

Niagara Scenic Parkway Reimagined

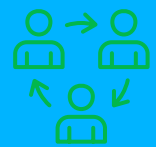
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Since launching this phase of the project publicly in late 2023, the project team has worked closely with key stakeholders and community members. This newsletter offers a snapshot of key project updates since the Public Workshop was held on February 6, 2024.

Technical Updates



The project team has originated design concepts based upon design concepts that were developed as part of the 2013 scoping report.



The project team is refining the design concepts in response to feedback received from the public, stakeholders, and the steering committee.



The project team is drafting an updated project scoping report which will include revised statements for the draft purpose, objectives, and needs.

Project Name Update

Niagara Scenic Parkway Removal is now known as **Niagara Scenic Parkway Reimagined!** The previous name was intended to refer to only the removal of the limited-access expressway features of the Parkway, but interpreted as favoring a particular design alternative. Thus the overall effort is now referred to as **"Niagara Scenic Parkway Reimagined."**

Public Engagement Updates



The first public workshop was held on **February 6, 2024**, with about 110 attendees. It included an open house, presentation, and Q&A session. Attendees expressed the need to balance impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods with preserving access to scenic assets and tourism opportunities.

General Themes

- Concerns about impacts to neighborhoods, property values, parking, and traffic rerouting
- Mixed views on full or partial parkway removal
- Mixed views on potential roundabouts
- Desire for more parking areas
- Desire for amenities such as restrooms and wind buffers
- Support for more overlooks and gathering areas with parking

A full meeting summary can be viewed on the project website.

Additional Engagement Updates

The project team has been meeting with the Project Steering Committee, municipal representatives and other focused stakeholder groups over the past three months to gather additional feedback on concerns, desires and opportunities associated with the project.

Next Steps

- **Ongoing:** Steering committee, focused stakeholders, and design team meetings
- **Summer through Fall:** Develop revised concepts for public feedback
- **Early Fall:** Public Workshop #2 (multiple concepts to be presented)
- **Early Winter:** Public Workshop #3 (preferred concept to be presented)

Photo: Public Workshop #1



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