



County of Brant
Road Closure Action Plan
MTO Emergency Detour Route (EDR)

1. Introduction

The County of Brant Road Closure Action Plan has been developed to assist in the identification and management of alternate traffic routes due to traffic incidents along Highway 403, County of Brant roads and adjacent municipalities' roads.

In the past there have been a number of traffic incidents along Highway 403 that have lasted extensive periods of time causing major delay for the traveling public. The focal point of the County of Brant Road Closure Action Plan is for the major closure of Highway 403 at a number of Interchanges.

2. Initiation or Termination of the Road Closure Action Plan

2.1 Initiation

The legal authority to close a provincial highway rests with the O.P.P. The decision to close a provincial highway and to initiate the EDR shall be at the sole discretion of the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.). If necessary, the decision to activate the Road Closure Action Plan may involve consultations with other emergency service agencies, (i.e. Fire, MTO, etc.), responding to the highway incident.

When activating the EDR, O.P.P. shall ensure that the appropriate agencies have been notified prior to opening and directing traffic off the highway and onto the detour routes.

Initiation of the Road Closure Action Plan is recommended when:

- An incident results in the closure of traffic lanes (all or partial) in either one or both directions; and
- The duration of the closure is anticipated to extend over one hour.

2.2 Termination

The termination of the Road Closure Action Plan will be determined by members of the O.P.P., in consultation with other agencies as required. The O.P.P. will be in a continuous update contact with all agencies as required. The general indication for the termination of the Road Closure Action Plan is that the need for the road closure(s) is no longer prevalent with all/partial lanes reopened and/or traffic flows on the diversion routes have returned to reasonably normal levels.

3. Organizations' Responsibilities

In the event of the initiation of the Road Closure Action Plan, there will be assigned responsibilities to the primary and support organizations as per their association to the major road closure, due to a traffic incident on a major highway in or adjacent to the County of Brant.

3.1 Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.)

- Contact emergency services agents;
- Emergency closures in the County of Brant are under the direction and control of the O.P.P. The site will be generally the responsibility of the Senior O.P.P. Officer;
- On arrival, the officer assesses the incident and agency response requirements;
- Dispatch appropriate personnel to the scene;
- Redirect the traffic, control the site, communicate with agencies, and resource requirements;
- Responsible for implementing and controlling the road closure surrounding the incident and activating the Road Closure Action Plan;
- Responsible for the opening of the Emergency Detour Route ramp signs;
- Provide updates to the media and local agencies on the status of the road closure; and
- Keep records of response actions and activities, resources, police equipment used and agencies involved. For large scale closures, an individual or support agency may be appointed to perform this task.

3.2 Fire Departments (County of Brant and Adjacent Municipalities)

- Upon arrival to the scene, assist O.P.P. resources in the initial assessment of the incident and agency response requirements;
- Assist O.P.P. resources in determining the extent of the road closure requirement (ongoing) and when the Road Closure Action Plan should be initiated/terminated;
- Be responsible for the initial identification of potentially hazardous materials/chemicals, notify O.P.P. and contact the appropriate environmental agencies;
- Be responsible for fire suppression at the incident;
- Be responsible for extrication of passengers from vehicles; Assist, where appropriate, EMS personnel in life saving measures for injured persons at the incident scene;
- When appropriate, provide updates to the O.P.P. media relations officer, or equivalent, on status of recovery operations at the incident and impact on road closure duration; and
- Keep records of response actions and activities, resources and equipment used.

3.3 Ambulance Services

- Upon arrival to the scene, assist O.P.P. resources in the initial assessment of the incident and agency response requirements;
- If appropriate, contact local hospitals to inform of injured persons at the scene and hospital requirements;
- Be responsible for health assistance and life saving measures for injured persons at the incident scene;
- If considered necessary, request police assistance in traffic control to/from routes to the incident and/or to/from other parts of the community (i.e. hospital).
- When appropriate, provide updates to the O.P.P. media relations officer, or equivalent, on status of recovery operations at the incident and impact on road closure duration; and
- Keep records of response actions and activities, resources and equipment used.

