Norval West Bypass Transportation Corridor Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

Highway 7 to 10 Side Road (Regional Road 10) & 10 Side Road from Tenth Line to Winston Churchill Boulevard/Adamson Street (Regional Road 19) Town of Halton Hills

> Public Information Centre #2 January 31 to February 28, 2024



About this Public Information Centre

Purpose of this presentation

Introduce the study

Study schedule/Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process

Review the information presented at PIC #1

Review road alignment design alternatives

Present preliminary preferred design for Norval West Bypass and 10 Side Road

Opportunities to provide community feedback and next steps

About this Public Information Centre (PIC)

How to get involved



Watch the PIC videos and/or review the presentation.



Provide comments and feedback through our online survey by February 28, 2024.



Visit the <u>Municipal Class Environmental Assessment studies webpage</u> on halton.ca.



Contact Halton Region Project Manager, Jessica Passingham at <u>Jessica.Passingham@halton.ca</u> to join the study mailing list or provide feedback in an alternate manner.

What is the focus of this Study?

- Halton Region is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study to assess the need for a new Norval West Bypass between Highway 7 and 10 Side Road. It also considers improvements to 10 Side Road between Tenth Line and Adamson Street/Winston Churchill Boulevard.
- The Norval West Bypass is part of an overall solution to improve travel in the community of Norval. It is part of the overall Halton/Peel Boundary Area Transportation improvements.
- The purpose of the Norval West Bypass is to:
 - Relieve truck traffic and travel demand on Highway 7 through the community of Norval.
 - Provide a north-south connection through the future Southeast Georgetown Secondary Plan area that connects Highway 7 to 10 Side Road



Study Process and Schedule

- The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment is a planning and approval process for municipal infrastructure that follows Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*.
- This study has been identified as a Schedule 'C' project and will follow Phases 1 through 4 of the MCEA process.



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Video 2 - Background

Public Information Centre #1 Summary

- The first Public Information Centre was held online from November 19 to December 18, 2020 to present information and receive public input on:
 - existing conditions including key features such as cultural heritage, natural environment and transportation conditions;
 - \circ transportation problems and opportunities; and
 - the preferred corridor concept solution for a new corridor from Highway 7 to 10 Side Road and improvements to 10 Side Road from Tenth Line to Winston Churchill Boulevard.







Preferred Road Corridor Concept presented at Public Information Centre #1

- supports the need for greater connectivity/mobility and is consistent with the approved Halton/Peel Boundary Area Transportation Study (2010) and Halton Region Transportation Master Plan (2011);
- highest potential benefit to accommodate future travel demand requirements and potential to decrease travel demand within/through the Hamlet of Norval by redistributing traffic;
- minimizes impacts to the natural, cultural, and socio-economic environments; and
- compatible with the existing road network and is consistent with the approved Region of Peel and Halton Region Winston Churchill Boulevard MCEA Study (2005).



Concept B2 was identified as Preferred at PIC 1

What we heard at Public Information Centre #1

Key Public Information Centre #1 comments:

- More than 120 comments were received from the public and stakeholders
- Majority of comments were related to noise impacts, cultural heritage resources, active transportation, and streetscaping opportunities.

After Public Information Centre #1:

- reviewed comments and added answers to frequently asked questions to study webpage on halton.ca;
- analyzed and evaluated road alignment alternatives;
- consulted with technical agencies and stakeholders;
- coordinated with the Town of Halton Hills Southeast Georgetown Secondary Plan; and
- identified draft preliminary preferred design for public input.

Town of Halton Hills Southeast Georgetown Secondary Plan

The Town of Halton Hills is preparing a Secondary Plan for the Southeast Georgetown area. The Secondary Plan overlaps with the Norval West Bypass Transportation Corridor Improvements study area.

The Secondary Plan has identified a preliminary preferred land use plan for the area. Please refer to the Town of Halton Hills's website for more information.

https://letstalkhaltonhills.ca/southeast-georgetown-secondary-plan

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Video 3 - Road Alignment Alternatives

Process for Developing Recommended Solution

Road Cross-Section

Arrangement of roadway elements including travel lanes and active transportation.

Road Corridor Concepts

Options for where the road corridor might be located.

