

## **New Routes Through Shakespeare Being Considered**

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Alternative road and highway routes through the Shakespeare area will be discussed during upcoming public meetings.

Traffic on Highway 7/8 that runs through Shakespeare is expected to double in the next 30 years to 24,000 vehicles a day. Focused stakeholder consultations and a facilitated community workshop are planned for March to address this issue. The workshop will be open to everyone in the community to ensure the study considers all reasonable options.

In summer 2009, an initial plan that included the widening of Highway 7/8 through Shakespeare was presented to the public for feedback. In response to the comments received, the ministry has developed a new plan with route alternatives and is seeking further public input.

### **QUOTES**

“We have listened to concerns expressed by people in the Shakespeare area, and are taking a closer look at route alternatives.”

- Jim Bradley, Minister of Transportation

“I want to thank my colleague, the Minister of Transportation, for acknowledging the need to look at alternatives. I would encourage local citizens to take advantage of this new opportunity to put their best ideas forward to the study group.”

- John Wilkinson, MPP Perth-Wellington

### **QUICK FACTS**

- Highway 7/8 connects Stratford to Kitchener/Waterloo and Highway 401.

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