3.4 The County of Brant - Roads Division

- Responsible for the transportation operations and maintenance of County of Brant road systems and structures;
- Provide input to O.P.P. resources and/or adjacent municipalities and current construction activities on County of Brant roads that impact traffic flow, diversion routes;
- Provide assistance to fire services regarding hazardous material incident spills etc;
- Be responsible for assessment of physical damage to transportation infrastructure (i.e. pavement condition and structures) on County of Brant roads;
- Provide assistance, when requested, in establishing and signing detour routes and road closures when traffic is being diverted from an adjacent municipality's road to a County of Brant road;
- Provide details and drawings, as requested, on County of Brant roads, structures, etc.;
- When necessary, provide/coordinate crews for County of Brant municipal service field locates shutdown, clean up and/or reconstruction;
- Be responsible for the maintenance and updating of the Road Closure Action Plan;
- Document any information that will allow for an improved Road Closure Action Plan throughout the County of Brant detoured routes; and
- Be responsible to operate the only flip down sign at the south west corner of Paris Road and Powerline Road, depending on the location of the traffic incident on Highway #403.

4. Notifying Emergency Services Agents

When activating the Road Closure Action Plan contacting the correct emergency services agents in a timely fashion is of the utmost importance. The following is a listing of the phone numbers for the emergency services agents within the County of Brant, adjacent municipalities and provincial governments.

Emergency Services Agents

For all emergency response please call **9 1 1**.

Police

O.P.P. Communication / Dispatch Centre London: 1-888-310-1122

O.P.P. Paris: 519- 442-2241

Fire Departments – County of Brant and Adjacent Municipalities

Fire Dispatch: 519- 442-2241

County Fire Administration: 519- 442-4500

Brantford Dispatch: 519-752-4346

Hamilton Emergency Services: 1-905-546-3346

Norwich Fire: 1-519-485-3910

Woodstock: 1-519-537-3412

County of Brant

County of Brant (8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.): 519-449-2451

