

The logo for the Railway Association of Canada (RAC) features the letters 'RAC' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A small red maple leaf is positioned to the right of the letter 'A'.

Railway Association of Canada

A banner image showing a city skyline on the left and a yellow train on the right. The text 'Railway/Municipality Proximity Issues Information Base' is overlaid in the center in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

Railway/Municipality Proximity Issues Information Base



Federation
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Railway/Municipality Proximity Issues Database & Website Project

Presentation to FCM Standing Committee on
Transportation and Communications
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www.proximityissues.ca

www.voisinage.ca

Background

- Railways and Municipalities
 - proximity issues: common problems and interests
- RAC & FCM (joint Initiatives)
 - Agreement in principle 2002; MOU in 2003
- Steering Committee & 3 Sub-Committees
 - Communications, Proximity Guidelines, Dispute Resolution
 - Proximity contacts/reference DB & Website project - tasked by Communications Committee

Project Summary

- Rationale

- Information base of contacts and reference docs. on railway/municipal proximity issues
- Enable better communication
- Help public, r/m, gov't and other officials
 - Increase awareness of issues
 - Know who to contact
 - Provide guidelines and assist in dispute resolution

Project Summary (cont'd)

- Objective
 - Design, build, and populate db of r/m proximity contacts and reference information
 - Design, build and implement public website to host DB content
 - Create a (committee) members section for posting private information

Project Summary (cont'd)

- Scope

- Members of the RAC and FCM; Canada - other

- Process

- Approval of steps by R. Cameron & S. Welke

- Analysis, design, devel. by R. Kelly & D. Fuller

- Supported by programmers and graphic artists

- URL

- www.proximityissues.ca

- www.voisinage.ca

Database & Website Features

- Relational DB (MS Access & SQL Server)
- DB has issues, keywords, reference info and contacts
- Public website lists issues, reference info and r/m contacts
- Members section (PW access) lists info for committee members
- Querying of issues and contacts by prov, issue, and keyword
- Includes prov & city maps to help in searches

DB & Website Features (cont'd)

- Reference section includes Case Studies
 - Gatineau, QC; Etobicoke, ON; Port Moody, BC
- Website is essentially bilingual (ex. raw info)
- Approx. to-date response to surveys:
 - 140 out of 540 municipal contacts
 - 16 out of 58 railway contacts
 - Primary RAC contacts have been used as proxy for now
- **Work-to-do** (some sections to be developed further)
 - Remaining contacts, discussion board, pw assignment
 - Additional data and more detailed querying of issues
 - Specific regulatory section (via RAC legislative consultant)

Website Walkthrough

PUBLIC

- Home page (Intro to site contents)
 - Reverse French (and Top Menu Bar for page navigation)
 - Why This Site (Fast Facts, Welcome)
 - Find Out More (What is Available, How to use Site)
 - R/M Issues (What is Proximity, Top 5 Issues, Full Issues List)
 - Links to key pages (Maps, RAC, FCM)
- Issues
 - Sub-Issues
 - Descriptions

Website Walkthrough

PUBLIC (cont'd)

- Reference Info (location, source, format, size and date):
 - MOU & News Release
 - Guidelines, Reports, Presentations, Case Studies, etc
- Contacts
 - Map of Canada (also maps of provinces and cities)
 - Rail and Municipality Contacts by province and issue
 - Rail and Municipality Contacts by province and keyword
 - General Rail and Municipal Contacts by province

Website Walkthrough

PUBLIC (cont'd)

- Sitemap
- About Us
 - Joint Initiative
 - About RAC/FCM (links to respective members lists)
 - Links to RAC/FCM websites
- Contact Us & navigation to Members section

Website Walkthrough

MEMBERS

- Members Home
 - Links; same 'menu approach'; reverse French
- Issues (same as Public site)
- Reference (information for committee members)
- Contacts
 - Committees
- Sitemap
- About Us
 - Committee Roles
- Contact Us (same as Public) & navigation to Public site

Questions?

