

ALTO Newsletter

August news and updates



What happens before Alto begins construction?

Before construction begins, Alto must complete the work required to turn a broad plan into a construction-ready project. That includes consultation with the public and Indigenous communities, field studies, environmental assessment, route and station analysis, engineering, cost estimates and detailed design.

Each step provides information needed for the next. Careful planning helps Alto identify risks before construction begins and make decisions using stronger, more complete information.

[Read how the project is moving forward](#)

Answering your questions

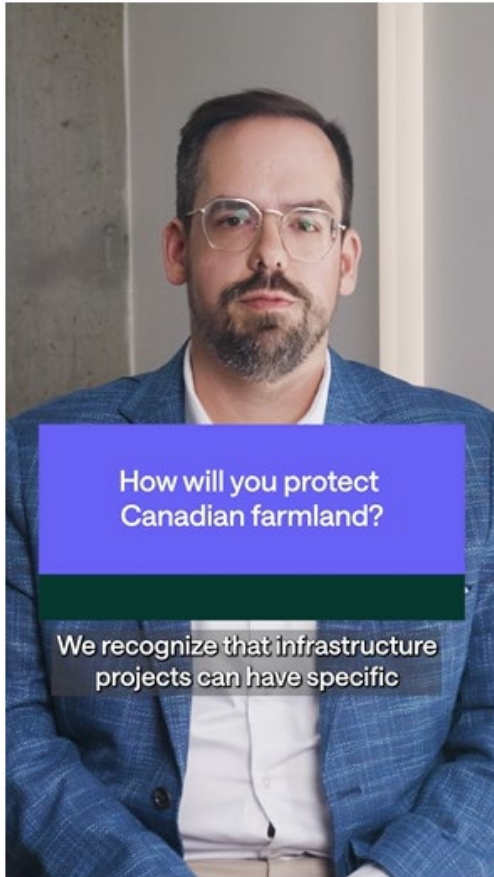
How will Alto minimize impacts on farmland?

Protecting access to fields, farms and local roads is an important part of planning Alto.

We want to work with the agricultural community to better understand local operations and develop an approach that helps reduce disruption and support productive farmland over the long term.

How will Alto maintain connectivity throughout the network?

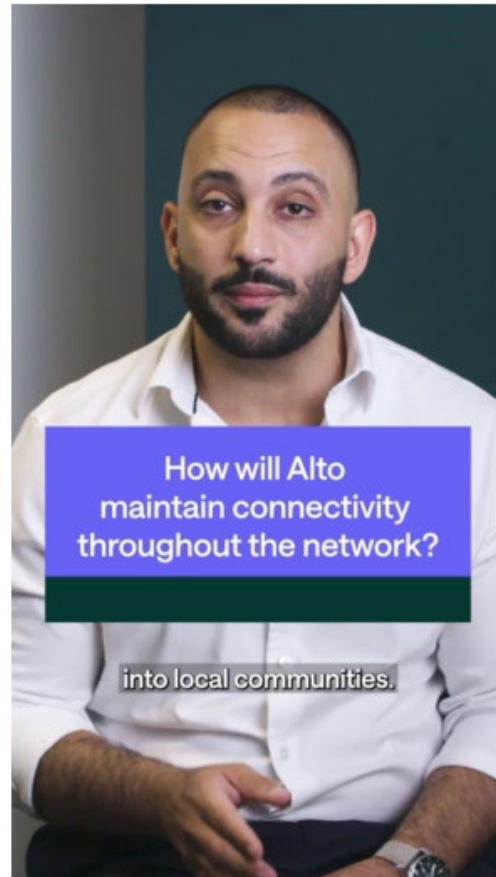
Overpasses, underpasses and access roads will help people, farm equipment and emergency services continue to move safely across the network. As planning advances, local needs and how roads are used will help guide our approach.



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What are Alto's field studies examining?

In 2026, field teams are focusing on the area being considered for the first segment between Ottawa and Montréal. They may study the land, water, soil, wetlands, plants, wildlife, sound and vibration, as well as nearby communities.