County of Brant after hours via Dispatch: 519-442-2241

Brant County Power after hours via Dispatch: 519-442-2241

Ambulance Supervisors: 1-519-761-0828 cell + pager

Ambulance Dispatch: 519-753-4151

Hospitals

Brantford General Hospital: 519-752-7871

Cambridge Memorial Hospital: 1-519-621-2330

Norfolk General Hospital: 1-519-426-0750

Ministry of Transportation: 1-519-873-4233

Ministry of Environment: 1-800-268-6060

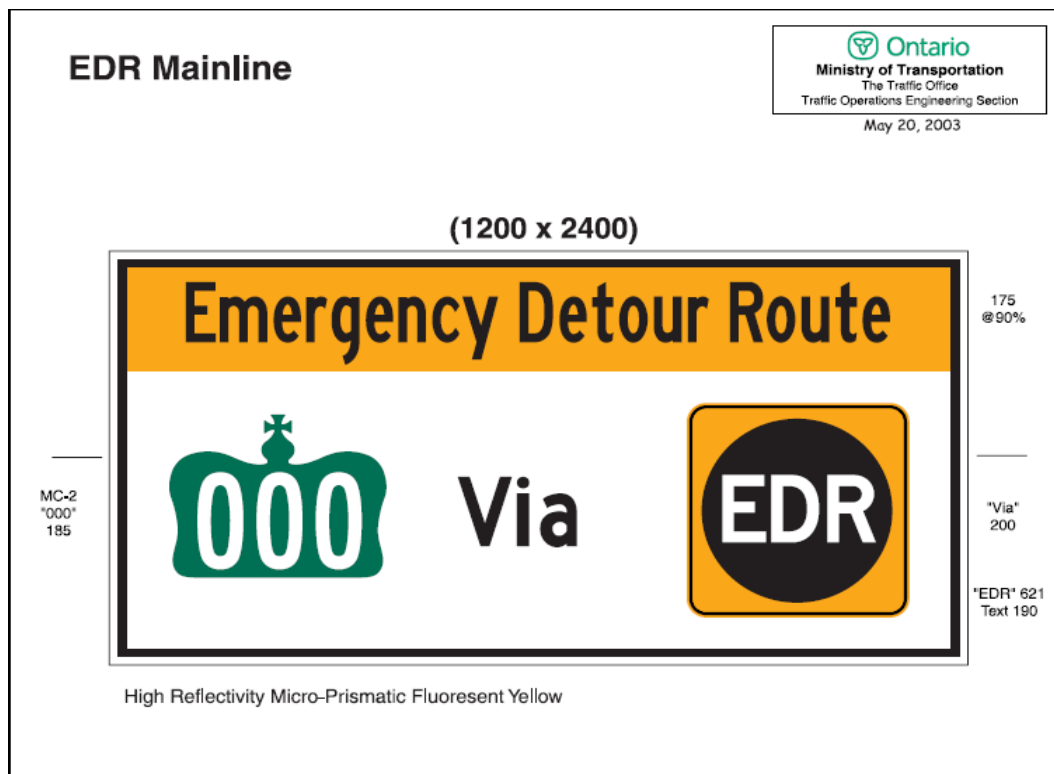
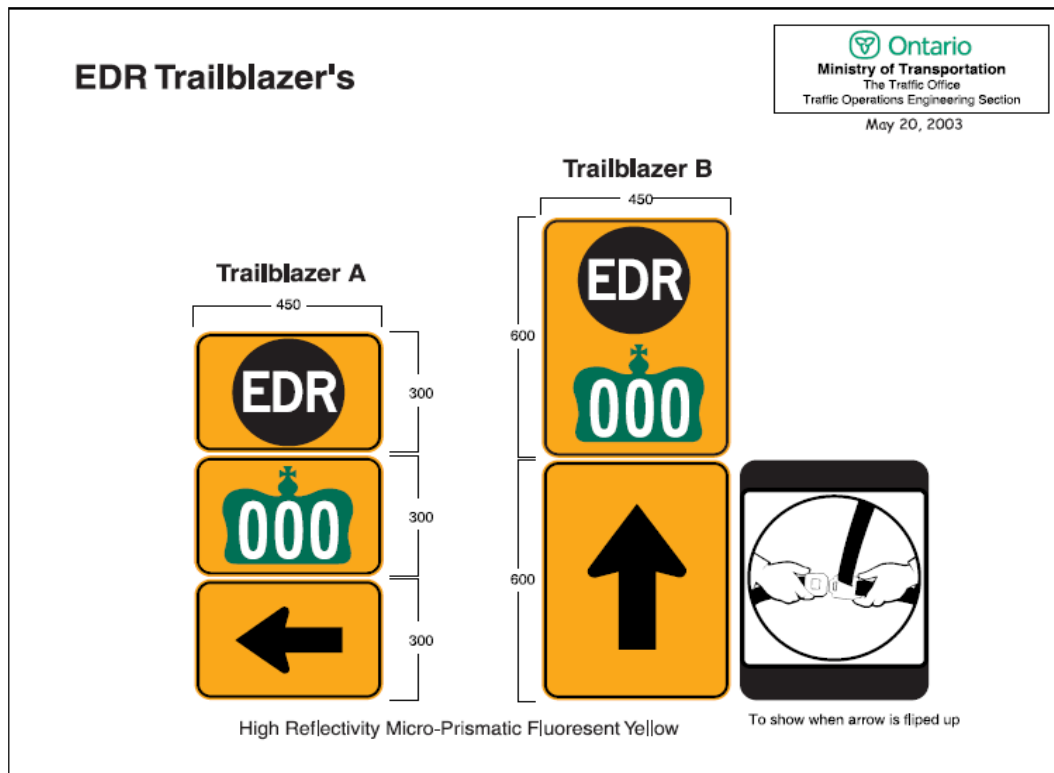
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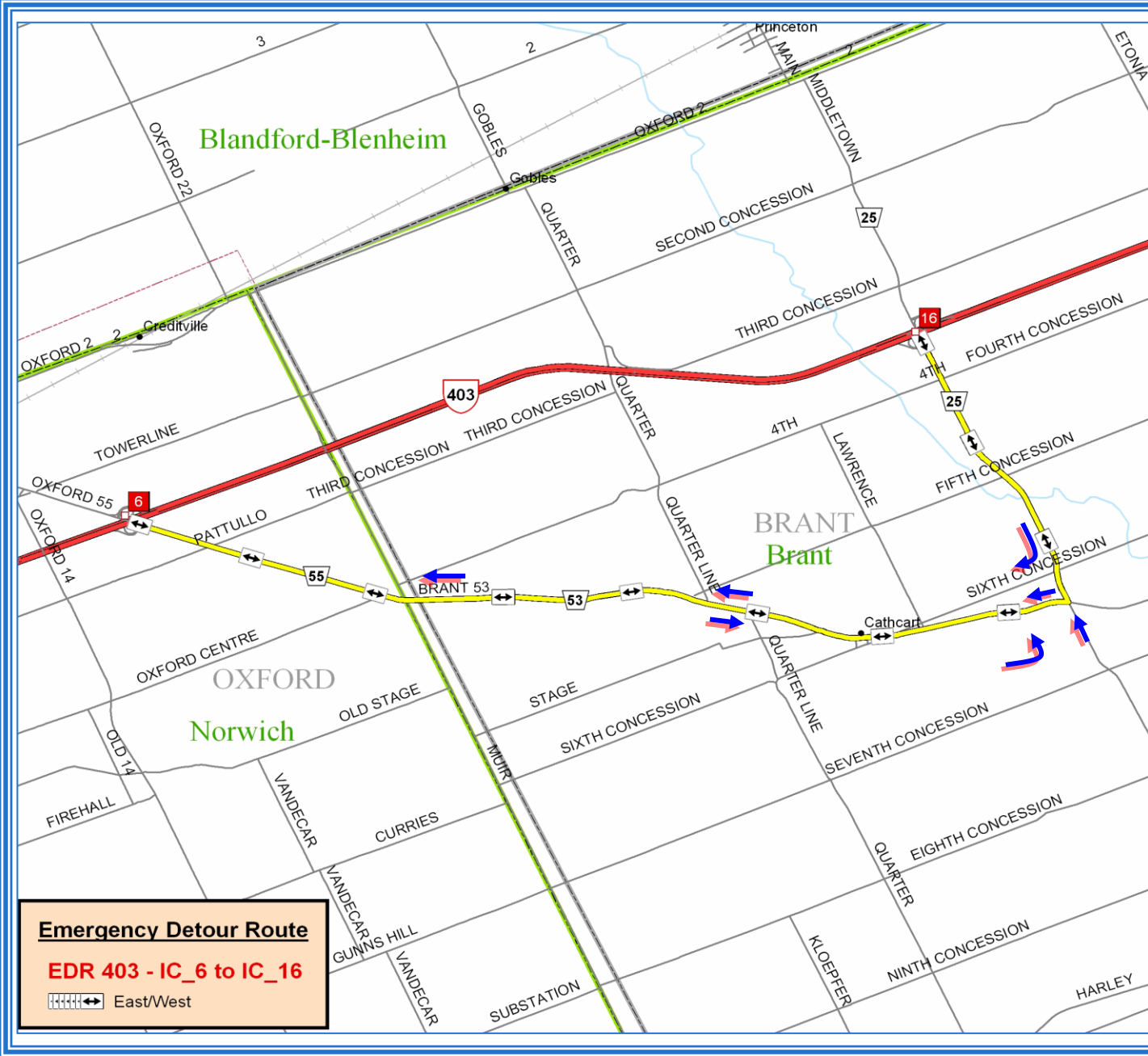
Grand Erie District School Board: 519-756-6301

