



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Planning and Economic Development Committee

FROM: Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, P.Eng.
Commissioner of Transportation and Community Planning

DATE: November 28, 2012

RE: **GTA West Transportation Corridor – Peel Region's Resolution**

This is in response to the request by Planning and Economic Development Committee (PED Committee) at its October 3, 2012 meeting to report on Peel Region's position in dealing with the GTA West Transportation Corridor as it relates to land development impacted by the Corridor

At the October 3, 2012 meeting of PED Committee, on the North Kleinburg-Nashville Secondary Plan report, the issue of how the GTA West Transportation Corridor would impact this secondary plan was discussed. As part of that discussion, the question of how Peel Region is dealing with this issue came up and staff was requested to report back on it.

The GTA West Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment Study is being conducted in two stages

This MTO study is examining long-term transportation problems and opportunities to provide better linkages between growth centres starting in the east in Vaughan to Guelph in the west. The study is being undertaken in two primary stages.

Stage 1 is the transportation system planning component and includes a recommended *Transportation Development Strategy* which has now been finalized and released for a 45 day review period starting November 16, 2012. Stage 2 will include the detailed route planning and preliminary design of the transportation facility.

Stage 1 work includes identifying a broad band of land (the Preliminary Route Planning Study Area) within which the GTA West Corridor would ultimately be located

In March 2011, MTO released a draft of the *Transportation Development Strategy* including a draft Preliminary Route Planning Study Area. In June 2012, MTO conducted additional public

consultation focussing on supplemental analysis and evaluation of alternatives in the Halton area. In November 2012, MTO released the final *Transportation Development Strategy* including the final version of the Preliminary Route Planning Study Area, a copy of which is included as Attachment 1, which will be used in Stage 2 of the EA to locate the final alignment of the GTA West Corridor.

Lands within the Preliminary Route Planning Study Area cannot be released for development without the Province's consent

At this time, two secondary plans within the City of Vaughan are directly impacted by the GTA West Corridor, including Local Official Plan Amendment 637 (Highway 400 Employment lands) and the Klienburg Nashville Secondary Plan which forms part of Volume 2 of the new Vaughan Official Plan (2010). Both secondary plans contain similar policies that do not permit the approval of development applications, such as plans of subdivision, site plans, or rezoning applications, until the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing confirms in writing that the Environmental Assessment study has advanced enough to determine all or part of the lands are not required for the GTA West Corridor; therefore, indicating the Province has no objection to these applications, and the related development proceeding.

Peel Region has requested MTO to expedite the commencement of Stage 2 and to prioritise refinement of the Preliminary Route Planning Study Area in specific locations and present the results by May 1, 2013

A copy of the July 5, 2012 Peel Regional Council resolution is included in Attachment 2 and summarized as follows:

- *that the Minister of Transportation be requested to undertake to complete Stage 1 and commence Stage 2 of the GTA West Environmental Assessment Study in an expeditious manner;*
- *that the Minister of Transportation work collaboratively with Regional and local staff to resolve matters such as prioritizing the refinement of the Preliminary Route Planning Study Area through the following locations: 1) the Highway 410 connection to GTA West; 2) Brampton SP-47/South Albion-Bolton; and 3) Osmington, and that MTO staff present the findings of this analysis to Regional Council by May 1, 2013;*
- *that the Minister of Transportation, in developing evaluation criteria to narrow the Preliminary Route Planning Study Area, place considerable weight on both approved and in process Secondary Plans in Brampton and Caledon;*
- *that the Minister of Transportation be requested to advance planning for transportation needs beyond 2031, including consideration of the Niagara to GTA corridor;*

- *And further, in recognition of the Region of Peel’s status as an important goods movement hub, that the Minister of Transportation:*
 - *Amend the current Southern Ontario Highways Program to include the Highway 427 extension to Major Mackenzie Drive and beyond, and;*
 - *Expedite the widening of Highway 401 from the Credit River to Regional Road 25 in Halton Region;*

In May 2011, York Region Council endorsed a Planning and Economic Development Committee recommendation that is similar to Peel Region’s position

In May 2011, Regional Council endorsed Clause 3 of Report No. 5 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee recommending that:

“Regional Council advise the Ministry of Transportation Ontario that York Region will continue with the planning of lands affected by the GTA West Corridor route planning area while ensuring appropriate secondary and official plan policies for those lands recognise and protect for the GTA West Corridor as it is being defined through the on-going Provincial environmental assessment process.”

