

FEBRUARY 16, 2026 – COUNCILLOR BULLOCH’S UPDATE FROM COUNCIL - ALTO

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Subject: Update from Council - ALTO

Hello Everyone,

I wish to share with you an article I read recently that provides a comprehensive review of the current state of affairs regarding the proposed high speed rail project, ALTO. I found this piece to be realistic, critical and most importantly hopeful. A key message expressed within, which was also repeated at the public meeting in Chaffey’s on Sunday, is the need for solidarity. At this stage it is imperative that we find our collective voice and make sure it is heard through the ongoing public consultation process.

Article:

<https://johnnyrenton.substack.com/p/the-good-bad-and-awful-of-the-alto>

A related item discussed at the meeting on Sunday was Bill C-15 which is currently under review in the Senate. This bill proposes legislative changes to fast-track the approvals for this project. For your information, the most recent report from the Senate Standing Committee on Transport and Communications regarding Bill C-15 can be found here: [Meetings #150079 - Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications \(45th Parliament, 1st Session\)](#)

Upcoming local public consultation event locations and dates:

February 18 – South Frontenac [Storrington Lions Club](#)

March 4 – Perth: [Perth Lions Club](#)

Times on both dates:

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

More info: [Alto Open Houses | Alto](#)

ALTO will also be coming to Rideau Lakes Council as a delegation on **Monday, March 2nd**. The meeting starts at 6:00pm with the delegation. Our meetings remain virtual but can be watched via the livestream or via the Teams Meeting link; details to be provided upon release of the Agenda on Thursday, February 26th. Link to meetings: [eSCRIBE Published Meetings](#)

Questions and comments can also be provided directly to ALTO via their public consultation website here: [Shaping the Canada of tomorrow with high-speed rail | Alto Project](#)

Link to map: [Interactive Map | Alto Project](#)

Link to questionnaire: [Consultation Questionnaire | Alto Project](#)

Additionally, comments and questions regarding this project should also be forwarded to our federal elected officials, in particular (but not limited to):

Prime Minister, Mark Carney: mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Minister of Transport, Steven Mackinnon: Steven.MacKinnon@parl.gc.ca

Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature (incl. Parks Canada), Julie Dabrusin: julie.dabrusin@parl.gc.ca

MP Michael Barrett (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands-Rideau Lakes): Michael.Barrett@parl.gc.ca

MP Scott Reid (Lanark-Frontenac): scott.reid@parl.gc.ca

I will be sure to share additional information with you as it becomes available.

Cheers!

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