out of public view and in an enclosed area | SOCIAL <br> ENVRONMENT <br> - property impacts <br> - personal safety |
| CONSTRUCTION FLEXIBILITY | - good, overpass could proceed before road bridge should funding become avaliable | - poor, recreationway underpass provided with road bridge | - good, tunnel could proceed at any time that funding is avalable | CONSTRUCTION FLEXIBILITY |
| COMPATIBILITY WITH ROADWAY | - good | - fair, requires raising of adjacent roadway profile by about 1 m with associated approach grade slopes | - good | COMPATIBILITY WITH ROADWAY |
| UTILITY IMPACTS | - minor relocation required for north abutment <br> - aenial hydro needs relocation, probably put underground as part of relocation required for roadway | - all relocations part of roadway construction | - farge diameter watermain, gas, bell would need to be fowered - 1520 mm storm outlet needs relocation | UTILITY IMPACTS |
| COST | \$570,000 | (1) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { (1) } \\ \$ 573,000 \end{array}$ | COST |
| STRUCTURE LIFE | - north side of brigde may need replacement in $20-50$ years and work may be hampered by location of overpass north abutment | - combined solution for 80-100 years | - north side of brigde may need replacement in $20-50$ years but should not affect tunnel | STRUCTURE LIFE |
| SUMMARY | - good consrtuction flexibility -safest altemative <br> RECOMMENDED | - highest cost and highest environmental impacts on Little River - safety compromised | - good consrtuction flexibility <br> - least safe altemative | SUMMARY |

NOTES: (1) Estimated cost includes illumination and water level waming system.

| Intersection N | Left Turn Storage Length |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Northbound (m) | Southbound (m) | Eastbound (m) | Westbound (m) |
| Tecumseh Rd. E./Jefferson Blvd. | d. 60 | 90 | 60 | 120 |
| Tecumseh Rd. E,/Roseville Garden Drive | 45 | $35^{14}$ | 35 | 45 |
| Tecumseh Ra. E./East Park Centre Drive | 68 | 35 | 45 | 50 |
| Tecumseh Rd. E./Lauzon Parkway | way 75 | 60 | 120 | 135 |
| Tecumseh Rd. E./Annie St./ Tecumseh Mall | $35$ | 35 | 68 | 35 |
| Tecumseh Rd. E./Lauzon Rd. | 45 | 68 | 60 | 75 |
| Left Turn Storage Length |  |  |  |  |
| Intersection Nor | Northbound (m) | Southbound (m) | Eastbound (m) | Westbound (m) |
| Tecumseh Rd. E./Proposed New Road | - | 60 | $80^{15}$ | 35 |
| Tecumseh Rd. E./Forest Glade Dr. | 150 | - | 35 | 35 |
| Tecumseh Rd. E./Clover St. | - | 35 | $80^{15}$ | - |
| Tecumseh Rd. E./Robinet Lane | - 35 | - | 35 | 35 |
| Tecumseh Rd. E./Banwell Rd. | 90 | 35 | 100 | 45 |
| Jefferson Blvd/Rose Ave. | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 |
| Lauzon Rd./TecumsehEastown Mall | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 |

$14 \quad 35 \mathrm{~m}$. used as a minimum
15 Third entrance (Clover St.) added for access to East Riverside Planning District. Turning trafflc and storage length spllt equally between Clover St. and proposed new road (Scarsdale).

In cases where back-to-back storage lanes overlap, avallable storage length was allocated on a pro-rated basis.

### 4.5.3 Recommended Roadway Design

The evaluation of alternatlve alignments was based on the conclusion that the roadway elements necessary to solve the identifled problems produced the same engineering impacts regardless of which allgnment was used. Property impacts resulting from widening of the right-of-way to 36 m on Tecumseh Rd. E. varled according to alignment location and alternative allgnments were evaluated only on the basis of property impacts. It follows directly that there is only one roadway design. It involves the development of the necessary roadway design elements such as through lanes, raised medians, turning lanes, sidewalks, etc., on the preferred alignment and is referred to hereafter as the recommended design. Figure 4.8A-J shows the recommended design.

### 4.6 Future Access From/To Tecumseh Rd. E.

It is important to understand the function of Tecumseh Rd. E. relative to continuing local development and the resulting increase in traffic flow. There is a continuum of roadway function which ranges from providing access to abutting property exclusively (eg. cul-desac street) to providing movement of traffic (eg. controlled access freeway) ${ }^{10}$.

