

HELP STOP THIS!

**ALTO HIGH-SPEED RAIL
SOUTHERN ROUTE
PROPOSED THROUGH
LENNOX & ADDINGTON**

If the proposed Southern Route is chosen, and your home or farmland or business is on the route, it will be expropriated. In the words of an expropriation lawyer, "There's nothing you can do but accept the loss."



The construction will be massive and devastating, destroying a wide area around the track. Species already at risk may not survive, like the Eastern Loggerhead Shrike, which breed just north of Newburgh.

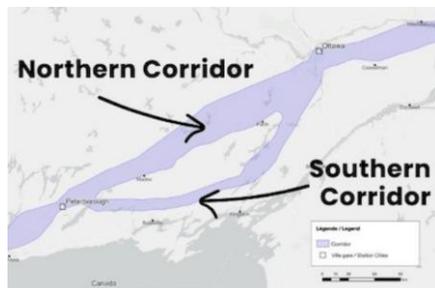


The rail line will be fenced, with no level crossings. This means that many of our roads will dead end at the tracks and the wildlife corridors will be severed. There are serious implications for emergency response and community connectivity.



THE SITUATION:

Alto (formerly VIA HFR - VIA TGF Inc.) is a federal Crown corporation established in 2022 to develop and implement the High-Speed Rail (HSR) initiative in the Quebec City-Windsor corridor. This project seeks to design, construct, and operate a 1,000 km, 300 km/hr electrified rail network, with fences along the entire length, and trains running every half hour. It will cost around **90 billion dollars** (that's 90 million dollars for each km).



Alto is **considering two rail options** between Peterborough and Ottawa. There is a northern route which would run along HWY 7. The **second option is a southern corridor that would run through Stone Mills/Lennox & Addington**. Both options present geographical challenges. More people live in the southern corridor, and there are significant environmental threats. Alto believes the southern route is a cheaper choice.

The location of stations is federally mandated. **There is NO station proposed for Kingston**. Alto maps show the southern route passing 17 to 30 km north of the city. If high-speed rail is routed through Lennox & Addington, many residents will be forced from their homes. Neighbouring property will be devalued, livelihoods will be devastated, smaller north-south roads will be cut off, and unique ecological habitats destroyed.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Provide feedback on the proposed southern corridor until April 24th, 2026.

STEP 1: Engage through Alto's website at <https://en.consultation.altotrain.ca>

- Study the interactive map at <https://shorturl.at/X6ngK>
- Add pins to the map and "like" comments on the map that you support.
- Make an account and complete the survey.
- Submit a letter or a brief.

STEP 2: Attend an in-person or virtual Alto meeting: <https://en.consultation.altotrain.ca>

STEP 3: Join a Facebook group: e.g., "alto train southern route..." "Save Stone Mills / No Alto..."

STEP 4: Write and/or call as many people as possible! Connect with your neighbours, friends, and local leaders and share your concerns.

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