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Hello,

On April 24, 2026, Alto successfully completed the first round of early engagement marking the end of one of the most extensive public consultation initiatives ever conducted in Canada. The input gathered from the public, stakeholders and municipalities will inform the next phase of the project and a report of what we heard during this consultation will be published this summer. In the meantime, a brief summary of our engagement activities and participation can be found [here](#).

During our early project engagement, we heard many concerns from rural communities across the corridor. In response to these concerns, Alto has published our commitment to rural communities that includes how we

will: prioritize negotiated agreements, offer fair, long-term compensation, preserve road access and movement, and support agricultural productivity and development.

Updates on this information are now on our website:

[Property Acquisition | Alto](#)

[Our Dedicated Approach to Agricultural Land | Alto](#)

[Working With the Agricultural Community | Alto](#)

[Preserving Access and Movement | Alto](#)

[Compensation Principles | Alto](#)

[Our Property Acquisition Process | Alto](#)

For your convenience, I have also attached a summary of our commitment in both the English and French for your reference.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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# Alto's commitment to rural communities

## **Agricultural land is essential to Canadians.**

The economic, social, and environmental benefits of Alto are real. For many rural and agricultural communities, the concerns about land, operations, and day-to-day realities are just as real.

A train travelling at 320 km/h requires straight tracks. And yet there's no single reality in agriculture. It differs from one region to the next, and from one farm to another. This means the final route will be a trade-off and that there's no perfect solution to building it. Our job is to make sure we do this the right way; that entails limiting impacts, compensating fairly over the long term, and developing the right support for the farming industry as a whole.


Countries like France and Italy with substantial farming communities have shown that high-speed rail and agriculture can coexist. That's what we're working to achieve here. That means doing the work with communities and being upfront about what we can commit to.

**Since consultations began in January 2026, farmers and property owners have been clear about what's at stake for them. We have listened, and our commitments are straightforward:**

- **Limit impacts from the start** by first defining a wide corridor under study, engaging early, and then selecting the alignment of about 60 metres wide, with the least impact.
- **Prioritize negotiated agreements** for land acquisition. We will favour an individually negotiated willing-buyer, willing-seller approach.
- **Offer fair long-term compensation** that covers fair market value and all impacts over time, including land value, disturbance costs, productivity losses and other long-term effects.
- **Ensure adapted road access** for agricultural operations when they are directly impacted, by negotiating with owners and stakeholders.
- **Support agricultural productivity and development** through novel solutions to enhance productivity, help preserve farmland, and empower the next generation of farmers.

These commitments set the direction, but we won't get there on our own. It will require a collective effort alongside agricultural organizations to further define the scope of these pledges.

**This is our commitment. Because how we build matters just as much as what we build.**



To learn more about our approach, please visit [altotrain.ca/agriculturalapproach](http://altotrain.ca/agriculturalapproach)