

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment – New Highway 401 Road Crossing from Notion Road to Squires Beach Road

Background

The City of Pickering and Pickering Developments Inc. are undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for a new Highway 401 road crossing to connect Notion Road to Squires Beach Road, in the City of Pickering, Region of Durham (see map). The need for a new road crossing to link Notion Road with Squires Beach Road for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists was identified in the City of Pickering Official Plan, Edition 7 (2017), the Town of Ajax Official Plan (2016), the Region of Durham Official Plan (2017), and the Region of Durham Transportation Master Plan (2017). The Study will also include reviewing the need for intersection improvements at Notion Road/Kingston Road and Squires Beach Road / Bayly Street.

This Study is intended to provide for improved network connectivity for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists resulting from continued growth in the City of Pickering and bring relief to the existing road infrastructure. The Study also supports the preparation for development of lands located south of Highway 401 and the rail corridor, west of Church Street South, east of a Canadian National Railway spur line, and north of Bayly Street.

The Process

This Study is being conducted in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule 'C' projects, as outlined in the Municipal Class EA process (Municipal Engineers Association, October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18). This Study will define the problem and/or opportunity, identify and evaluate alternative solutions to the problem and/or opportunity, evaluate alternative design concepts for the preferred solution, and recommend a preferred design concept for the new road crossing. Potential impacts associated with the preferred design, and mitigation measures to reduce these impacts, will also be addressed. These, including the Study consultation process and activities, will be documented in an Environmental Study Report which will be made available for a 30-day review period at Study completion.

Comments Invited

A key component of the Study will be consultation with interested stakeholders, including the public, agencies and Indigenous communities throughout the Study. The City of Pickering and Pickering Developments Inc. invite you to join us at the first Public Information Centre:

Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018
Time: 6 pm – 8 pm
Location: Pickering City Hall (Lobby)
One The Esplanade, Pickering, Ontario, L1V 6K7

Attendees can drop-in between the hours specified, to speak with representatives from the Study Team who will be able to share project information available to date and answer questions. In the meantime, if you have any comments regarding the Study, or wish to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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Please note that information related to this project will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record and may be included in Study documentation prepared for public review.

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