



## Province to study truck corridor for Halifax

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### Reader Comments

**BillSavary wrote:** Posted 2008/10/24 at 10:46 AM ET

YES YES YES!!! Please get the transport trucks out of historic downtown Halifax as soon as possible. The rail cut is PERFECT place for trucks and also high speed commuter service of some kind... made to order.

**LameBrane wrote:** Posted 2008/10/24 at 10:24 AM ET

I'd bet that the truckers would be all for it. Surely they'd rather run straight to the south end terminal on a dedicated truck lane, rather than deal with traffic and delays on Hollis southbound and Water Street northbound.

What I think might be the killer of this project is when the upper crust residing between the rail cut and the Northwest Arm realize that this would add noise and exhaust to their neighbourhood, they'll be up in arms and demand the project be scrapped. With more than one influential person living in that area, I'd say this project is doomed before it even begins. It's too bad, too, as any effort to improve truck access to the container terminal and reduce the number of trucks on the city streets is definitely a good thing.

**The Itchy Beaver wrote:** Posted 2008/10/24 at 5:25 AM ET

Will anyone ask the truckers what they recommend?

Often answers rest with those in the industry.....not a consultant's desk.

The good folks from Bedford knew what they were getting into when they bought 40 minutes from downtown....traffic! It's part of their choice to live out 'yonder' - it'

shouldn't be my (or anyone else's) responsibility to ease their pain for they chose their own fate.]

**ChrisMilburn wrote:** Posted 2008/10/23 at 9:13 PM ET

Great. Just what I want my tax money going to: more trucks - the most polluting, greenhouse-gas inefficient, space consuming, noisy way to move freight. And I like the fact that I'm subsidizing products brought from long distances that will compete with local products and prevent the growth of business in NS. Perfect! Good job Rodney!

I don't need more cheap crap shipped from China! I need local goods made by local people. How about putting 80 million of tax money into local initiatives instead, and avoid the shipping?

PS: You were a better fiddler than premier.

**Maritimer88 wrote:** Posted 2008/10/23 at 8:16 PM ET

It'll never happen, too progressive for Halifax. People won't want to leave the tradition of sitting in their cars on the Bedford Highway for what feels like hours on end.

**DGCroadguy wrote:** Posted 2008/10/23 at 6:50 PM ET

This study really needs to look at including a mass transit component to the route. The Bedford highway is not efficient at all and the access of a transitway may encourage more people to ride the bus on an express lane instead of driving.

Transitway systems work really well in Ottawa, getting ridership up. And it would be a lot faster with more departure times than a fast ferry from Bedford. On top of that, it would not be a 26 million roll of the dice as the ferry will be.