

MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Chair Emmerson and Members of Regional Council

From: Paul Jankowski
Commissioner of Transportation Services

Date: June 25, 2019

Re: Province Resumes Environmental Assessment for Greater Toronto Area West Highway Corridor

Further to the report considered at the [June 13, 2019](#) Committee of the Whole meeting which reiterated support for the Greater Toronto Area West Highway Corridor, this memorandum is to inform Council of the recent Provincial announcement to resume the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) West Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment (EA).

On June 20, 2019, the Minister of Transportation announced the Province has resumed the Environmental Assessment for the Greater Toronto Area West Transportation Corridor

The notice is included as Attachment 1.

The Province plans to present the Technically Preferred Route at a series of Public Information Centres in fall 2019 to provide an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the preferred route. The EA is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.

The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and the Independent Electricity System Operator have initiated a new study to identify an electricity transmission corridor to support western Greater Toronto Area

With the resumption of the GTA West Transportation Corridor EA, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and the Independent Electricity System Operator are no longer proceeding with the Northwest GTA Corridor Identification Study.

The Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and the Independent Electricity System Operator are initiating a new study to identify an adjacent electricity transmission corridor to support growing demand for electricity in the western Greater Toronto Area. More information on the Northwest Greater Toronto Area Transmission Corridor Identification Study can be found on the [Independent Electricity System Operator](#) website.

Paul Jankowski
Commissioner of Transportation Services

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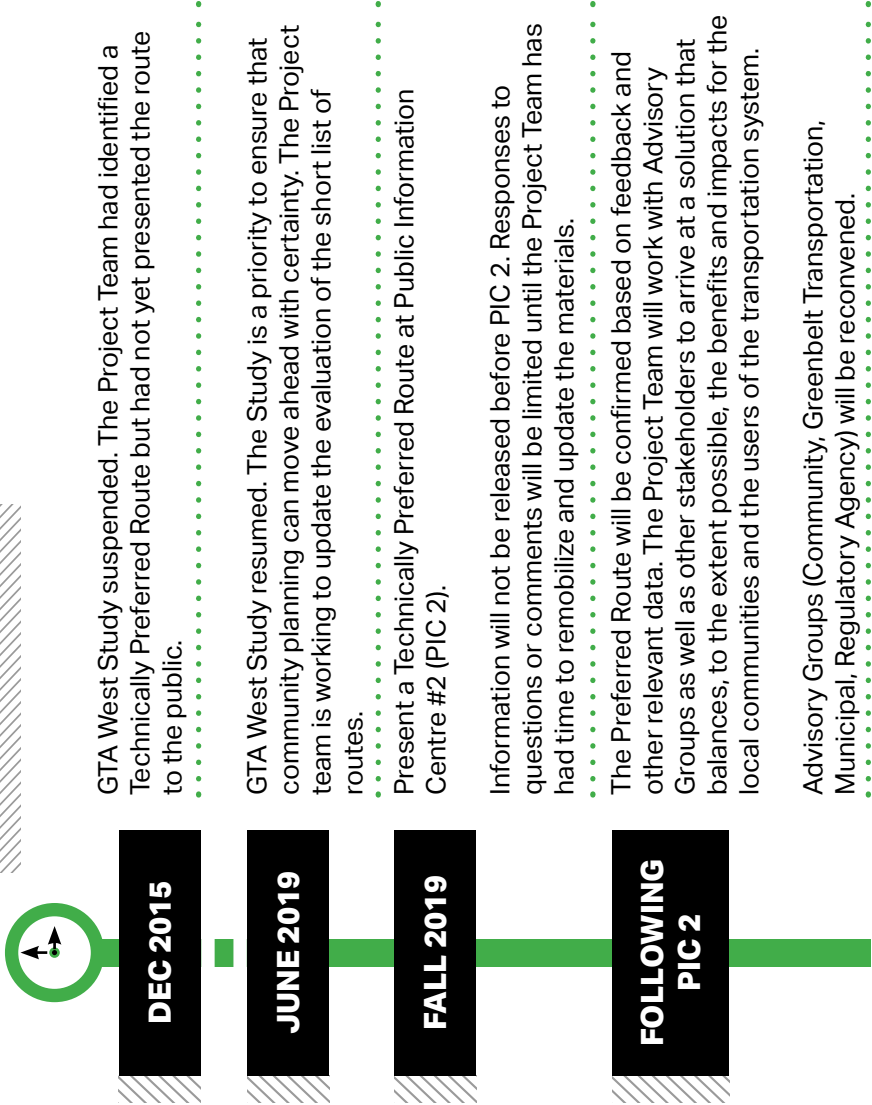
THE GTA WEST STUDY HAS RESUMED

In June 2019 the Minister of Transportation resumed the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study [<https://news.ontario.ca/mto/en/2019/06/ontario-resumes-environmental-assessment-for-greater-toronto-area-west-highway-corridor.html>].

The GTA West Study is focusing on the planning and preliminary design of a new multimodal transportation corridor that includes a 400-series highway, transitway, and potential goods movement priority features.

The Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) is an economic driver for the province and addressing transportation needs in the GGH is essential to the competitiveness of our economy. The need for the GTA West Study remains and is strengthened by the GGH growth forecasts, reflecting more people and jobs by 2041.

Protecting a multimodal transportation corridor supports growing communities –it is good practice to do long-range planning for areas under development pressure.



NORTHWEST GTA CORRIDOR IDENTIFICATION STUDY

With the resumption of the GTA West Study, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) are no longer proceeding with the Northwest GTA Corridor Identification Study. In addition, the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and IESO have initiated a new study to identify an adjacent electricity transmission corridor to support growing demand for electricity in the western GTA. For more information on the Northwest GTA Transmission Corridor Identification Study, please visit: <http://www.ieso.ca/Get-Involved/Regional-Planning/GTA-and-Central-Ontario/Northwest-GTA>.

FOCUSED ANALYSIS AREA

The 2015 Focused Analysis Area (2015 FAA) that was in place at the time of suspension of the GTA West Study is back in effect. The 2015 FAA defines which properties continue to be within an area of interest as the study progresses. You can view the 2015 FAA at www.gta-west.com. A reduced FAA will be presented at PIC 2 in Fall 2019.



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