

Background:

In July 2015, the County of Brant initiated a Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design Study for the planning of a new interchange at Bishopsgate Road and Highway 403 and the realignment of Bishopsgate Road to Puttdown Road through Falkland. The improvements were identified in the County of Brant's 2008 Transportation Master Plan and have been included in the County's Official Plan since 2000.

Strategy:

The road improvements will provide access to the County road network, serve heavy truck traffic from existing and planned gravel pits and improve access to planned development in southwest Paris.

Five (5) Public Information Centre meetings were held throughout the duration of the study to present the project, the assessment of opportunities, and the preliminary transportation improvement alternatives. These meetings were an integral component of the study – seeking input and comments from the local road users/stakeholders. These meetings were held jointly with the ongoing Class Environmental Assessment for the Rest Acres Road/Highway 24 and Highway 403 Interchange Operational Improvement.

The Recommended Plan includes the following:

- A Highway 403 interchange location at the existing Bishopsgate Road underpass
- The interchange will feature roundabouts
- Addition of roundabouts at the intersections of King Edward Street/Bishopsgate Road and King Edward Street / Falkland Road / Highway 2/ Puttdown Road
- Future property protection for 30m right-of-way along King Edward Street
- Future property protection for 30m right-of-way along Bishopsgate Road

The future reconstruction of Bishopsgate Road also includes recommendations to pave shoulders to reduce annual maintenance costs and accommodate cyclists.

Timeline and Implementation:

The first phase of the project will begin in 2022 in Falkland, including the 2 roundabouts and road reconstruction between Puttdown Road and Bishopsgate Road. The Highway 403 interchange will follow when and if funding becomes available.

For more information regarding the Bishopsgate Road and Highway 403 Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design and to review the full report, please visit www.Brant.ca/Plans.