Staff will provide an update on the GTA West Corridor Study when Stage 2 of the EA proceeds

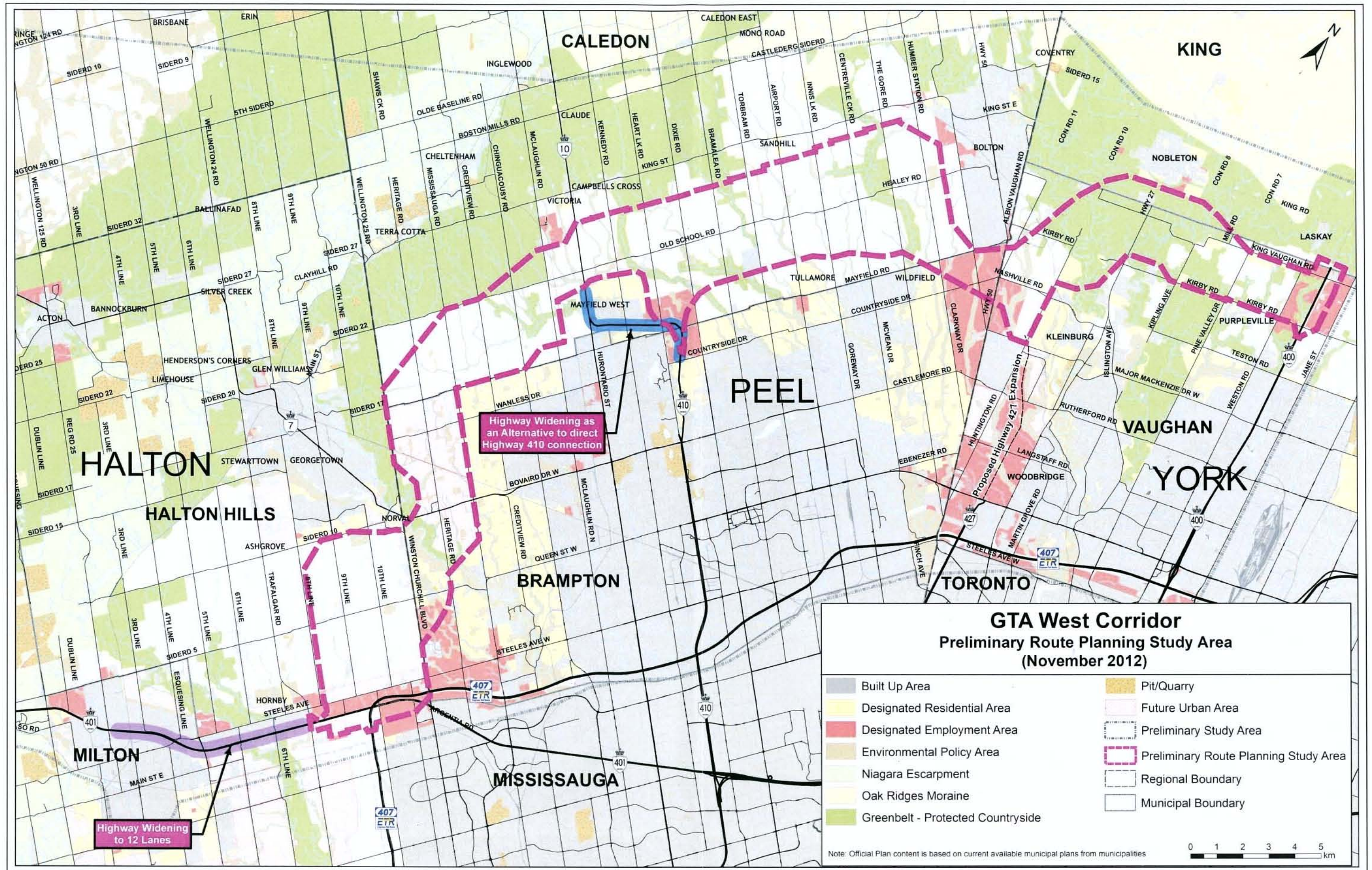
Staff will provide an update to Council when Stage 2 of the EA study proceeds. Before commencing Stage 2 of the EA study, MTO will be undertaking a consultant procurement process, the schedule of which has not been released as yet.

Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, P. Eng.
Commissioner, Transportation and Community Planning

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Attachment 1: GTA West Corridor Preliminary Route Planning Study Area, November 2012
Attachment 2: Peel Region Council Resolution at July 5, 2012 meeting

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ATTACHMENT 2

PW-B4. Accessible Transportation Master Plan Update - Request for Proposal

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Additional Item – Item PW-B5:

PW-B5. GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment Study – Revised Preliminary Route Planning Study Area

Moved by Councillor Whitehead,
Seconded by Councillor Paterak;

Whereas several properties located in the Revised Preliminary Route Planning Study Area are well advanced in the planning process, including some in approved Secondary Plan Areas, which have been completed following a thorough consultation process with many stakeholders, including Ministry of Transportation staff;

And whereas, many of these properties are the subject of development applications of economic significance to the Region of Peel;

Therefore be it resolved, that the report of the Commissioner of Public Works, dated June 28, 2012, titled "GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment Study – Revised Preliminary Route Planning Study Area" be endorsed as Regional Council's position on the GTA West Corridor Study, and submitted to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) as such;

And further, that the Minister of Transportation be requested to undertake to complete Stage 1 and commence Stage 2 of the GTA West Environmental Assessment Study in an expeditious manner;

And further, that the Minister of Transportation work collaboratively with Regional and local staff to resolve matters such as prioritizing the refinement of the Preliminary Route Planning Study Area through the following locations: 1) the Highway 410 connection to GTA West; 2) Brampton SP-47/South Albion-Bolton; and 3) Osmington, and that MTO staff present the findings of this analysis to Regional Council by May 1, 2013;

And further, that the Minister of Transportation, in developing evaluation criteria to narrow the Preliminary Route Planning Study Area, place considerable weight on both approved and in process Secondary Plans in Brampton and Caledon;

And further, that the Minister of Transportation be requested to advance planning for transportation needs beyond 2031, including consideration of the Niagara to GTA corridor;

And further, in recognition of the Region of Peel's status as an important goods movement hub, that the Minister of Transportation:

- Amend the current Southern Ontario Highways Program to include the Highway 427 extension to Major Mackenzie Drive and beyond, and;
- Expedite the widening of Highway 401 from the Credit River to Regional Road 25 in Halton Region;

And further, that a copy of the subject report be forwarded to the Cities of Brampton, Mississauga and Vaughan, the Towns of Caledon and Halton Hills, and the Regions of York and Halton, for information.

Carried 2012-923

Councillor Mullin, speaking on behalf of Councillor Morrison, noted that the recommendation related to Item PW-B5 requests that the Ministry of Transportation work collaboratively with Regional and local staff to resolve certain matters by May 1, 2013 and she stated that the Town of Caledon has approximately 2 million square feet of land ready for development and that waiting until May 1, 2013 is not acceptable.

Councillor Paterak requested that staff investigate and advise him of the status of the "Mid-Peninsula Corridor Study".

Dan Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works, undertook to provide more frequent updates on the GTA West Corridor to Regional Council that could be forwarded to the province. He undertook to report back to Regional Council in the Fall, 2012 and again in late winter, 2013, with updates.

PW-C. WATER

PW-C1. Engineering Services for Sanitary Sewer and Watermain on Regional Road 8 (The Gore Road), Capital Projects 12-2109 and 09-1140, Document Number 2007-280P - City of Brampton, Ward 10

Moved by Councillor Sprovieri,
Seconded by Councillor Tovey;

That the contract (Document 2007-280P) between the Region of Peel and IBI Group, be extended to provide additional engineering services in the amount of \$550,000 (excluding applicable taxes), under Capital Project 12-2109 and \$350,000 (excluding applicable taxes) under Capital Project 09-1140, for a total commitment of \$2,701,788 (excluding applicable taxes), in accordance with Purchasing By-law 63-2008.

Carried 2012-924