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board: 519-756-6369

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Emergency Detour Route
EDR 403 - IC_6 to IC_16
 [Symbol] East/West

EMERGENCY DETOUR ROUTE



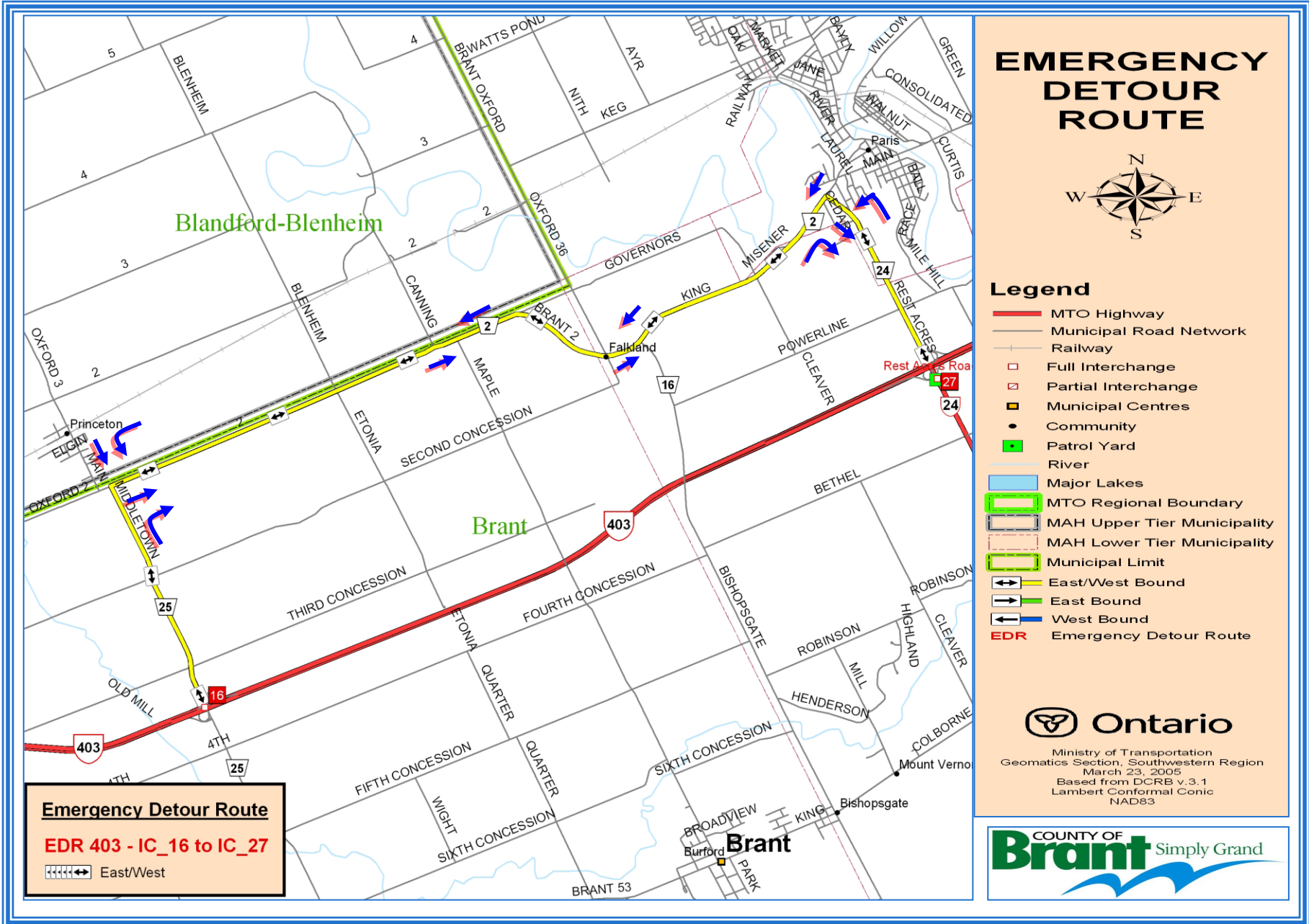
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- Municipal Road Network
