

Notice of Submission Individual Environmental Assessment for Highway 7 Corridor and Vaughan North-South Link Public Transit Improvements

The Regional Municipality of York (Region) has completed the Highway 7 Corridor and Vaughan North-South Link Public Transit Improvements Environmental Assessment (EA) which addresses public transit improvements in the Highway 7 Corridor extending from Highway 50 to York-Durham Line. The EA is being submitted to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for formal review as required under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EAA)*. The EA is being submitted under section 6.1(2) of the EAA and was prepared in accordance with the Terms of Reference approved by the Minister of the Environment on June 30, 2004.

The proposed undertaking includes a 41 km two-lane median transitway on the preferred alignment (see map below) generally in the Highway 7 Corridor between Highway 50 and the Markham By-Pass through the City of Vaughan, Town of Richmond Hill, and Town of Markham. The proposed undertaking also includes a median transitway in the Vaughan North-South Link between Highway 7 and York University, with eventual replacement of this transitway by an extension of the Spadina Subway from Steeles Avenue at York University to Highway 7. The proposed transitway will be designed to accommodate both Bus and Light Rail Transit vehicle technologies. There are short sections of transit operation in mixed traffic through constrained sections of right-of-way and existing underpasses of major north-south arterial roads such as Bathurst Street and Bayview Avenue. The proposed undertaking includes stations generally located at major intersections and a proposed road widening along Highway 7 between Woodbine Avenue and Sciberras Road. The Region is requesting EAA approval to design, construct and implement the proposed undertaking.

As required under the EAA, the EA report will be available for public review and comment from September 2, 2005 to October 26, 2005. The documents may be reviewed during normal business hours at the following locations:

	Location	Address	Phone Number
1.	Ministry of the Environment, Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch	2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A Toronto, ON M4V 1L5	(416) 314-8001
2.	Ministry of the Environment, Central Region Office	5775 Yonge Street, 8th Floor North York, ON M2M 4J1	(416) 326-6700
3.	Regional Municipality of York, Office of the Regional Clerk	17250 Yonge Street, 4th Floor Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1	1-(877) 464-9675 ext. 1320
4.	Town of Richmond Hill, Office of the Town Clerk	225 East Beaver Creek Road Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4	(905) 771-8800
5.	Town of Markham, Office of the Town Clerk	101 Town Centre Boulevard Markham, ON L3R 9W3	(905) 475-4744
6.	City of Vaughan, Office of the City Clerk	2141 Major Mackenzie Drive Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1	(905) 832-8504
7.	Ansley Grove Library	350 Ansley Grove Road Woodbridge, ON L4L 5C9	(905) 856-6551
8.	Richmond Hill Central Library, Adult Reference Desk	1 Atkinson Street Richmond Hill, ON L4C 0H5	(905) 884-9288
9.	Unionville Library	15 Library Lane Unionville, ON L3R 5C4	(905) 513-7977

Anyone wishing to make comments regarding the EA must submit their comments in writing and/or by fax to the Ministry of the Environment by **October 26, 2005**. All comments must be addressed to:

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A copy of all comments will be forwarded to the proponent. If you have any questions, please contact:

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Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and can be released, if requested, to any person.

This notice is dated September 1, 2005.

