



Office of the Commissioner  
Transportation Services Department

## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of Committee of the Whole

From: Paul Jankowski  
Commissioner of Transportation Services

Date: September 30, 2020

Re: Province of Ontario Commences Highway 400–404 Link Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

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This memorandum advises Council of recent progress by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario on the Highway 400-404 Link (commonly known as the Bradford Bypass). On [September 24, 2020](#), staff received a notice of commencement for the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study.

### **The approved alignment for the Highway 400-404 Link was established through a 2002 Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study**

The approved alignment for the Highway 400-404 Link, established through a 2002 Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, is shown in Attachment 1. Within York Region, the highway alignment is located in the Town of East Gwillimbury and the north-east corner of the Township of King. The Highway 400-404 Link connects to Highway 404 between Queensville Sideroad and Holborn Road. A full interchange at Bathurst Street and a partial interchange at Leslie Street are planned in York Region.

### **Council has long-advocated for the Highway 400–404 Link**

The Region has long advocated for the Highway 400-404 Link, the planning of which dates back to the early 1990's and publication of an Environmental Assessment Proposal by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario in 1993.

Council advocacy for the Province of Ontario to move forward with implementation includes the [March 2008](#) Planning and Economic Development Committee report, Need for Bradford Bypass. Council stressed the urgent need for action on the Highway 400-404 Link, including

requests to add the Highway 400-404 Link into the Provincial Growth Plan and develop an implementation schedule.

### **June 2019, Council reiterated support for the Highway 400-404 Link**

In [June 2019](#), Council reiterated support for the Highway 400–404 Link and requested the Ministry of Transportation Ontario include the project in the next Southern Highways Program. The Highway 400-404 Link is one of the critical highway projects required to support Provincial Growth Plan population and employment objectives in York Region.

### **In August 2019, the Minister of Transportation announced the Province of Ontario will move forward with the Highway 400-404 Link**

On [August 29, 2020](#) staff advised Council of the announcement by the Minister of Transportation to move forward with the Highway 400-404 Link. The first step includes Preliminary Design and the Class Environmental Assessment Study, which has now commenced.

### **Staff will work with the Ministry of Transportation Ontario to ensure the Highway 400-404 Link can be implemented as soon as possible**

Staff will work with the Ministry of Transportation Ontario through the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study and report to Council at key milestones. Staff will also consult with local municipal staff to ensure local issues are addressed by the Study team. Timing for the start of construction has not been announced.

For more information, please contact Brian Titherington, Director of Transportation and Infrastructure Planning at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75901.

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