Most roads perform a dual function of both access and traffic movement. Tecumseh Rd, $E$. Is a major arterial which, except for the section between Roseville Garden Drive and Lauzon Parkway, provides full access to adjacent property but is also currently required to handle a substantial traffic flow. Unfortunately, a roadway cannot maximize access and traffic movement at the same time and therefore a compromise between the two functions is required.

The traffic analysis carried out for this study indicates the local and regional growth will result in a doubling of traffic on the roads in the Improvement Corridor. New commercial developments will attract additional traffic and new residential developments will produce

16 "One Suburban County"s Policy for Selecting Median Treatments for Arterlals. Bretherton, W. N., Womble, J. E., Parsonson, P.S.,Black, G., ITE Compendlum, Technical Papers."
developments will attract additional traffic and new residential developments will produce additional traffic both of which will need to be distributed to a large extent by Tecumseh Rd. E. and intersecting roads. Improvements must be made to handle this traffic safely, otherwise undesirable diversion of traffic to other roadways will occur, but probably not before an increase in severlity and duration of traffic congestion in the Improvement Corridor. Figure 4.8 shows the recommended design to handle the traffic flow safely as the first priority but maintain access as high as possible.

The existing median between Roseville Garden Drive and Lauzon Parkway represents a case study for why a raised median is an essential design element in the solution of the identifled problems. Along that stretch of roadway, access to 24 businesses is concentrated at 4 entrances, 2 of which currently allow only right-in and right-out turns. An important aspect of this arrangement is the intra-parcel access between the East Park Centre and Parkway Mall.

Figure 3.7 B shows that 3 lanes can handle the future trafflc flows effectively (V/C $<1.0$ ) and Figure 3.6 (a) and (b) show that accident rates are much lower because of the control of left turns at mid-block locations. This limited access concept should be used for future developments adjacent to Tecumseh Rd. E, and can be implemented effectively by maintaining the "divided" roadway classiflcation (UAD - urban arterlal divided).

A raised median will have at least a short term effect on access patterns used by customers of the mid-block businesses. The locations where full access was changed to right-in and right-out is shown in Figure 4.8.

All existing public roadways intersecting Tecumseh Rd. E. are provided with left turn storage areas and channelization as required.

### 4.7 Residual Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Typically, a recommended design will not be able to avoid all potential impacts. The residual impacts of the recommended design, which represent both advantages and disadvantages, are summarized in Table 4.4. Where an Impact represents a disadvantage, measures have been identified which will mitigate the impact. In some cases, eg. erosion control, widely adopted construction measures to mitigate impacts have been developed
and will be reviewed with the appropriate agencies prior to construction. The impacts included in Table 4.4 have been numbered and are shown on Figure 4.8A-K to indicate typical locations where the impact occurs.

Where a median eliminates left turn access to businesses, alternative access is avallable within a short distance by making $U$-turns at signalized intersections. The traffic signal turning analysis indicates that basically all signals will need opposing advanced left turn arrows which provide a break in the through traffic to allow the U-turn opportunity. None of the prohibitions on U-turns in the Highway Traffic Act (Sec. 143) apply to the recommended design. The City's current Traffic ByLaw (Part IV, Article 7) would not prohibit U-turns at the median openings proposed.

To demonstrate future access patterns with the ralsed median in place, the following trips to various destinations have been routed and shown on Figure 4.8 (numbering sequence repeated on Figure 4.8.). Although several opportunities exist for provislon of intra-parcel access only those that appear to exist now were used in this examination.

1. West bound motorist heading for Tim Hortons.
2. West bound motorist heading to Shell Gas Bar/Car Wash.
3. West bound motorist heading for McDonalds.
4. West bound motorist heading for State Farm Insurance.
5. East bound motorist heading for the Floor Store.
6. East bound motorist heading for the Serbian Centre.
7. East bound motorist heading for Windsor Honda.
8. East bound motorist heading for Anderson's Nursery.
9. East bound motorist heading for Canadian Carpet.
10. East bound motorist heading for the Cooperators.
11. Dontrans tractor trailers exiting site and heading east bound.

The geometrics for the above considered only automoblles and single-axle delivery trucks (see Figure 4.9). Larger semi-tractor trallers would not be able to make the 180 degree turnaround movements shown. However, it is anticipated that most of those trips would involve longer distances and an alternative route could be used.


