Attachment 5

Summary of Public Consultation and Involvement

The Valley Line Stage 1's public engagement process has yielded feedback on environmental issues in the river valley. Stakeholders have advocated for the protection of wildlife, greenspace, waterways, air, soil, geotechnical stability, the maintenance of ambient noise levels, and aesthetics of natural spaces throughout the construction and operation of the Valley Line Stage 1.

As work has progressed on preliminary engineering, bridge options have been presented to the public for their input along the entire length of the Valley Line corridor. All information relating to the portions of the project that fall within the boundaries of the Bylaw are within public involvement Area 4 and this information was presented to the public at four open houses held in 2012 and 2013 during preliminary design. Information specific to the EISA was presented to the public at all open houses held in May and June of 2013 along the entire length of the Valley line corridor. The public also had the opportunity to provide comments via online surveys.

Preliminary information from the EISA process provided stakeholders and the public with information on potential construction footprint, potential construction timelines and duration, bylaws, detours, trail closures, and processes. This data was shared online through the project website, disseminated to a large database of interested stakeholders via email and letter mail, and at public engagement meetings in spring and summer 2013. Administration solicited feedback from stakeholders and the public on the data and provided information on the analysis and decision-making processes surrounding the EISA.

Key stakeholders in the river valley are being continuously engaged in order to mitigate concerns and impacts directly affecting them.