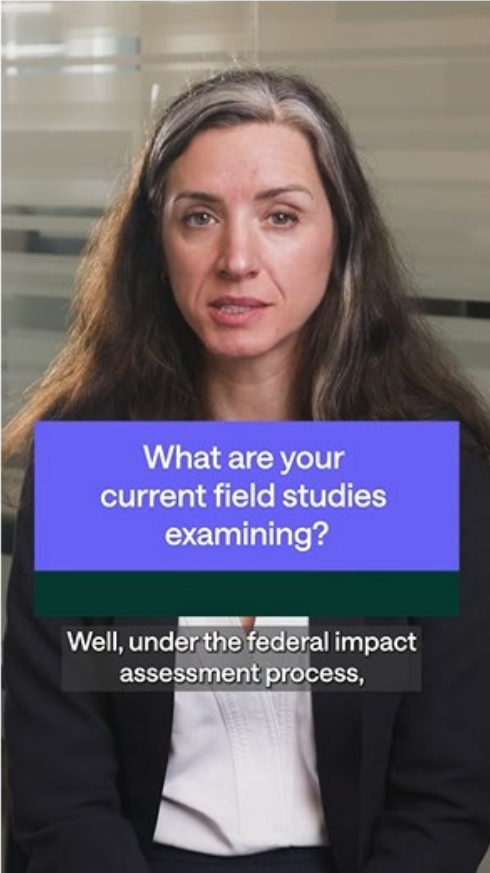


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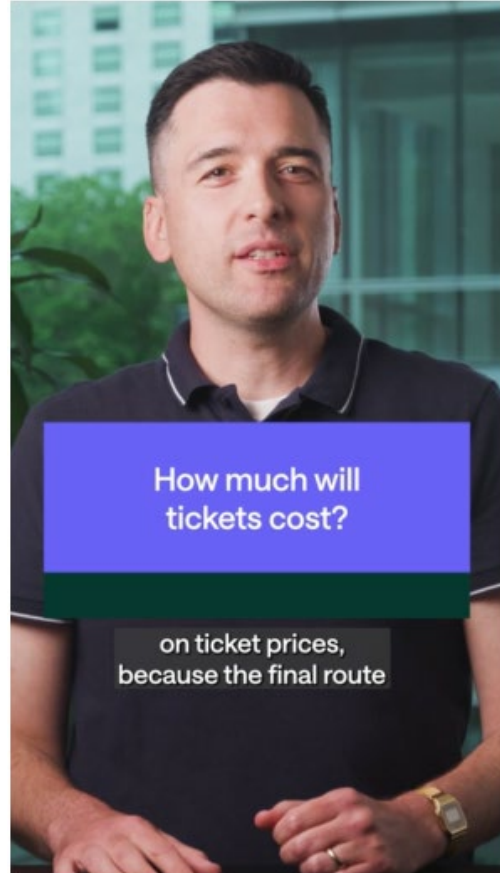
How much will it cost to ride Alto?

Exact ticket prices have not been set.

Alto's goal is to offer fares that are competitive and accessible to a wide range of travellers, so the train can be a realistic alternative to driving or flying.



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In the news

CEO Martin Imbleau tells CBC Radio's *Ottawa Morning* public feedback was persuasive

Consultations, alignment, field studies, acquisitions, drones, maintaining access, stations... the interview was an opportunity to answer questions we have been hearing and to provide an update on the issues of greatest concern to communities along the corridor.

Next step this fall: presentation of the alignment for the Montréal–Ottawa segment.



[Listen to the interview](#)

Community Partnerships

Committed to creating tangible benefits today for the communities it will serve tomorrow, Alto has launched a [community partnership program](#).

Through this program, Alto supports organizations and initiatives that contribute to the economic, social, and environmental development of communities along the Toronto– Quebec City corridor. Whether in the areas of education, innovation, culture, the environment, community well-being, or reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, each partnership aims to strengthen the vitality of communities and generate positive, lasting impacts.

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Have a question?

Explore answers about travel times, affordability, project planning, construction, the environment, economic benefits and more.

New answers and expert perspectives will continue to be added as the project develops.

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