

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

## Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

### Highway 404 HOV Lane Expansion and Rehabilitation from 407 ETR to Stouffville Road Regional Municipality of York, G.W.P. 2930-02-00

#### THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP Canada Group Limited** to undertake the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the widening of a 10.4 km section of Highway 404 to include the addition of one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane along each of the northbound and southbound lanes, replacement of the Rouge River Bridges, rehabilitation needs throughout the corridor and reconfiguration of the 16th Avenue interchange ramps. The HOV lanes will begin from the existing HOV terminus north of the 407 ETR and extend to Stouffville Road, in the Regional Municipality of York. The study area is shown on the key plan.

#### BACKGROUND

Following the Preliminary Design Study completed in 2016, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) documenting the transportation needs, rehabilitation, safety and operational improvement requirements for a 26 km section of Highway 404 from 407 ETR to Green Lane was published for public review, and subsequently received Environmental Assessment approval.

This Detail Design and Class EA Study was initiated in April 2017 and is carrying forward a portion of the 2016 approved TESR. This study has been divided into three construction contracts as follows:

- Contract 1:** Highway 404 HOV lane expansion and rehabilitation from Major Mackenzie Drive to Stouffville Road.
- Contract 2:** Highway 404 HOV lane expansion and rehabilitation from 407 ETR to Major Mackenzie Drive and Rouge River Bridge replacement.
- Contract 3:** Reconfiguration of the 16th Avenue Interchange.

#### PROCESS

This study will follow the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* 1999, as amended in 2000, with the opportunity for public input throughout. Following the Public Information Centre (PIC), the Design and Construction Report (DCR) for Contract 1 will be prepared and made available for public review for 30 days. Additional DCRs (i.e. one per contract) will be prepared and filed for a 30-day public review period for the remaining contracts later in the study.

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

One Public Information Centre (PIC) has been arranged to provide agencies, municipalities, business owners, members of the public and other stakeholders an opportunity to review, comment on, and discuss the study with members of the Project Team.

The PIC will be held as a drop-in style, open house format. Representatives of the Project Team will be in attendance to answer questions and receive comments. Information regarding the recommended design, environmental mitigation, and construction staging will be available for your review. We encourage interested persons to attend to obtain more information and provide comments, so your concerns can be addressed as the study progresses. A French speaking representative will be present at the PIC to provide French translation of the information presented. The PIC will be held as follows:

- Date:** November 22, 2017
- Location:** Victoria Square Community Centre  
2929 Elgin Mills Road East, Markham, ON
- Time:** 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS

For additional details, please visit the study website at <http://hwy404widening.ca>. The Project Team will update the study website with information such as the materials presented at the PIC, study documentation, and any updates to the proposed construction staging. If you wish to be added to the study mailing list, or submit comments, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below:

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If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

