
TESTON ROAD AREA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

Individual Environmental Assessment

Virtual Public Open House #1

July 2021

Project Summary

Presentation Summary

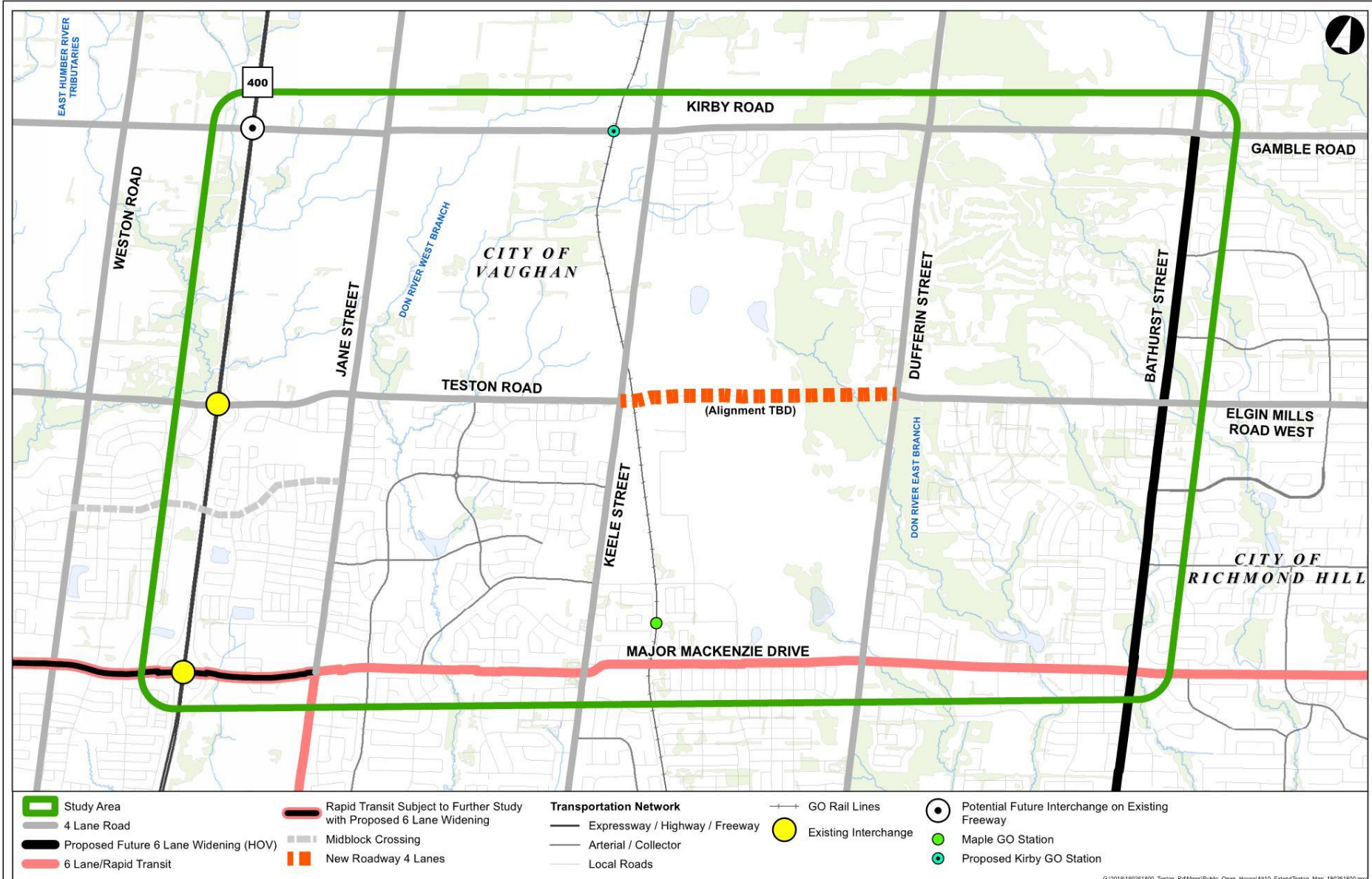
- York Region is undertaking an Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) to address transportation problems and opportunities in the Teston Road Area
- The Study Team generated and evaluated several different alternatives to address the problems and opportunities
- The alternatives were evaluated against a set of criteria for Natural, Socio-Economic, and Cultural Environments as well as Transportation Factors

Recommended Alternative to be Carried Forward

- Based on the evaluation of alternatives it is recommended that Alternative 4: Teston Road Extension, be carried forward to the next phase of the project
- Consultation is being undertaken with the public and various other stakeholders to obtain feedback and to confirm the recommendation
- If Alternative 4 is confirmed as the Preferred Alternative, the next phase of study will include:
 - Examination of alternative alignments and cross-sections
 - Structural alternatives for GO Rail and Don River valley crossings
 - Further evaluation of potential landfill and environmental impacts

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Advantages

- Completes the transportation network
- Less impact to Oak Ridges Moraine vs. Alternative 2 with potential to span much of it
- Reduces emissions, a benefit to air quality and climate change
- Provides benefit to economy through increased movement of goods/people
- Enhances east-west mobility and accessibility for all modes of travel
- Addresses Teston Road discontinuity for all users
- Reduces out-of-way trips and travel time for all modes of travel
- Increases safety for all modes of travel and improves access for emergency vehicles

Disadvantages

- Largest potential impact to the natural environment
- Close-proximity to landfills may result in conflicts
- Potential to impact cultural heritage resources
- Potential loss of property access at GO line crossing
- More complex to construct

Next Steps

- Review feedback received from the public and other stakeholders on the alternatives and the recommended alternative
- Revise evaluation of alternatives to incorporate feedback and confirm preferred alternative
- Generate alternative methods for the recommended alternative
- Engagement with agencies and other interested groups
- Open House #2 to present alternative methods
 - Anticipated to be held in Fall 2021
- Comments and questions can be submitted at any time to transportation@york.ca.