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FOR INQUIRIES: PLEASE QUOTE ITEM & REPORT NO.

June 29, 2007

Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street, Box 147
Newmarket, ON
L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Kelly:

**RE: TESTON ROAD LINK, KEELE STREET TO DUFFERIN STREET
YORK REGION 10 YEAR CAPITAL ROADS PROGRAM**

Attached for your information is **Item 84, Report No. 34**, of the Committee of the Whole regarding the above-noted matter which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan at its meeting of June 25, 2007.

In dealing with this matter, Vaughan Council has approved the following:

That the Region of York be requested to include the Teston Road link between Keele Street and Dufferin Street as a priority project in the Region's 10 Year Capital Roads Program; and

That a copy of this report be forwarded to the Region of York.

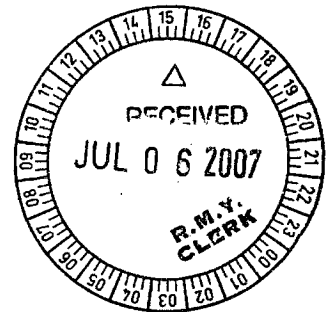
The Region of York's consideration of Council's request would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

for J. D. Leach
City Clerk

Attachment:
Extract
1. Location Map

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EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2007

Item 84, Report No. 34, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 25, 2007.

**84 TESTON ROAD LINK, KEELE STREET TO DUFFERIN STREET
 YORK REGION 10 YEAR CAPITAL ROADS PROGRAM**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of Regional Councillor Ferri and Councillor Meffe, dated June 18, 2007:

Recommendation

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri and Local Councillor Peter Meffe recommends:

1. That the Region of York be requested to include the Teston Road link between Keele Street and Dufferin Street as a priority project in the Region's 10 Year Capital Roads Program; and
2. That a copy of this report be forwarded to the Region of York.

Economic Impact

There are no immediate budgetary impacts resulting from the adoption of this report.

Communications Plan

N/A

Purpose

To request the Region of York to include the Teston Road link between Keele Street and Dufferin Street as a priority project in the Region's 10 Year Capital Roads Program.

Background – Analysis and Options

Approximately 5 years ago, the Region of York proceeded to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Teston Road between Pine Valley Drive and Bathurst Street. The EA was completed in February of 2003. It was identified that Teston Road is a key east-west arterial road with capacity deficiencies for future traffic and is discontinuous as a direct connection between Keele Street and Dufferin Street. However, due to significant financial and environmental concerns the 'Do Nothing' option was the preferable option for the Teston Road link from Keele Street to Dufferin Street. It was further concluded that an Individual Environmental Assessment would be required to support any future construction of this portion of Teston Road in order to ensure that all alternatives are not limited. From a transportation planning perspective, completion of this link is an important undertaking.

The Teston Road interchange with Highway 400 is currently under construction and the City's urban boundaries will be evaluated and expanded to the City limits under the City's on-going Growth Management Strategy and Official Plan Review. As well, there has been considerable advancement of development activity in the vicinity of Teston Road (Blocks 33 and 12) over the past few years.

Teston Road is currently within the City's ownership between Keele Street and Bathurst Street. However, it is anticipated that Teston Road will be a significant arterial road in the near future connecting to Elgin Mills Road east of Bathurst Street through Richmond Hill. It is therefore recommended that this portion of Teston Road (between Keele Street and Dufferin Street) be re-evaluated under an Individual Environmental Assessment Study by the Region of York and be included as a priority project in the Region's 10 Year Capital Roads Program.

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

In consideration of the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2007, the recommendations of this report will assist in ensuring:

- Effective and efficient delivery of services;
- The implementation of OPA 600;
- Effective political leadership; and
- Stronger relationships with other government authorities and agencies.

Regional Implications

Modifications to York Region's 10 Year Capital Roads Program may be realized as a result of on-going transportation related issues surrounding the Teston Road link between Keele Street and Dufferin Street within the City of Vaughan.

