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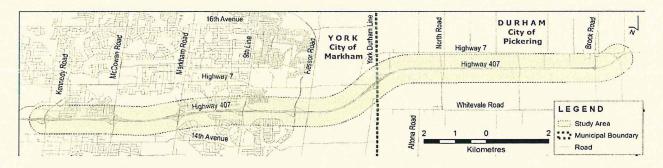
June 7, 2016

Mr. Bruce Macgregor CAO York Region 17250 Yonge Street Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1 CAO OFFICE 0 9 -06- 2016 RECEIVED

Dear Mr. Macgregor:

RE: 407 Transitway from east of Kennedy Road to east of Brock Road Planning and Preliminary Design Study G.W.P. 13-20003 City of Markham and City of Pickering Commencement of the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) and Public Information Centre #2 Invitation

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is conducting the Preliminary Design Study for the 407 Transitway from Kennedy Road to Brock Road prior to initiating the Transit Project Assessment Process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings. The preliminary design study includes assessment of the preferred alignment and station locations. The Notice of Commencement for the formal Transit Project Assessment process will be published in local newspapers in the future. A copy of the notices will be mailed to you to notify you of the commencement of the TPAP. The study area is presented below. All information produced as part of this project is available at **www.407Transitway.com**.



The purpose of this letter is to invite you to the second Public Information Centre (PIC). Please note that the first PIC was held in April 2015 and a letter of invitation was mailed to you and/or your agency prior to the PIC. Representatives from external agencies (including municipal staff and elected officials) are cordially invited to attend an informal drop-in session prior to the PIC from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The PIC will be open to the public from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Details of the PIC are presented in the enclosed notice.

At the completion of the study, an Environmental Project Report (EPR) documenting the preliminary design work, anticipated environmental effects of the project, and commitments to mitigation measures will be filed for agency and public review. Notification of submission of the EPR will be advertised in local newspapers and you will be mailed a final contact letter to inform you of opportunities to review the EPR.

Information regarding this study is being collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

If you are unable to attend PIC #2 and would like further information regarding the study, please contact either the undersigned or one of the contacts indicated in the enclosed notice.

Yours sincerely,

LGL Limited environmental research associates

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Grant Kauffman Senior Environmental Planner

c. Graham DeRose, MTO Project Manager Larry Sarris, MTO A/Senior Environmental Planner Khaled El-Dalati, Consultant Project Manager, Parsons

Attach

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

407 Transitway - Kennedy Road to Brock Road - Regional Municipalities of York and Durham

THE PROJECT

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** is proposing a 18 km segment of a transitway facility along the Highway 407 corridor through York Region and Durham Region, from east of Kennedy Road in the City of Markham to east of Brock Road in the City of Pickering (407 Transitway). The 407 Transitway includes Markham Road Station, Ninth Line Station, Donald Cousens Parkway Station, Whites Road Station and Brock Road Station; and three protected sites near McCowan Road, York-Durham Line and Rossland Road. Subject to the outcome of the study, the 407 Transitway will be implemented initially as bus rapid transit (BRT) with the opportunity to convert to light rail transit (LRT) in the future.

This 18 km segment forms part of the 150 km long high-speed interregional facility planned to be ultimately constructed on a separate right-of-way that parallels Highway 407 from Burlington to Highway 35/115, with stations, parking and access connections. This transitway is a component of the official plans of the stakeholder municipalities and of the Province's commitment to support transit initiatives in the Greater Golden Horseshoe through the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan.



THE PROCESS

The environmental impact of this transit project will be assessed according to the transit project assessment process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, *Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings*. As part of the transit project assessment process, an Environmental Project Report (EPR) will be prepared. The Notice of Commencement for the Transit Project Assessment Process and release of the EPR will be published in this local newspaper in the future. All information produced as part of this project is available at **www.407transitway.com**.

Members of the public, agencies and other interested parties are encouraged to participate actively in the transit project assessment process by attending consultation activities or contacting staff directly with information, comments or questions. A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held in April 2015. It presented information on past studies, need and justification, existing conditions, objectives, station sites and route alternatives, and the technically preferred station sites and route alternative to the public.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC) #2

PIC #2 will be held in two different locations:

Date:	June 22, 2016	Date:	June 23, 2016
Time:	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Time:	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location:	Claremont Community Centre	Location:	Markham Museum
	Lions Room		Main Building
	4941 Old Brock Road, Claremont, ON L1Y 1A9		9350 Markham Road, Markham, ON L3P 3J3

PIC #2 will consist of an informal drop-in centre. The technically preferred route alignment and stations, impacts and mitigation measures will be presented at this PIC. MTO staff and their consultants will be on hand to answer any questions and to receive your input.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have about this study. Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist the study team in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you would like to be added to our project mailing list or have project-related questions, please contact:

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