- Railway
- Full Interchange
- Partial Interchange
- Municipal Centres
- Community
- Patrol Yard
- River
- Major Lakes
- ▭ MTO Regional Boundary
- ▭ MAH Upper Tier Municipality
- ▭ MAH Lower Tier Municipality
- ▭ Municipal Limit
- ↔ East/West Bound
- East Bound
- ← West Bound
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Emergency Detour Route
EDR 403 - IC_16 to IC_27
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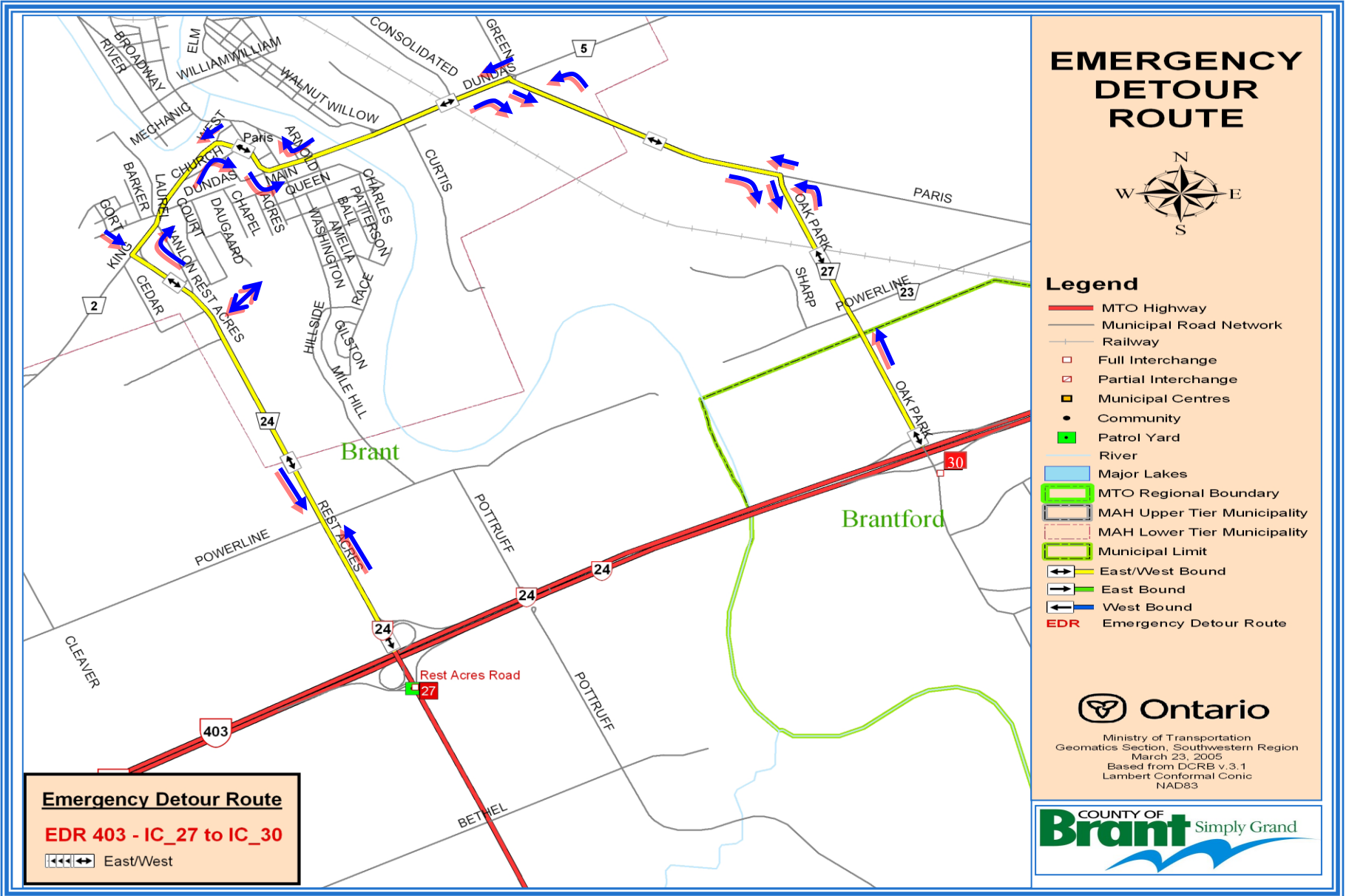
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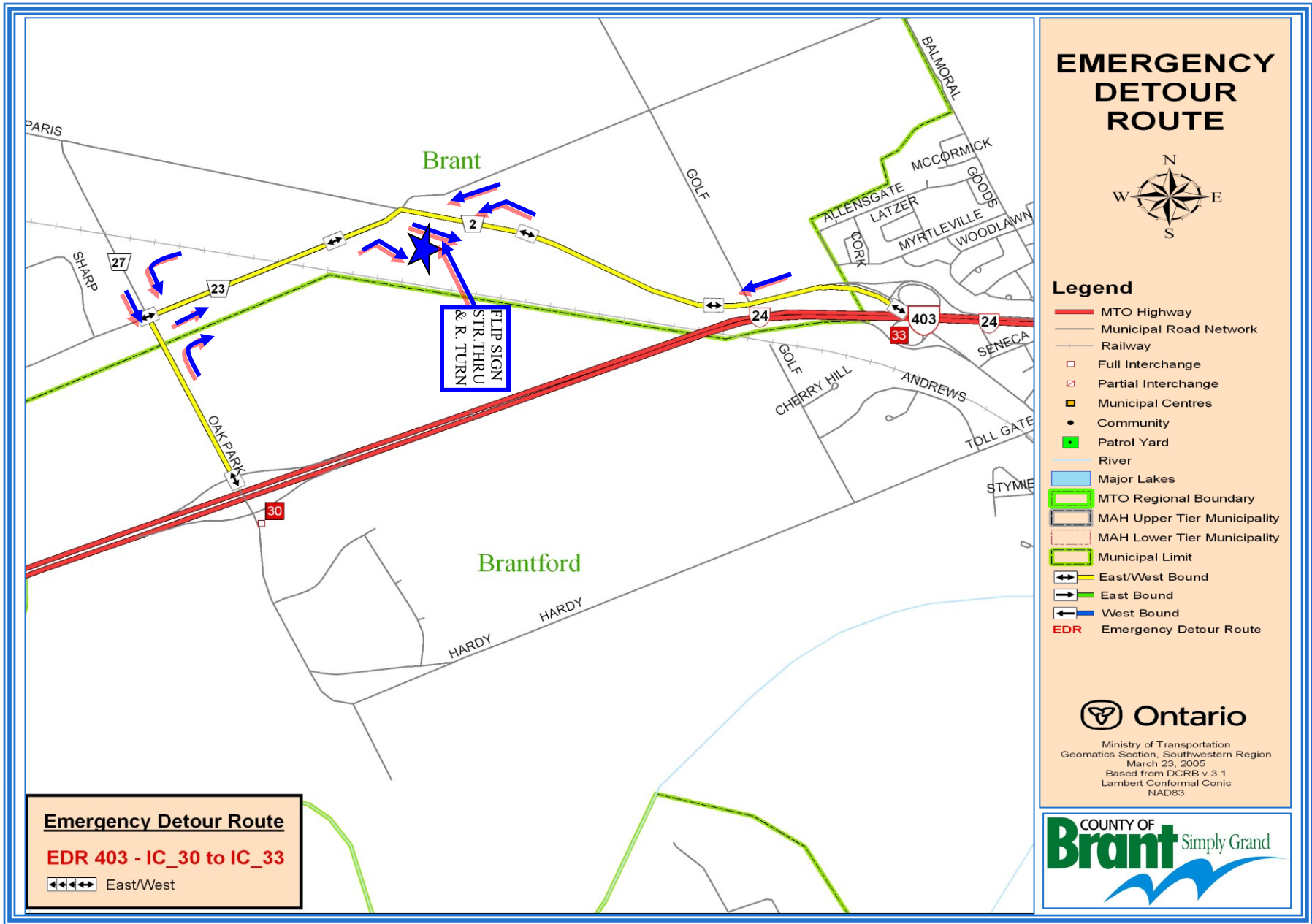


