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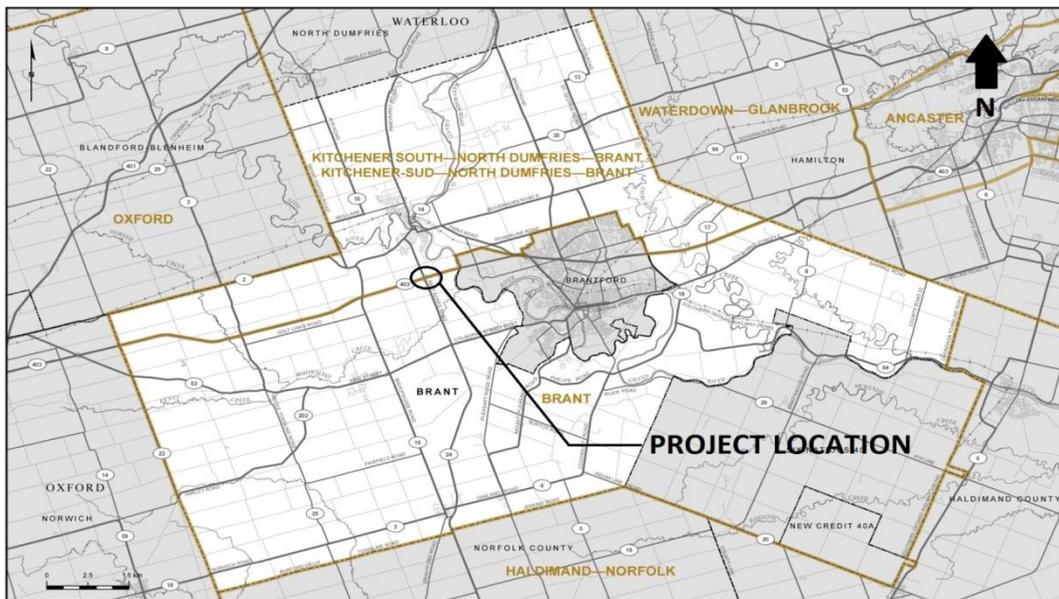
Welcome

Welcome to the supplemental Public Information Centre (PIC) meeting. Please record your attendance and obtain a comment sheet at the registration desk.

Several background reports are available at the Resource Table. Should you have any questions regarding the presentation materials, background reports or any other aspect of the study, please speak to the County or Consultant study team members in attendance.

We encourage your input/feedback on the material being presented on the display boards. Please deposit completed comment sheets in the comment box or mail/fax/e-mail to the address at the bottom of the form by Friday, September 23, 2016.

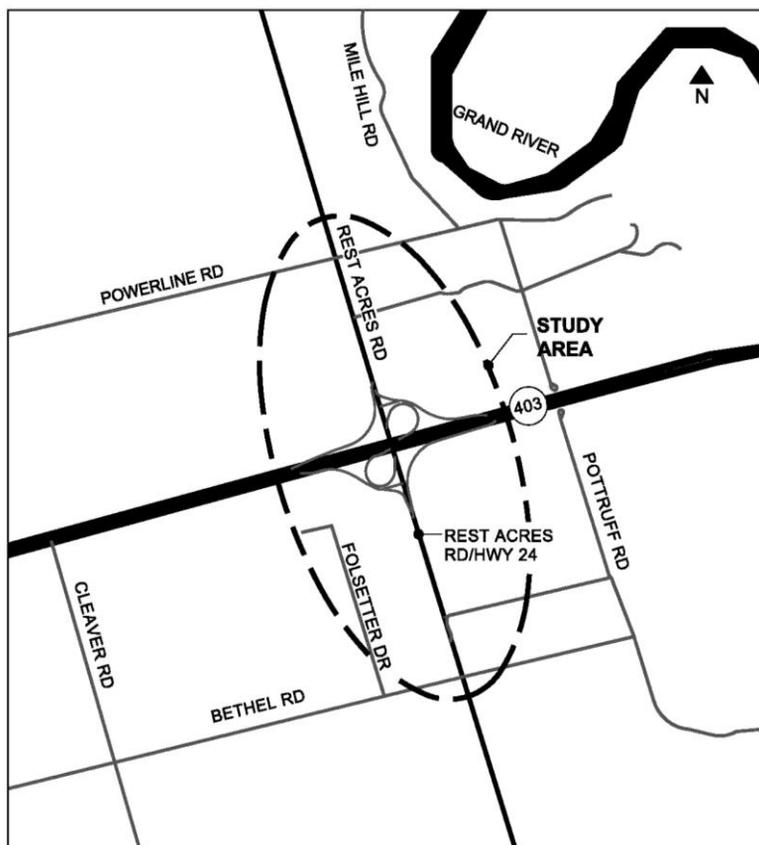
There is an opportunity at any time during the Class EA process for interested persons to provide written input. Any comments received will be collected under the *Environmental Assessment Act* and, with the exception of personal information, will become part of the public record.



