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# The OTC Radar

News from the Ontario Traffic Conference

## Upcoming Events

Future Committee meeting dates (open to all OTC members—Please RSVP in advance):

Legislation & Enforcement: June 4, Niagara Region

Parking: March 23, OTC office, Mississauga

Traffic Engineering: April 24, OTC office, Mississauga

Transportation Planning: March 27, Region of Halton offices

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Please email to receive future issues of Radar. Don't forget to add colleagues and others who are interested in OTC activities.

## Planning Workshop – April 24

OTC invites you to attend the 5th Annual Transportation Planning Workshop on April 24th at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Hamilton.

Sessions will be informative and will explore current planning topics. The information will be geared to transportation planning professionals from across Ontario.

The cost of the full-day workshop will be \$185.72 + GST = \$195. HOT Breakfast, lunch and parking are included.

You can view the updated program and register for the workshop at: <http://www.otc.org>

## OTC presents at Queen's Park

The OTC made a presentation to a group of Members of Provincial Parliament on the General Government committee at Queen's Park on March 11.

OTC's presentation on behalf of the Legislation & Enforcement Committee was regarding proposed Bills 118 and 126, which deal with distracted drivers, blood alcohol, regulation of e-bikes and other related issues.

The text of the OTC presentation can be accessed here: [http://www.otc.org/communications\\_reports.cfm](http://www.otc.org/communications_reports.cfm)

## OTC releases Request for Proposals for OTM Book 15

OTC has partnered with MTO and 12 municipalities and regions to develop Book 15 of the Ontario Traffic Manual: *Pedestrian Protection and Control*.

OTM Book 15 will be the primary document used by the MTO and municipalities in Ontario and contains information on requirements, standards, best practices and recommendations for the planning, justification, design, timing and operations of pedestrian safety and controls.

Book 15 will bring together the application of all signing, devices and markings pertaining to pedestrian control and protection that are provided in different books of the OTM and will consider others identified through a jurisdictional scan.

On March 3, the OTC released an RFP (available on the main page of our website <http://www.otc.org>) inviting companies to prepare proposals to work on the development of Book 15. The RFP closes on April 6. A bidder will be chosen in May, with work beginning in June. The Book will be completed in late 2010.

A Steering Committee made up of Book 15's funding partners will oversee the development of the project.

For more information on this exciting new OTC project, please contact: [marco@otc.org](mailto:marco@otc.org)



## Annual Conference looking great!

The planning for the 2009 OTC Annual General Meeting is well underway. Taking place from June 7-9, 2009, at Kingston's Ambassador Hotel, the event is an opportunity for Ontario's traffic sector to come meet.

The full preliminary program is now available! This will be one of the best Annual Conferences with a wide range of timely and relevant topics and amazing speakers with tours and side events!

This will be a great professional development opportunity at an exceptional value.

Register today at: <http://www.otc.org>

## Tech. Traffic Operations Course

The Technical Traffic Operations Course will be held from April 20—May 1, 2009 at the Ontario Police College. The course runs concurrently with the Police Traffic Supervisors Course for the first week.

The course will focus on providing participants with an overview of traffic engineering including an understanding of the various types of control devices and how to use them. Following the course, students should be able to review a traffic issue and determine approaches to solve the problem. More information: <http://www.otc.org/>