

5.1 Implementation Overview

Implementation of Context Sensitive Solutions will be coordinated between York Region, local municipalities and other partners

York Region and its nine local municipalities share responsibility for road design, planning and construction projects. Implementing *Designing Great Streets* will require continued coordination and clear allocation of responsibilities between the Region and local municipalities.

The adoption of a context sensitive solutions approach requires changes to the road design process. As one of the central goals of CSS is to undertake interdisciplinary planning and design, the implementation of this approach will involve a range of partners and stakeholders. For each project, the Region will take the lead on outlining the division of responsibilities and scope of work for each partner. This division of responsibility will vary for each project, depending on scope and needs.

The Region will also take the lead on public consultation and the involvement of a range of partners. In addition to staff from Regional and local municipalities, road design projects may include consultants, engineers, local Conservation Authorities and other relevant Provincial bodies. The Region must also ensure the road design process is coordinated with development approvals so any upgrades to the boulevard as part of redevelopment or infill align with future expectations for overall road design.

Implementation of an effective CSS approach may require training for Regional and municipal staff, for partners and any others involved in road design projects using this approach. It will also require updates to several existing Regional policies and programs to ensure they are in line with, and supportive of, the CSS approach and typologies.

These include the *York Region Official Plan*, the Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program, the *Region's Road Design Guidelines* and *Access Guidelines for Regional Roads*. A truly context sensitive design for York Region will only be possible if the CSS approach becomes fully ingrained in the Region's processes including capital and lifecycle budgeting and cost estimating.

The current division of responsibility for construction, operations and road maintenance will not change with the adoption of CSS. This scenario may evolve over time.

It is expected that the design guidelines and sample cross-sections created as part of these guidelines will be part of a living document that may be revised and updated periodically. As projects are implemented and monitoring enables York Region to compare observed operating conditions with planned operating conditions, the need for improvements and updates to these guidelines should be regularly assessed.



York Region and local municipalities will continue to share responsibility for road design, planning and construction