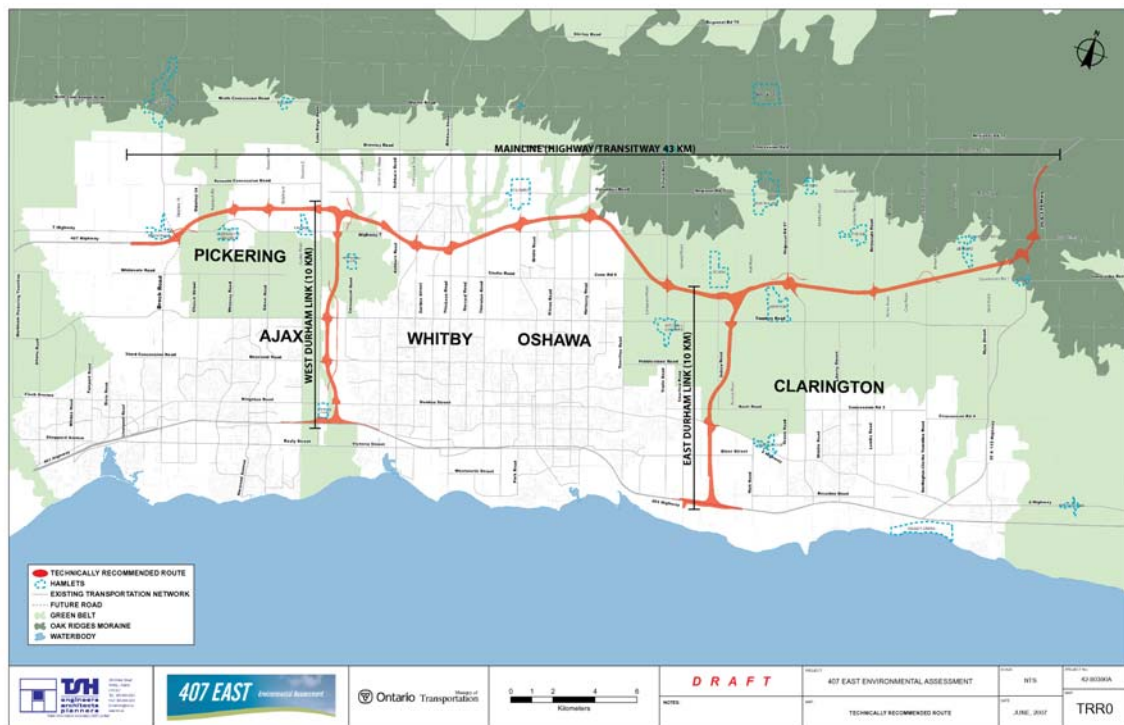


NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC) #4 407 East Environmental Assessment (EA) & Preliminary Design Study

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) in consultation with the Region of Durham, its constituents and surrounding municipalities, is undertaking an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) study to address the long-term transportation needs in the Region of Durham and surrounding area. The study supports the transportation objectives of the provincial *Growth Plan* for the *Greater Golden Horseshoe* by providing for the efficient movement of people and goods within the study area. A proposed extension of the Highway 407 transportation corridor, consisting of a highway and transitway, has been recommended as part of a number of transportation improvements as defined in an earlier phase of the Individual EA.

A technically recommended route (TRR) for the 407 transportation corridor was presented to the public in June 2007. The TRR extends from the current terminus at Brock Road in Pickering to Highway 35/115 in Clarington and includes two north-south links connecting Highway 401 to the proposed extension of Highway 407, one in West Durham (Whitby) and the other in East Durham (Clarington).



Since the release of the TRR, further analysis has been undertaken and the transportation corridor has been refined to further mitigate impacts. Preliminary design has been initiated in order to develop design components of the corridor in greater detail. The refinements and details of the preliminary design work will be presented at the upcoming Public Information Centres (PIC #4). The following information will be presented.

- Changes to and additional property requirements
- Refinements to the technically recommended route
- Updated Existing Conditions information
- Interchange locations and configurations
- Local road realignments associated with the corridor
- Local road treatments (underpass, overpass, closed) associated with the corridor

- Location and approximate size of stormwater ponds, maintenance yards, and other infrastructure to support the highway corridor
- Location and approximate size of the transitway corridor / station locations and transit maintenance yards
- Right-of-way cross sections, including provisions for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes
- Location of potential mitigation measures (noise berms / walls, landscaping, etc)
- Community Value Plan (CVP) process
- Property acquisition process

Your input and comments are key components that will assist us as we proceed with this study. We encourage you to attend the upcoming round of PICs to view the information, to ask questions, and to provide your comments.

THE PROCESS

This study is being conducted in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* (OEAA), and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA).

The Federal (CEAA) process has been formally initiated and the 407 East EA is listed on the CEA Agency Registry. Members of the Federal Review Team will be able to provide further information on the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and its processes at the upcoming round of PICs. Information is also available at http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/050/index_e.cfm.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public involvement and consultation are important aspects of an EA study. Public Information Centres are scheduled at key points throughout the EA process to provide opportunities for public and stakeholder input.

The dates, times and locations for the fourth round of PICs are as follows:

<u>Clarington Area</u>	<u>Oshawa Area</u>	<u>Pickering / Ajax Area</u>	<u>Whitby Area</u>	<u>Peterborough Area</u>
Tues. June 24, 2008 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Garnett B Rickard Recreation Complex 2440 Highway 2 Bowmanville	Wed. June 25, 2008 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. General Sikorski's Polish Veterans Club 1551 Stevensons Road N Oshawa	Thurs. June 26, 2008 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pickering United Church, 300 Church Street N Ajax	Wed. July 2, 2008 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Faith Baptist Church 95 Taunton Road East Whitby	Tues. July 8, 2008 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Peterborough Public Library 345 Aylmer Street North Peterborough

The PICs will be conducted in an open house (drop-in) format. Display material, mapping and study documentation will be available to view. Members of the project team and technical experts will be available to discuss the study and to respond to questions or concerns.

COMMENTS

You may contact the project team regarding issues of concern at any time throughout the study. Comments and information regarding this project are continually being collected to better assist us in meeting the requirements of both the *Ontario* and *Canadian Environmental Assessment Acts*. This material will be maintained on file during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with *the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments received, with the exception of personal information, will become part of the public record.

If you are unable to attend the PICs and wish to obtain further information, provide comments, or participate in other consultation activities, please contact one of the individuals listed below or visit our website at www.407eastea.com.

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