### 4.8 Public and Agency Review

As shown on Figure 1.1, a second opportunity is afforded the public and external agencles to review the work carried out to develop and evaluate the alternative design concepts selected to implement the recommended solution.

A notice in the Windsor Star on May 25, 1996 announced the date, time and location of the second mandatory publlc input opportunity. The potentially affected public were notified of the Public Information Centre as follows:

Date: Thursday, June 13, 1996
Time: $\quad$ 3:00 P.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Serbian Centre
6770 Tecumseh Road East
Windsor, Ontario

Copies of the notice and sample letters are included in Appendix "A".

### 4.8.1 Agency Input

A copy of the draft ESR was circuiated to potentially affected or interested external agencles. The following table identifies those receiving draft reports and summarizes the responses. Those agencies providing comment which required clarification, received followup letters providing appropriate addditional information.

TABLE 4.5

## EXTERNAL INVOLVEMENT

| AGENCY | CONTACT | REPLY | COMMENTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Windsor Police Service | Barry Horrobin Director Planning and Physical Resources | Yes | - agree with recommended option - warrant for signals at east end should be monitored |
| 2. Ministry of Natural Resources | Fred Johnson Acting Area Planner Chatham Area Office | No |  |
| 3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs | Dan Hammond | Yes | No Comment |
| 4. Ministry of Transportation | Peter Ginn | No |  |
| 5. Essex Region Conservation Authority | Stan Taylor <br> Water <br> Management <br> Supervisor | Yes | Need fill permit Erosion control needed |
| 6. Windsor Separate School Board | James Molnar W. M. Lozinski Supt. of Education | No |  |
| 7. Windsor Board of Education Board | Stephen Payne Mr. A. Cook Plant Manager | No |  |
| 8. Transit Windsor | Bob Goody | Yes |  |
| 9. Windsor Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee | Sharon Amlin | No |  |
| 10. Ministry of the Environment and Energy | J. Drummond, P.Eng. Manager, Windsor District Office | No |  |
| 11. Ministry of the Environment and Energy Southwestern Regional Office Technical Support Section | Donna Watson | No |  |


|  | CONTACT | REPLY | COMMENTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12. Windsor-Essex County Development Commission | Paul Bondy Commissioner | Yes | Comments relate to Lauzon Pkwy. extension |
| 13. Little River Enhancement Group | Mr. I. Naisbitt | Yes | Protect quallity in Little River Agree with Alt. No. 1 for pedestrian overpass at Little River |
| 14. CN Rail Line Operations | Ms. Karen Fraser | No |  |
| 15. Town of Tecumseh | Mr. L. A. Lessard Administrator | No |  |
| 16. Windsor Bicycling Committee | Ms. Sharon Amlin Secretary | No |  |
| 17. Windsor Utilities Commission | Mr. Kent Edwards | No |  |
| 18. Union Gas | Ms. Karen Hockin | No |  |
| 19. Bell Canada | Mr. Keith Lumsden | No |  |
| 20. Shaw Cable | Mr. Esa Wilander | No |  |
| 21. Essex County Field Naturalists | Mr. T. Hurst | No |  |
| 22. Citizens Environmental Alliance | Mr. Rick Coronado | No |  |
| 23. Windsor Air Quality Committee | Ms. Kimberly Telega | No |  |
| 24. Township of Sandwich South | Mr. Gerald Sykes Clerk-Administrator | No |  |
| 25. Windsor Fire Department | Chief David Fields | Yes | Concerned about water supply Response times with raised median |

### 4.8.2 Public Input

Over 900 notices were mailed (or faxed) to abutting property owners and those expressing a direct interest. Forty-eight individuals are identified on the sign-in sheets as having attended the Public Information Centre. After recording their attendance, visitor were provided with a handout which provided a brief synopsis of the progress of the project to date. A comment sheet was attached to the handout (copies included in Appendix A).

