Neighbourhood Freight Forum

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In Ontario:

• focus is on transportation and urban solutions (promoting livable, transit-friendly communities)
• At 35%, transportation is the largest source of emissions in Ontario and many other provinces including BC, Quebec and Manitoba
• Road transportation is the biggest contributor (close to 70%)
Our team has two focus areas

1. Promoting Demand Management
   Reducing personal transportation-related GHG emissions through transit

2. Goods movement
   Curbing emissions from the freight sector

Photos source: Pembina Institute
Our track record
Pembina’s Greening the Goods

Recommendations:

1. City of Toronto to develop an urban freight strategy

2. Establish Neighbourhood Freight Forums

3. The Province and Metrolinx conduct GHG impact, health impacts and cost-benefit analysis of freight policies
Neighbourhood Freight Forum

- Received funding from TAF to develop a 3-year pilot project
- Partnering with a local BIA
- Designed to be on the ground solutions that could be scaled up across Toronto and other regions in the Greater Golden Horseshoe

Photos source: Pembina Institute
Why DUKE Heights BIA?

- Highly congested – few through streets
- Close access to 400 series highways (400 and 401)
- Unusually high volumes of fuel tank trucks
- 2,500 local businesses
- Highly industrialized – large commercial, industrial, manufacturing and retail activity
- Subway extension and Finch West LRT along their borders will likely attract new businesses in the BIA as well as increased transit use.
- Previous transit and cycling assessment research highlighted
NFF Objectives

- Identify local challenges/issues
- Recruit local businesses and other stakeholders to participate in the NFF
- Build relationships
- Identify opportunities and introduce solutions to improve freight movement with intention to save money for businesses and reduce emissions from the freight sector
- Develop a data management plan to track progress
- Widely communicate the NFF to other BIAs and across regions
Status of NFF pilot

- Established a Project Advisory Group (Pembina, DUKE Heights BIA, TAF, City of Toronto, Metrolinx, WSP, Ontario Trucking Association, Canadian Fuels Association, UofT)
- Letters to go to local businesses to attract “anchor” companies
- General communications out to BIA
- First Forum – April 27th (100 participants)
- Public Facing Report – Freight Stakeholder Engagement processes (March 2017)
Status of pilot

• Sign up local businesses to participate in the three-year pilot
• 6 other face-to-face meetings
• Meetings with other BIAs across Toronto and broader outreach to GTHA
• Compilation of outcomes, implementation practices and lessons learned

Public facing: Ongoing outreach and communications throughout the pilot
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QUESTIONS?

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