

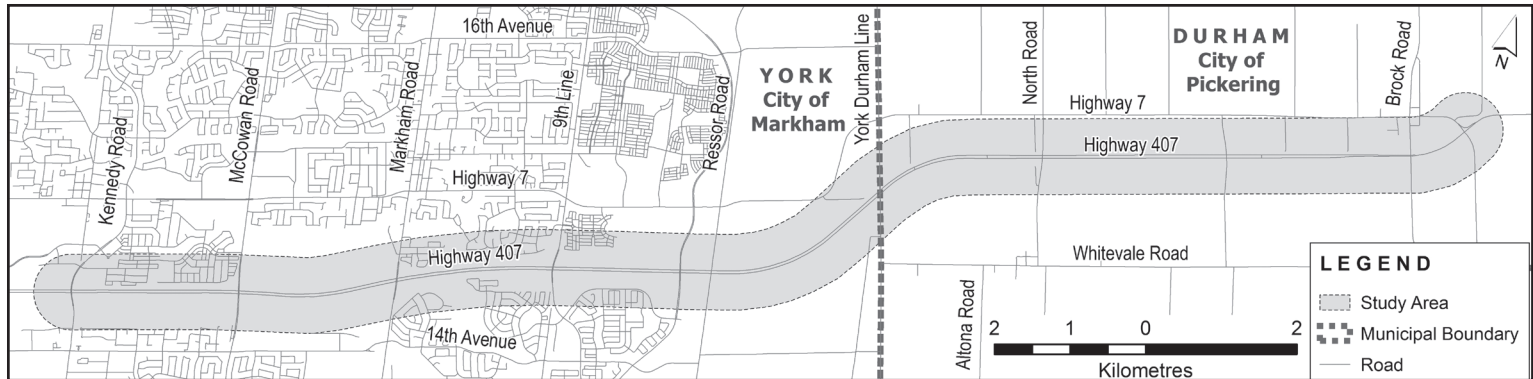
NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TRANSIT PROJECT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

407 Transitway Kennedy Road to Brock Road Regional Municipalities of York and Durham Ontario Ministry of Transportation

THE PROJECT

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** is proposing a 18 km segment of a transitway facility along the Highway 407 corridor through York Region and Durham Region, from east of Kennedy Road in the City of Markham to east of Brock Road in the City of Pickering (407 Transitway). The 407 Transitway includes Markham Road Station, Ninth Line Station, Donald Cousens Parkway Station, Whites Road Station and Brock Road Station; and three protected sites near McCowan Road, York-Durham Line and Rossland Road. Subject to the outcome of the study, the 407 Transitway will be implemented initially as bus rapid transit (BRT) with the opportunity to convert to light rail transit (LRT) in the future.

This 18 km segment forms part of a planned 150 km long high-speed interregional facility 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 will be assessed according to the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, *Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings*. This Notice of Commencement marks the beginning of the formal 120-day consultation period, starting **September 1, 2016**, and ending when the Notice of Completion is issued. As part of the transit project assessment process, an Environmental Project Report is being prepared. All information produced as part of this project is available at www.407transitway.com.

CONSULTATION

To date, the project team has been actively engaging with various agencies and members of the public. Since August 2014, meetings were held and comments have been received by the project team. Two public information centres were held on April 15 and 16 of 2015 and on June 22 and 23 of 2016. Members of the public, agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to participate actively in the transit project assessment process contacting the project team directly with information, comments or questions.

If you would like to be added to our project mailing list or have project-related questions, please contact:

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