In addition to draft coples of the ESR, the following textual and graphic information was provided on display boards:

| - | The Problem Definition | Text |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | Schematic of the Class EA Process | Graphic |
| - | Why we carry out Class EA's | Text |
| - | Principles followed in a Class EA | Text |
| - | Schedules (levels of activity) involved in a Class EA | Text |
| - | Detailed flow chart of the Class EA process | Graphic |
| - | The Study Area | Graphic |
| - | Aerial photo of the Study Area | Graphic |
| - | Plan of existing roadway showing existing and future and current accident analysis | Graphic |
| - | Schematic cross sections of alternative solutions | Graphic |
| - | Chart showing evaluation of alternative solutions | Text |
| - | The Preferred Solution | Text |
| - | Alternative design concept sketches and evaluation charts | Text |
| - | Typical roadway cross sections | Graphic |
| - | The Preferred Design | Graphic |

The following individuals representing the Project Team were available to provide information and recelve public comment:

- Mr. Tedd Szalay, P.Eng. - City of Windsor, Public Works Department
- Mr Glen Adams, P.Eng. - Clity of Windsor, Public Works Department
- Mr. Lorne Meloche, P.Eng. - City of Windsor, Public Works Department
- Mr. Vince Francescutti, P.Eng. - City of Windsor, Public Works Department
- Mr. Mark Winterton, P.Eng. - City of Windsor, Public Works Department, Development Division
- Mr. Mike Palanacki, P.Eng. - City of Windsor, Traffic Engineering Department
- Mr. Wes Hicks, P.Eng. - City of Windsor, Traffic Engineering Department
- Mr. Doug Caruso - Clty of Windsor, Planning Department
- Ms. Faye Langmaid, - City of Windsor, Parks and Recreation Department
- Mr. Mike Stamp - City of Windsor, Property Department
- Mr. Ted Fearnley, P.Eng. - E. Fearnley Ltd., Transportation Consultant
- Mr. Barry Sherwood, P.Eng. - LaFontaine Cowie Buratto and Associates Ltd.

Fourteen comment sheets were received relative to the second opportunlty for public participation. In addition, there were several requests for information or clarification on the effects the recommended design would have on abutting properties. The individuals responding were as follows:

| NAME | REPRESENTING | ADDRESS |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| RESIDENTS |  |  |
| Mrs. Charles Stevenson | Resident | 9664 Melville Drive |
| Sharon and Don Turner | Resident | 10192 Shenandoah Cres. |
| Donald Fraysure | Scarsdale Residents <br> Association | 9565 Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| R. Dean | Resident | Resident |
| Audrey West | Resident | 7040 Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| Bill Prestanski | Resident | 2085 Jefferson Blva. |
| James Thrasher |  | Shenandoah Cres. |
|  | Red Lobster | 2191 Jefferson Blvd. |
| BUSINESs | Commercial Lessor | 6575 Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| Dino Dilaudo | Chrysler Canada | $6033-6045$ Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| Pat Horwood Sr. | Wal-Mart | $10940(+/-)$ Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| Mohammed Abdel-Nabi |  | Eastown Mall |
| Chris Minielly |  |  |


| NAME | REPRESENTING | ADDRESS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jim Mantua | Brewer's Retail | 2451 Jefferson Blvd. |
| Joseph lossifidis | Sofos Submarine | 6082 Tecumseh Rd, E. |
| Keith Spence | Project Planning FCS representing Canadian Tire | 8150 Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| Joseph Mikhail | Tecumseh Commercial Centre | 7610 Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| Rocco Lucente | A. A. Boscariol and Associates representing Messrs. Shaloub and Malette | 10574 Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| Rocco Lucente | A. A. Boscariol and Associates representing Mr. Docherty | 11655 (+/-) Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| Robert K. Goody | Transit Windsor | 3700 E. C. Row |
| John Bonvivere | TRANS-PLAN representing Shell Canada |  <br> Forest Glade <br> Drive/Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| Peter Dragicevic | Used Car Dealership | 6642 Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| Ed Droullard | Mark's TV | 11400 Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| Simeon Drakich | Top Hat East | 9250 Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| Chris Woodall | Gus Revenberg | 10150 Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| Norman Shewchuk | Anderson Nursery | 9666 Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| John Jedlinski | Wilson, Walker, Hochberg, Slopen representing Big D Bingo Emporium East | 9420 Tecumesh Rd. E. |
| Piero Venditti | Garden Homes representing Loeb | 11729 Tecumseh Rd. E. |
| G. Gouin | Commercial Developer | 10530 Tecumseh Rd. E. |

Responses were reviewed in detail and specific comment categories identified. A summary of the public responses is included in Appendix A. Some responses included several comment categories.

Eleven of 35 comments were from residents fronting or backing onto Tecumseh Road E . These comments dealt mainly with direct property impacts during construction such as effect on driveways, fences and trees. These individuals were informed that reinstatements to propertles will be made during construction such that the end result is equal to or better than the previous conditions. Where trees cannot be relocated, new trees will be planted in appropriate locations relative to the new roadway.