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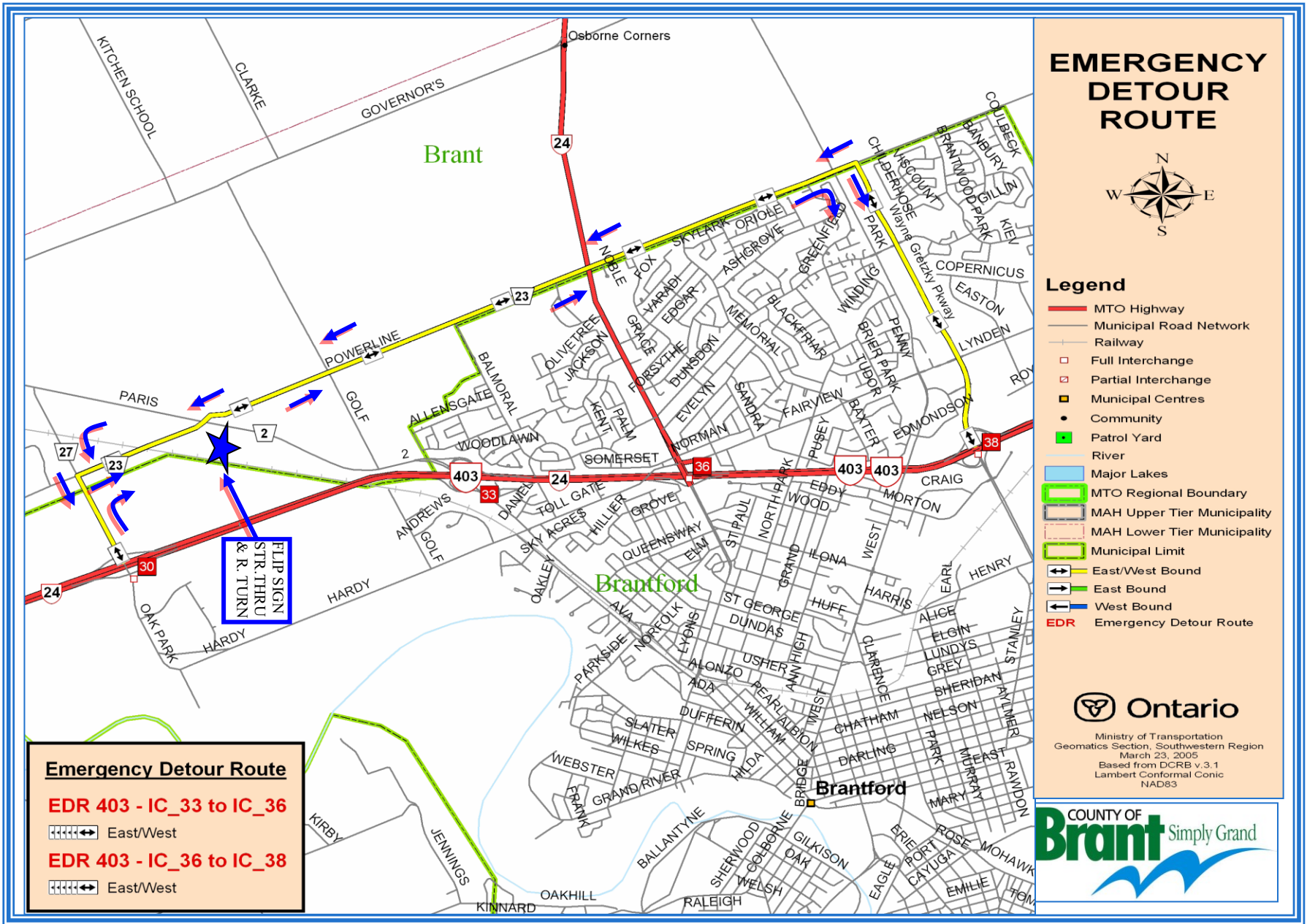
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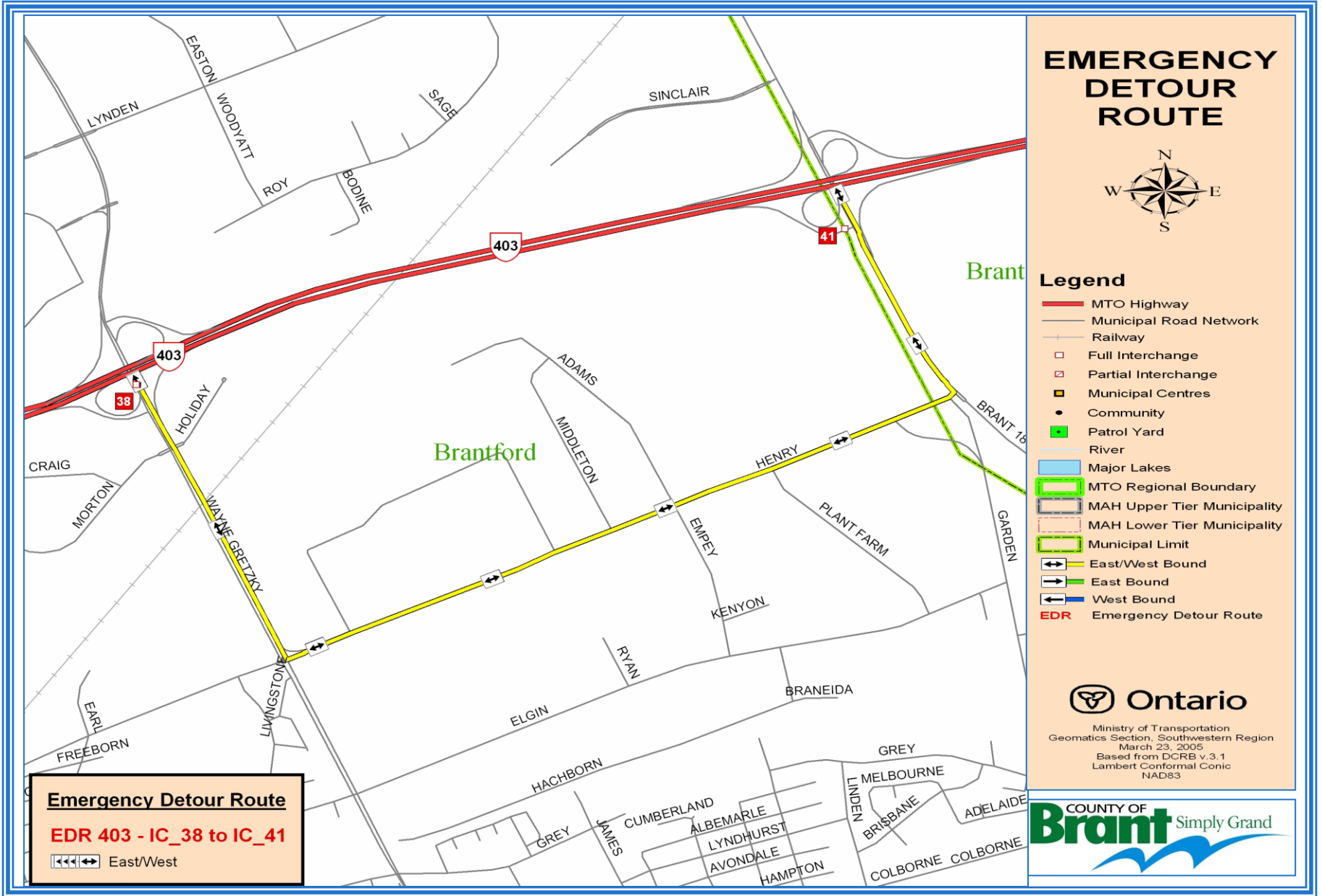




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 East/West

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