Public Notice

Whitby

Notice of Study Completion

Mid-Block Arterial Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

The Town of Whitby, in partnership with the South Brooklin Landowners Group, have conducted a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) study for the Mid-Block Arterial Road. Following consultation with the public, major stakeholders, property owners, Indigenous Communities and other agencies, a preferred design



alignment for the Mid-Block Arterial Road has been identified. The preferred design alignment includes a 4-lane cross-section accommodating a multi-use path (MUP) on the north side and a sidewalk on the south side, with 2-lane roundabouts proposed at all intersections except for the intersection at Thickson Road which will be signalized and at Highway 7 which will be signalized when warranted.

This MCEA study followed the approved environmental planning process for Schedule C projects, as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association "Municipal Class Environmental Assessment" document (October 2000; amended 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

An Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been prepared which documents the MCEA process, the preferred design alignment, the anticipated environmental and property impacts, proposed mitigation measures, and a summary of consultation undertaken throughout the study. In accordance with the MCEA process requirement, the ESR will be placed on public record for a 30-day comment period beginning June 3, 2021. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation, only digital copies of the ESR are available at <u>www.midblockea.ca</u>.

Written comments or questions should be sent directly to <u>midblockea@tmig.ca</u> before July 5, 2021.

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to all of the following:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 5th Floor, 777 Bay Street Toronto, ON M7A 2J3 <u>minister.mecp@ontario.ca</u>

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Ave. West, 1st Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1P5 <u>enviropermissions@ontario.ca</u>

Horace Look, P. Eng. Program Manager, Capital Infrastructure Town of Whitby 575 Rossland Road East Whitby, ON L1N 2M8 905.430.4935 lookh@whitby.ca

If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please email <u>midblockea@tmig.ca</u> or call 905.430.4935.

Personal information in this project will be collected under the authority of Section 11 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for information purposes only for this Study. Questions regarding the collection and use of personal information should be directed to the Town of Whitby Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Office at 905.430.4300, extension 2287.

This notice was first issued on June 3, 2021