Introduction

The County of Brant initiated this Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the planning of operational improvements at the Rest Acres Road/Highway 24 interchange on Highway 403. This Study completed the Class EA by establishing the need and justification for the project, considering all alternatives and proactively involving the public in defining a Recommended Plan for improvements.

Based on the results of the previous Public Information Centres and the environmental and technical investigations, the project is recommended to be stepped down to a Group C (MTO Class EA)/Schedule B (Municipal Class EA) project. The advertisement for this PIC published the start of the 30-day review period in which affected parties may request the County to reconsider the decision to step-down the project. Following this 30 day period, and should no objections be received, a subsequent advertisement will provide a 30 day notice of study completion.



Need and Justification

The Rest Acres Road/Highway 24 & Highway 403 interchange will need to meet the current and future peak traffic demand to/from the Brant 403 Business Park. Critical peak hour movements to and from Highway 403 are expected to double in the next 20 years.

Operational Improvements to the Rest Acres Road/Highway 24 & Highway 403 interchange are required:

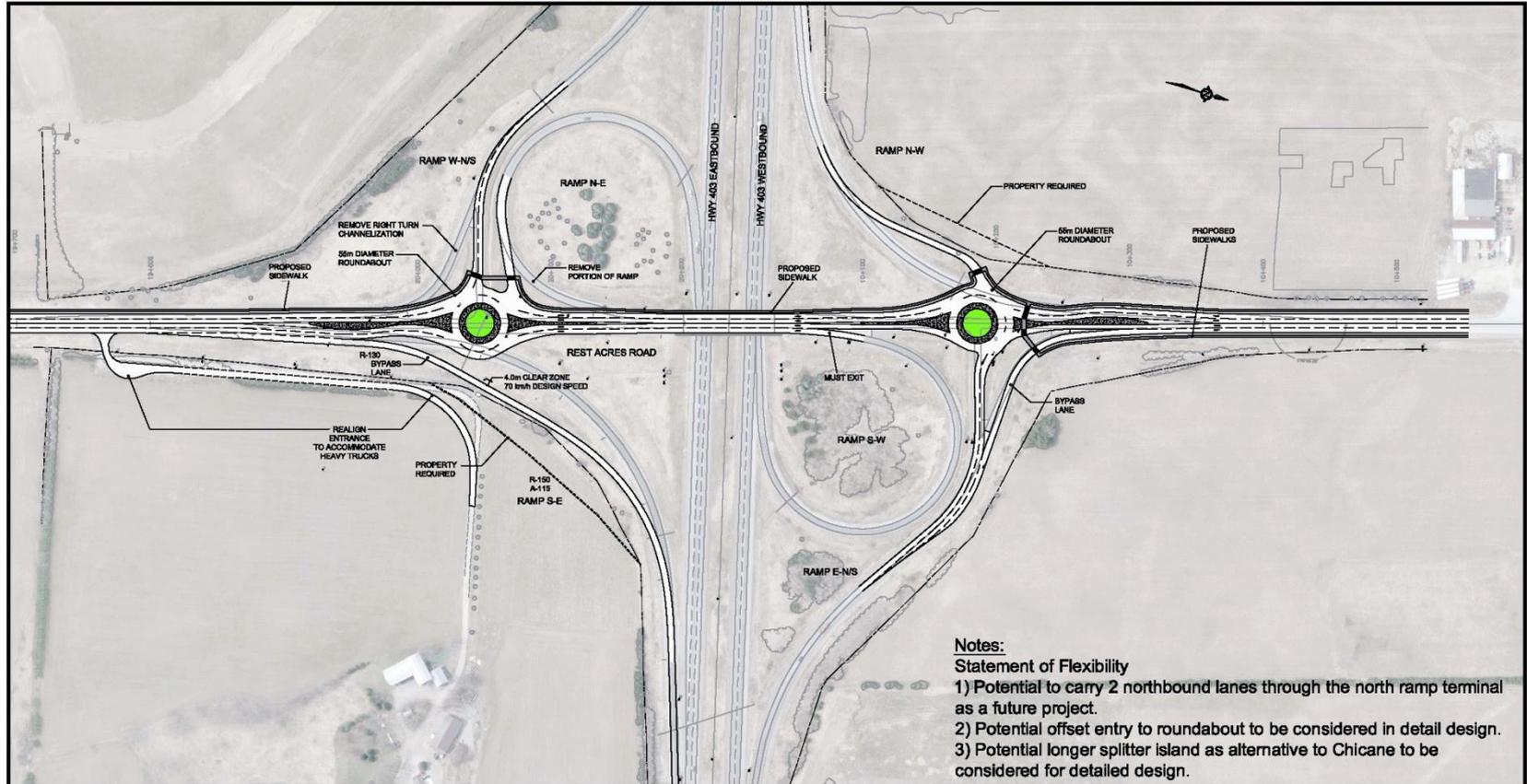
- To address existing and future capacity constraints at ramp terminals;
- To accommodate planned development within the Southwest Paris Settlement Area extending from King Edward Street south to Bethel Road on both the east and west sides of Rest Acres Road/Highway 24; and
- To maintain Emergency Vehicle Access along the corridor.