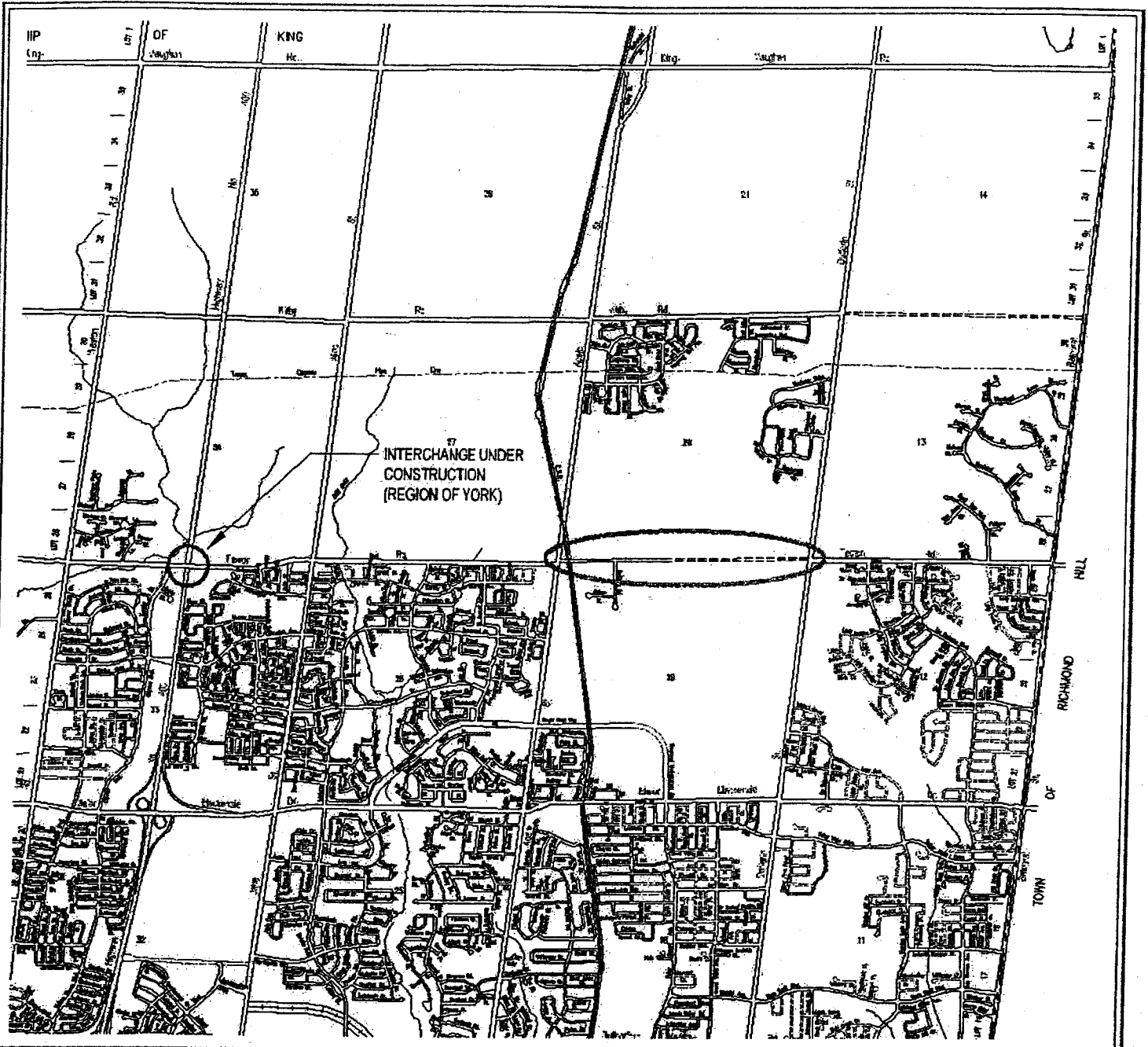
Conclusion

Teston Road will be a key east-west arterial road across the Region; however, it is discontinuous as a direct connection between Keele Street and Dufferin Street currently does not exist. Ongoing and future development activity both south and north of Teston Road will continually add to the traffic concerns associated with Teston Road. It is therefore, recommended that the Region of York be requested to re-initiate the appropriate EA Study in order to address the Teston Road link between Keele Street and Dufferin Street and to include this as a priority project in the Region's 10 Year Capital Roads Program.

Attachments

1. Location Map

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

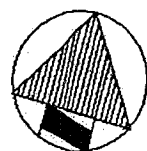


TESTON ROAD CONNECTION

LEGEND

 STUDY AREA

 INTERCHANGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION



NOT TO SCALE