

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC) #3 407 East Environmental Assessment (EA) Study Technically Recommended Route

THE STUDY

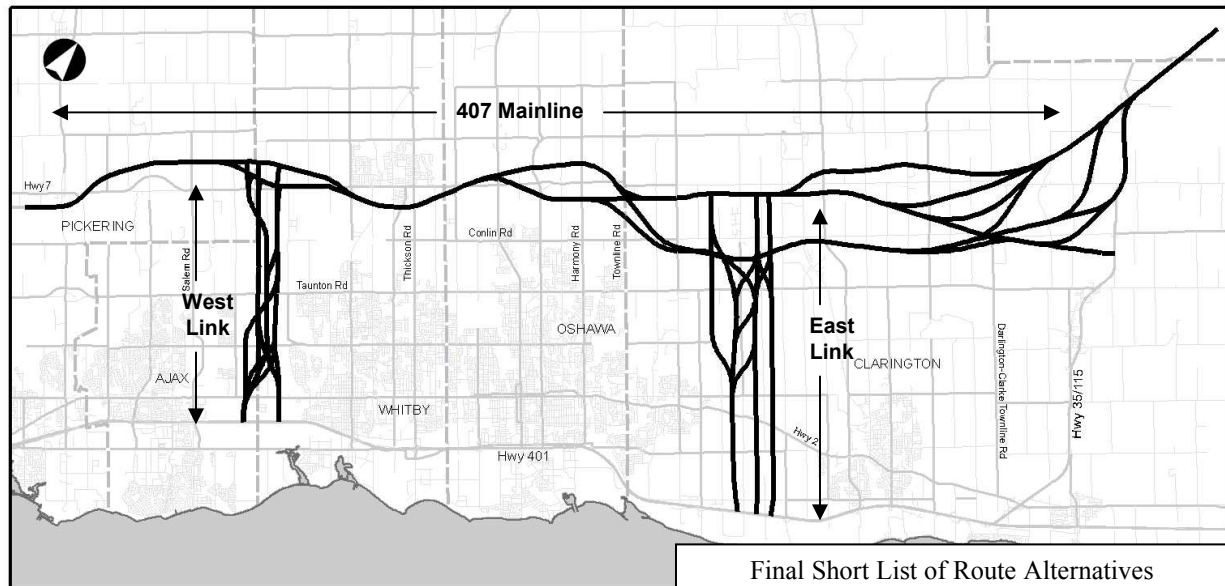
The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) in consultation with the Region of Durham, its constituents and surrounding municipalities, is undertaking an individual Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to address the long-term transportation needs in the Region of Durham and surrounding area. The Study 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.

The extension of Highway 407 (highway / transitway) easterly from the current terminus at Brock Road in Pickering to Highway 35/115 with two north-south links (highway / transitway) connecting Highway 401 to the proposed extension of Highway 407, has been recommended as part of a number of transportation improvements in an earlier phase of this EA Study. Route alternatives for the extension and the two links were presented in November and December 2006.

This phase of the Study will present the results from the evaluation of the final short list of route alternatives. A **technically recommended route** will be presented for:

- A new east-west transportation corridor (highway / transitway) to extend Highway 407 from Brock Road to Highway 35/115 in Durham Region, and
- Two north-south links (highway / transitway) connecting Highway 401 to the proposed extension of Highway 407 (East Durham link – Clarington area and the West Durham link – Ajax / Whitby area).

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



THE PROCESS

The EA Study is being conducted in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* (OEAA), the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), and the process detailed in the approved Terms of Reference (ToR). The ToR document was approved by the Minister of Environment on January 17, 2005 and provides a framework to guide the current EA Study which commenced in February 2005.

This round of PICs will present the results from the evaluation of the final short list of route alternatives and a technically recommended route. Based on stakeholder and public input, the technically recommended route will be finalized and presented at the next round of PICs.

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 of the third round of PICs are as follows:

<u>Clarington Area</u>	<u>Whitby Area</u>	<u>Pickering / Ajax Area</u>	<u>Oshawa Area</u>	<u>Peterborough Area</u>
Tues. June 26, 2007 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Garnett B Rickard Recreation Complex 2440 Highway 2 Bowmanville	Wed. June 27, 2007 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Faith Baptist Church 95 Taunton Road East Whitby	Tues. July 3, 2007 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ajax Community Centre HMS Room 75 Centennial Road Ajax	Wed. July 4, 2007 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. General Sikorski's Polish Veterans Club 1551 Stevensons Road N Oshawa	Tues. July 10, 2007 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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