One resident expressed concern regarding the high existing traffic noise and increased noise resulting from future traffic. The MTO/MOEE protocol Agreement for noise evaluations was briefly explained and the estimated 3.7 dbA maximum future increase in noise was identified at the specific location. It was noted that a 5 dbA increase in noise is required before noise mitigation is deemed warranted in the Protocol Agreement.

The responses from businesses in the Corridor were mainly focused on the restriction of left turns to and from the propertles abutting Tecumseh Road E. where a raised median is proposed. These concerns were acknowledged and the alternatives noted:

- turnarounds at signalized intersections and
- intra-parcel access arranged between private property owners.

At the extreme west limit of the project, concern was expressed regarding leasing of commercial properties, which have been identified for acquisition, in the short term. In that case, an interim construction stage was identified to eliminate the uncertainty for possible lessees.

The need for service roads was identified by some business operators. Service roads would essentially be the same as intra-parcel access. The indlviduals were informed that the Clty is interested in facilitating appropriate intra-parcel accesses, but because they would be located on private property, the Clty cannot force their implementation. Many of the business operators were amenable to that suggestion.

The comments regarding negative effects on business through loss of trafflc were addressed. The Project Team's position that locations such as Red Lobster and the Top Hat East are planned destinations for most patrons was noted. Therefore, if safe alternative access is provided, customers will generally maintain their current purchasing levels but
using a different travel pattern. It was pointed out at the Public Information Centre and in letters of acknowledgement that a 6-lane roadway carrying the expected traffic without left turn control by a raised median may induce customers to shop elsewhere.

### 4.9 Preferred Design

The Tecumseh Road E. corridor requires a widening of the current 4 lanes to 6 lanes to accommodate anticipated daily traffic in the range of 21,000 to 30,000 vehicles. Given the current development pattern along Tecumseh Road E., a raised median is required to handle this traffic flow safely.

The range of roadway functions was discussed earlier and it was noted that as the need to handle higher traffic volumes arises, the ability to provide unrestricted access to adjacent properties diminishes. The recommended design will accommodate the anticipated traffic as safely as possible while maintaining reasonable access. However, there will be unmitigated access effects. Based on the number of responses, those are expected to be minimal compared to the need for safe handling of the traffic flow. Therefore, the recommended design as shown on Figures 4.8(a)-(k) was selected as the Preferred Design.


## TYPICAL BOULEVARD SCALE 1:100



TYPICAL 6-LANE DIVIDED CROSS-SECTION
(TECUMSEH ROAD EAST - EFFERSON BOULEVARD TO BANWEU ROAD)


TYPICAL 4-LANE WITH TWO-WAY LEFT TURN LANE
(LAUZON RD. - TECUASEAH RD. E. TO CN.R.)


TYPICAL 4-LANE WITH TWO-WAY LEFT TURN LANE
(JEFFERSON BLVD. - TECUNSEH RD. E TO ROSEVLLE GARDEN DRIVE)


ALIGNMENT NO. 2











# TECUMSEH ROAD EAST 

 CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT


NEW RAISED BRIDGE ELEVATION WTH PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS


LITTLE RIVER CROSSING ALTERNATIVES


TECUMSEH ROAD EAST
LCBE.

## CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT <br> \section*{JEFFERSON BLVD. TO BANWELL RD.}



SOUTH OR NORTH ELEVATION


SECTION THRU PRECAST CULVERT

LITTLE RIVER CROSSING ALTERNATIVES










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SCHEMATIC INTERSECTION
CONFIGURATION
FIGURE 4.7







| LEGEND$\qquad$ EXISTING PROPERTY LINE$\qquad$ XISTING EASEMENT LINE$\qquad$ |
| :---: |
|  |  |




TECUMSEH ROAD EAST
CLASS ENIRNMENTAL ASESSMENT

## JEFFERSON BOULEVARD




## TYPICAL TURNAROUND MOVEMENT FROM LEFT TURN STORAGE LANE



PASSENGER CAR
Leading Outside Tire Radius $=7.50 \mathrm{~m}^{*}$



[^0]:    ${ }^{13}$ Passer 2 is a computer analysis tool used by Jraffic Engineering Department to establish timing for a group of traffic signals.

