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TITLE: Regional Road Assumption Criteria	NO.: Effective Date: June 2005 Latest Revision Date: NEW
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POLICY STATEMENT:

The Regional Road Assumption Criteria will be used when considering the transfer of a road either from a local municipality to the Region or from the Region to a local municipality.

PURPOSE:

This policy provides criteria to be used for evaluating if a road performs a Regional function so it can be considered to be added or deleted from/to the Regional road system from a local municipality.

DEFINITIONS:**Rural Areas**

Rural areas are those areas which fall outside urban areas as defined in the Official Plan. Map 5 of the Official Plan defines clear edges between these rural and urban areas.

The following criteria to be considered for the assumption of existing roads as Regional roads in rural areas:

1. Connects designated rural settlements, having existing major commercial/industrial development or more than 150 persons, to each other and a Regional road or Provincial Highway.

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2. Connects a Provincial Highway or Regional road to:
 - a. Provincial Highway
 - b. Major commercial and industrial areas
 - c. Major institutional complexes such as colleges and hospitals
3. Provides service close to consistent major attractors or generators of heavy vehicles.
4. Provides service parallel to and, where justified, crossing major barriers to free traffic movement.
5. Provides service on those roads which are extensions of roads designated as Regional roads in urban areas and to a Regional road or a Provincial Highway.
6. Provides service on those roads which are extensions of roads designated as Regional or County Roads in neighbouring jurisdictions and, to a Regional road or a Provincial Highway.
7. Roads should have a current traffic volume greater than 4,000 annual average daily traffic (AADT).
8. Roads should be part of the original concession road grid.

In order for a road to be designated as a Regional road in the rural areas, all the criteria above must be considered. This will help ensure that only the major arterial roads are transferred to the Region.

Urban Areas

Urban roads are in those areas designated as urban areas as defined in the Official Plan. Map 5 of the Official Plan defines these urban areas.

The following criteria are proposed for the assumption of existing roads as Regional roads in urban areas:

1. Provides the necessary arterial capacity in a major travel corridor and in general, should be used for inter-municipal traffic.
2. Comprises a reasonable direct and unbroken major traffic route or corridor which connects with major arterial roads or to one or more existing or proposed Provincial Highways at a grade-separated interchange.
3. May include a linkage, existing or proposed, required to cross or circumvent a physical barrier that breaks the logical continuity of the route.
4. Roads should have a current traffic volume greater than 5,000 AADT.
5. Roads should be part of the original concession road grid.

In order for a road to be designated as a Regional road in urban areas, all the criteria must be considered, to ensure only the major arterial roads are transferred.

DESCRIPTION:

Regional roads fall into two categories, rural and urban. Regional roads are arterial roads which carry vehicles travelling longer distances, typically between home and work and between different communities and business centres. Regional arterial roads also have fewer access points than do local or collector roads. Regional roads, in general, form part of the main concession grid road system. Mid-block roads would not generally be considered as a Regional road.

In order for a road to be assumed into the Regional road system from a local municipality, the road characteristics must be assessed against the criteria in this policy. Staff must review each road that has been identified to be considered for transfer, against the criteria, discuss with local municipal staff and prepare a report to the Transportation and Works Committee to authorize the enactment of a by-law to transfer a road from a local municipality to the Region or from the Region to the local municipality.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Transportation and Works Department**
The Transportation and Works Department shall assess the criteria for the transfer of a local municipal road to the Regional road system.
- **Local Municipalities**
The local municipalities, in consultation with Regional staff, shall aid in the assessment of the transfer of a Regional road to a local municipality.

REFERENCE:

Transportation and Works Committee, June 15, 2005, Report _____, Clause _____

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