



Socio-economic conditions

The **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** provides comprehensive documentation of the extensive technical work undertaken by CN to assess the potential environmental and socio-economic effects of the Milton Logistics Hub, consistent with the EIS Guidelines issued by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA). The full EIS (submitted December 7, 2015) is available on the public registry at ceaa.gc.ca, Reference Number: 80100 (Doc. #57).

About the assessment

A number of studies have been undertaken to understand socio-economic conditions, such as community services and infrastructure, and land and resource use, and the potential effects of the proposed Project on these conditions.

Assessment findings

Current conditions

- Both the Town of Milton and Halton Region are expected to continue to experience high population growth.
- Increased economic and population growth in Milton and Halton have placed additional demands on community services and infrastructure, causing them to be at or near capacity.
- Local and regional plans have been developed, and are currently being implemented, to address development growth plans and the need to increase the capacity of services and infrastructure.

- Current land uses in Milton and Halton include existing rail infrastructure and agriculture, as well as recreational uses.
- Local and regional economies are characterized by a mix of businesses in the goods-producing and services sectors.
- Goods-distribution sectors have been among the fastest-growing economic sectors at local and regional levels over the past 15 years, including transportation, warehousing, retail trade, and wholesale trade.

Project-related effects

- Studies have determined that the Project would result in a relatively small-scale (0.1%) loss of the total agricultural land within the Regional Assessment Area (the area within which residual effects from the Project may interact cumulatively with the effects of other past, present, and future activities).
- Temporary effects to road infrastructure and road users may include the implementation of lane closures or detours during Project construction.



Proposed mitigation measures

CN is committed to working with the surrounding communities to mitigate the potential effects of construction and operation of the Milton Logistics Hub, including to land use, traffic, and road safety.

Proposed measures to manage adverse effects on socio-economic conditions include:

- Notifying the public, working with municipalities, and coordinating with local authorities regarding the location and scheduling of construction activities, including temporary lane closures or detours.
- Building a 1.7-kilometre two-lane private roadway off Britannia Road with sufficient queuing capacity on CN property to keep waiting trucks off local roads.
- Constructing a 5-metre-high berm/barrier in strategic locations, planted with native Ontario vegetation, to blend with the surrounding environment and mitigate the effects of noise and light.
- Working with local farmers for agricultural lease opportunities, where applicable.

With the application of mitigation measures, residual effects, including cumulative effects, of the proposed Project on socio-economic conditions are predicted to be not significant.

For more information about assessments related to socioeconomic conditions, refer to the EIS, including Appendix E.12 and E.17.

Follow-up

CN will liaise with local and regional service providers throughout the life of the Project to identify and address issues pertaining to the Project's effects on demand for community services and infrastructure, if any, as they arise. The CN Police Service will deliver education and promote public safety by monitoring truck traffic and enforcing traffic rules (including on-site speed limits and a no-idling policy), on and within 500 metres of property owned, operated or managed by CN.

About CN's Milton Logistics Hub

CN is proposing to build and operate a new intermodal hub on CN-owned land, east of Tremaine Road and south of Britannia Road in Milton, Ontario. The Project is proposed to accommodate the growing demand for infrastructure to handle the increasing flow of goods in and out of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), Canada's largest population area and the fastest-growing region in the country. The Project is currently undergoing an environmental assessment by an independent joint review panel, under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. CN is committed to ongoing engagement with Aboriginal communities, local governments and local communities to continue to find ways to mitigate potential effects and to enhance potential benefits locally. More information is available at cnmilton.ca.

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