The Traffic Analysis Report is available on the Resource Table.

Refinements to Technically Preferred Plan

As part of the preliminary design review of the technically preferred plan a conflict with a major hydro pole in the southeast quadrant was identified. To mitigate the conflict and to provide a clearzone from the travelled lane to the pole a minor refinement to the ramp geometry was implemented. The refinement increases the property requirement in the southeast quadrant. The Refinement to the Technically Preferred Alternative is illustrated below.



Statement of Flexibility

Based on feedback provided by MTO's Roundabout Committee, the Class EA will document a Statement of Flexibility that will allow the future detail design team the ability to make minor modifications to the final roundabout design. It may include:

- Extensions or modification to the splitter islands on the roundabout approaches
- Potential to carry two northbound lanes through the north ramp terminal roundabout as a future project if and when the County extends 4 lanes north of the interchange
- Potential minor offset of roundabouts to improve safety
- Potential extension of the median northerly to restrict driveways to right-in/right-out (both east and west of Rest Acres Road). Change in land-use/access will be subject to County and MTO approval

Next Steps

Following this meeting:

- We will review all comments
- There will be a 30 day public review period of Notice of Step-down and public review of the Harmonized Class EA Documentation

How can you remain involved in the Study?

- Request that your name/e-mail be added to the mailing list
- Provide a completed comment sheet
- Contact the County's representative or the consultant at any time

Any of our representatives that are present can assist you with the above activities.

Thank you for your participation in tonight's meeting. Your input into this study is valuable and appreciated. Please provide your completed comment form on or before **September 23, 2016**. All information is collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*.

Resource Table

List of resources on this table:

- Draft Study Design - Class Environmental Assessment for Rest Acres Road/Highway 24 & Highway 403 Interchange
- Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
- Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities
- County of Brant Transportation Master Plan
- County of Brant Trail Master Plan
- Assessment of Alternatives to the Undertaking/Alternative Planning Solutions and the Analysis and Evaluation of Alternatives Methodology Report
- Cultural Heritage Assessment – Highway 403 and Rest Acres Road
- Aquatic Habitat Resources Technical Memorandum