



Office of the Commissioner
Transportation Services

Memorandum

To: Committee of the Whole
From: Paul Jankowski, Commissioner, Transportation Services
Date: October 20, 2016
Re: **Transportation Master Plan Final Consultation Comments**

This memo provides a summary of comments received on the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) as part of the Public Review period and includes a list of the changes made as a result of these comments.

The Council endorsed TMP was made available for public review

Council endorsed the TMP on June 23, 2016. The TMP and associated background reports were made available for public review on July 21, 2016. The TMP report, maps and associated background reports were available at local municipal offices, through the Office of the Regional Clerk and online at york.ca/tmp. The public review period ended September 15, 2016.

Fourteen individuals, landowners and agencies provided comments during the review period

Comments on the TMP were received during the public review from 14 individuals, landowners and agencies. Attachment 1 lists the agencies and provides a summary of all comments received as well as information regarding any actions resulting from those comments.

The comments received included requests for clarification, changes to network maps and clarification changes to the TMP document. The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority requested changes to the project sheets for consistency with the TMP, where changes were incorporated based on their review of the draft TMP. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry acknowledged that the Region's revisions to the draft TMP strengthened the protection of natural systems while expressing concerns for several specific projects. These comments will be included in the project-specific Environmental Assessments.

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Staff conducted final reviews of the document in conjunction with the Public Review. Comments were received from the following departments:

- Community and Health Services (Public Health)
- Corporate Services (Legal and Long Range Planning)
- Transportation Services

Several of the comments received have resulted in minor changes to the Executive Summary, 2016 Transportation Master Plan and associated maps.

For more information on this memorandum, please contact Stephen Collins, Director, Infrastructure Management and PMO, at ext. 75949.

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Table 1
Comments Received During the Public Review Period

Agency	Comment/Question Received	Response to Comment	Changes made to Master Plan
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority	<p>Requested changes to various project sheets. General changes requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledge Missing Link Projects will revisit Phase 1 and Phase 2 of Environmental Assessment process • Reclassify 15th Sideroad project from Highway 400 to Jane Street as a “Partial Missing Link” • Project sheets for new crossings of natural heritage sites be revised with a broader problem/ opportunity statement and recommendations noted as preliminary 	Comments noted. Edits have been made to the project summary sheets which are included in Background Report E of the Transportation Master Plan	Background Report E only
Town of Aurora	Request for clarification of Network Maps for transit through heritage area of downtown Aurora	Staff clarification provided	N/A
Town of East Gwillimbury	Concern raised regarding image on the cover; suggests distracted pedestrian in the middle of the intersection	Image of pedestrian removed	Cover images modified for Executive Summary and Master Plan
City of Markham	<p>Request for review of Map 5 to ensure sidewalk gap information is as up to date as possible</p> <p>Request re-wording of section related to turning restrictions in Executive Summary to use “avoid” as opposed to “restrict”</p> <p>Request changes to Network Maps to remove widening of 14th Avenue to four lanes from east of Donald Cousens Parkway to York-Durham Line</p>	<p>Updates made to Map 5 based on latest information available.</p> <p>Minor wording change made to the Executive Summary related to the use of turning restrictions.</p> <p>No changes made to the Road Network Maps related to 14th Avenue east of Donald Cousens Parkway. The Transportation Master Plan protects for widening of 14th Avenue to four lanes and jog elimination east of Donald Cousens Parkway to the York/Durham Line in the longer term</p>	<p>Changes to Master Plan</p> <p>Changes to Master Plan and Executive Summary</p> <p>N/A</p>

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		(16 to 25 years), and is consistent with York Region's input to Parks Canada for protection of future infrastructure improvements within the Rouge National Urban Park, and consistent with Durham Region's protection for widening of the Whitevale Bypass to four lanes to be coordinated with improvements to 14 th Avenue beyond the 2031 horizon (Ref: Central Pickering Development Plan Regional Services Class Environmental Assessment).	
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	<p>Concern expressed with some of the projects proposed within the TMP and how adequate long-term protection of natural heritage features and species at risk will be achieved</p> <p>Requests reasonable efforts should be made to avoid impacts or reduce project footprints to a minimum to ensure minimal impacts to sensitive features</p> <p>Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will participate in the Environmental Assessment processes for projects, especially for those proposed in areas of significant natural heritage and/or species at risk concerns</p>	Comments noted and will be carried forward to the project specific Environmental Assessments.	N/A
Resident	Request to remove Greenbelt designation from lands east of Bolton within the City of Vaughan	Comment redirected to Long Range Planning as public input into the Municipal Comprehensive Review.	N/A
Resident	Questioned why there were missing pages in the on-line document	Clarification provided indicating that the missing pages in the on-line version are blank in the printed document. No further action required.	N/A
Resident	Requested all maps use the same scale and north point location	Map consistency was reviewed. No further action.	N/A
Resident	Recommend a new 19 th Avenue alignment between Yonge Street and Leslie to reduce congestion as opposed to constructing a new bridge at 19 th Avenue and Bayview	Detailed comment forwarded to Project Manager for Bayview Road widening project currently underway for consideration.	N/A

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Resident	Request new road linkages between Blackmore Avenue to West Beaver Creek and Bush Ridge Avenue to Bayview Avenue	Proposed road linkages will be carried forward for future consideration in consultation with local municipalities related to support for developing a finer grid road network. Transportation Master Plan Implementation Action A30 recommends establishing a Development Charge funded reserve to support establishing a finer grid network.	N/A
Resident	Request for safe cycle crossing of Highway 404 between Highway 7 and 19 th – either on Major Mackenzie Drive or 16 th Avenue	Highway 404 crossing north of Highway 7 is currently under construction and will provide for safer pedestrian and cyclist crossing of Highway 404 (without an interchange, active transportation conflicts with traffic at freeway ramps are eliminated). Additional Highway 404 mid-block crossings are proposed north of 16 th Avenue, north of Major Mackenzie Drive and north of Elgin Mills Road.	N/A
Landowner	Concern timing of road improvements does not align with full build out of Block 41; request consideration of advancing road improvements to match staged development of this area	Project priorities will be reviewed annually during development of the Region's 10-Year Roads and Transit Capital Construction Program.	N/A
Landowner	Amend Map 7 to show specific locations of future transit stations for the EA approved central section of the 407 Transitway within York Region	Currently, only existing and proposed subway and GO stations are reflected on transit maps in the Transportation Master Plan. Due to the scale of the maps and for clarity, VivaNext stations and EA approved 407 Transitway stations were not included.	Section added to Chapter 4 of the TMP report to describe the 407 Transitway.
Landowner	Concern timing of road improvements does not align with the commencement and build out of North Markham Future Urban Area lands; recommend acceleration of both Elgin Mills Road improvements (Woodbine Avenue to McCowan Road) and Kennedy Road improvements (Major Mackenzie Drive to Elgin Mills Road) to the 5-10 year horizon	Project priorities will be reviewed annually during development of the Region's 10-year Roads and Transit Capital Construction Program.	N/A