

# ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE

## Notice of Commencement – GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, Stage 2 [www.gta-west.com](http://www.gta-west.com)

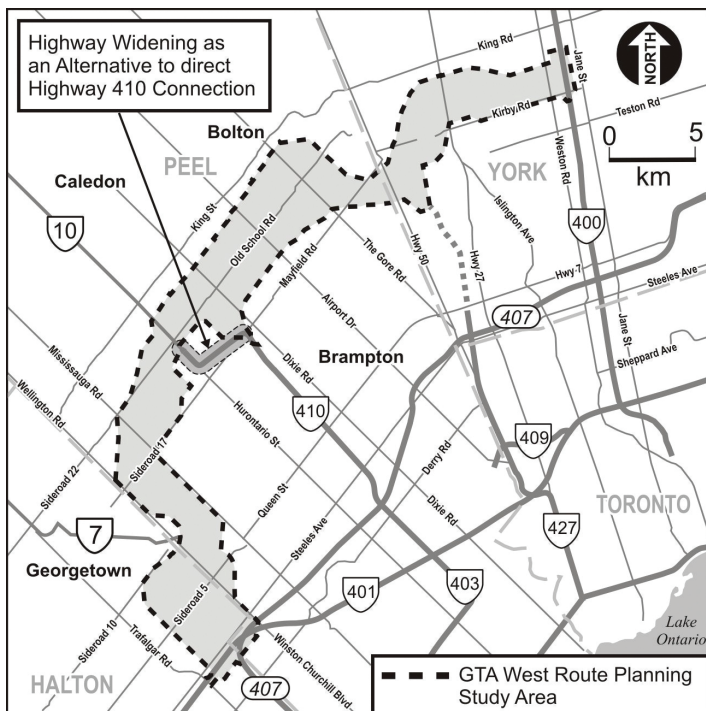
### THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has initiated Stage 2 of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the GTA West Transportation Corridor. Building on the recommendations from Stage 1, the EA Study continues with a focus on identifying the route and developing the preliminary design for a new transportation corridor within the previously identified Route Planning Study Area. The new transportation corridor will include a 400-series highway, a transitway and potential goods movement priority features. As part of the study, a preferred route and interchange locations will be selected and developed.

The GTA West transportation corridor is vital towards providing the transportation infrastructure to meet the projected growth in both population and employment identified in the *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* (2006) and will deliver multiple benefits, including:

- Greater connectivity between urban growth centres;
- Enhanced people and goods movement;
- Improved commuting; and
- Greater economic vitality.

The GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and EA Study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) and the *GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference*, which was approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment on March 4, 2008.



This new transportation corridor is only one component of the full suite of multi-modal recommendations that are included in the Transportation Development Strategy (TDS) developed as part of Stage 1. These recommendations also included transit improvements, transportation demand management measures, opportunities to optimize the existing transportation system as well as widening of several key provincial facilities in the western GTA. These recommendations are being pursued as separate initiatives.

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement is encouraged and Public Information Centers (PICs) and Community Workshops will be held throughout the study. Notices advising of the time and location of the PICs will be published in local and regional newspapers and advertised on the study website.

If you are interested in the study and would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact the Project Team via the contact information outlined below. Study information will be posted and updated on the project website: [www.gta-west.com](http://www.gta-west.com).

### COMMENTS

Comments and input regarding this study are encouraged and will be collected to assist the Project Team. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation to meet the requirements of the EA Act. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. For further information, please visit our project website at the address provided above. To contact the Project Team directly, please send an email to: [project\\_team@gta-west.com](mailto:project_team@gta-west.com) or contact:

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