

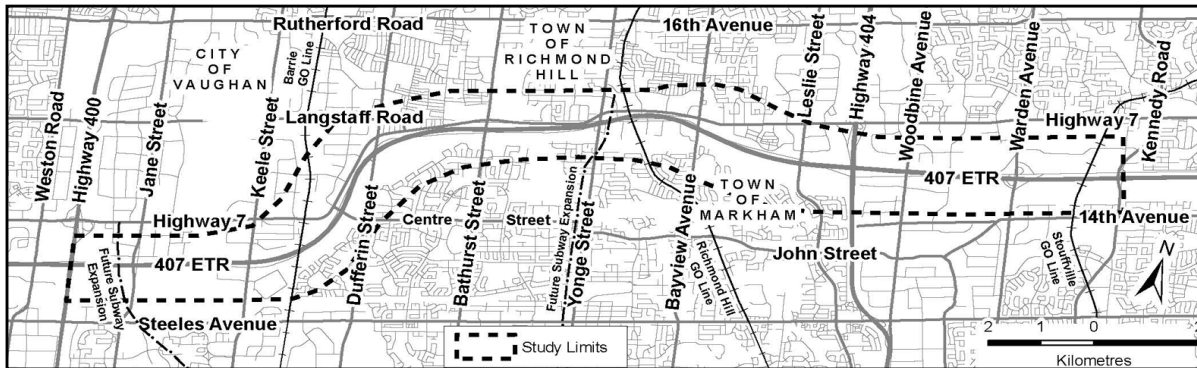
NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT REPORT

407 TRANSITWAY FROM HIGHWAY 400 TO KENNEDY ROAD MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Transportation has completed an Environmental Project Report in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08 (Transit Projects Regulation) for the 23 km central segment of a transitway facility along the Highway 407 corridor through York Region, from east of Highway 400 to Kennedy Road (407 Transitway). The 407 Transitway includes the runningway, seven stations including Jane Station, GO Barrie (Concord) Station, Bathurst Station, Yonge Station, Leslie Station, Rodick/Woodbine Station and Kennedy Station, and an operations, maintenance and storage facility located west of Jane Street. The 407 Transitway is planned to be implemented initially as bus rapid transit (BRT) with the opportunity to convert to light rail transit (LRT) in the future.

This 23 km segment is the priority section of the 150 km long high-speed interregional facility planned to be ultimately constructed on a separate right-of-way that parallels Highway 407 from Burlington to Highway 35/115, with stations, parking and access connections. This transitway is a component of the official plans of the stakeholder municipalities and of the Province's commitment to support transit initiatives in the Greater Golden Horseshoe through the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan.



THE PROCESS

The environmental impact of this transit project was assessed and an Environmental Project Report prepared according to the transit project assessment process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings. The Environmental Project Report for the 407 Transitway is now available for a 30-day review period starting **December 23, 2010** at the following locations:

**Ministry of the Environment
Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A
Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1L5
Tel.: 416-314-8001 or 1-800-461-6290
Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Ministry of Transportation
Central Region
Planning and Environmental Office
3rd Floor, Building D
1201 Wilson Avenue
Downsview, Ontario, M3M 1J8
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Town of Richmond Hill
Town Hall
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4B 3P4
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Ministry of the Environment
Central Region Office
5775 Yonge Street, 8th Floor
North York, Ontario, M2M 4J1
Tel.: 416-326-6700 or 1-800-810-8048
Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**City of Vaughan
Vaughan Civic Centre
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario, L6A 1T1
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Town of Markham
Markham Civic Centre
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W3
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

The Environmental Project Report is also available for download at www.lgl.ca/407Transitway.

Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by **January 24, 2011**. Comments and concerns may be directed to the project contacts listed below:

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There are circumstances where the Ministry of the Environment has the authority to require further consideration of the transit project, or impose conditions on it. These include if the Minister is of the opinion that:

- The transit project may have a negative impact on a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest; or,
- The transit project may have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right.

Before exercising the authority referred to above, the Minister is required to consider any written objections to the transit project that he or she may receive within 30 days after the Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report is first published. If you have discussed your issues with the proponent and you object to the project, you can provide a written submission to the Minister of the Environment with a copy to the Environmental Assessment and Approval Branch no later than **January 24, 2011**. All submissions must clearly indicate that an objection is being submitted and describe any negative impacts to matters of provincial importance or Aboriginal rights.

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If not already provided, a copy of the objection will be forwarded to the proponent.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

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