Road Alignment

Options for the alignment of the roadway within the corridor where there is flexibility to avoid constraints.

Road Design Features

Intersection development and consideration of modifications to the typical crosssection and alignment in constrained areas.

Preliminary Design

Represents a combination of all design components in addition to streetscape design to create the preliminary plan.

Presented at PIC 1

Being presented at PIC 2

Road Corridor Concepts - Key Considerations

As outlined in video #2, concept B2 was selected as the preferred corridor concept. The Norval West Bypass Corridor and 10 Side Road preliminary design alignments were developed in consideration of:

- Connections to Highway 7 and 10 Side Road;
- The existing 17 metre grade change over 90 metres between Highway 7 and the Southeast Georgetown Secondary Plan area; and
- Minimizing impacts to key features.



Road Alignment - Design Alternatives Overview

There are three road components to the design alternatives that have been developed and evaluated for this study:

1. Norval West Bypass

Considered road alignments within Road Corridor Concept B

2. Highway 7 Intersection

Developed intersection configurations

3. 10 Side Road

Developed intersection configurations

The following slides will present the design alternatives carried forward for evaluation.

Design Considerations and Opportunities

- Supports north-south travel
- Maximizes corridor opportunities while minimizing impacts
 - Provides for cycling and pedestrians along the corridor including protection at intersections
 - Accommodates all road users including trucks and farm equipment
 - Minimizes impacts to properties
- Integrates with the Southeast Georgetown Secondary Plan
- Minimizes impacts to key features (such as natural and cultural features)
- Considers drainage, stormwater management, and flood storage
- Considers major utilities

Road Alignment Design Alternatives



Highway 7 Intersection Alternatives

The Highway 7 and Norval West Bypass intersection design alternatives for evaluation are illustrated below.

Intersection Alternative 1



T-intersection with Highway 7 traffic continuing straight

Intersection Alternative 2



T-intersection with new Norval West Bypass traffic continuing straight to/from Highway 7

Intersection Alternative 3



Introduce a roundabout for all traffic to navigate.

Evaluation of Highway 7 Intersection Alternatives

Intersection Alternative 1



- ✓ Provides acceptable future Level of Service C.
- ✓ Accommodates pedestrians and cyclists.
- Has impacts to frontage of properties with Cultural Heritage Value or Interest along Highway 7.
- Limits access opportunities to adjacent properties.
- Requires widening of Silver Creek Bridge.
 Widening will have impacts to the natural environment.

Intersection Alternative 2



- ✓ Provides acceptable future Level of Service C.
- ✓ Accommodates pedestrians and cyclists.
- Fewer impacts to frontage of properties with Cultural Heritage Value or Interest along Highway 7.
- Limits access opportunities to adjacent properties.
- Requires widening of Silver Creek Bridge.
 Widening will have impacts to the natural environment.

Intersection Alternative 3



- Provides acceptable future Level of Service A.
- Accommodates pedestrians and cyclists.
- Fewer impacts to frontage of properties with Cultural Heritage Value or Interest along Highway 7.
- Potential to improve access opportunities to adjacent properties.
- ✓ Does not require widening of Silver Creek Bridge.

Carried Forward

Preferred Highway 7 Intersection - Alternative 3



* Locations of crossings and overall roundabout configuration are subject to MTO review and approval

10 Side Road Intersection Alternatives

A new intersection will be created at the Norval West Bypass and 10 Side Road. Two roundabout alternatives for the 10 Side Road and Norval West Bypass intersection are shown below.



*These intersection alternatives protect for the potential future Winston Churchill Bypass, subject to a future separate MCEA Study.

Design Alternatives Overview



Evaluation of Design Alternatives

The evaluation criteria is listed below:



Socio-Economic Environment

- traffic noise
- air quality
- light pollution
- property impacts

Cultural Environment

- archeological resources
- cultural heritage resources

Natural Environment

- surface water and groundwater
- natural heritage features such as ecosystems, wildlife, species-at-risk, fish and fish habitat, drainage features



Engineering / Technical

- constructability
- existing utilities



- road geometry
- access to adjacent properties
- active transportation



• estimated capital costs

Evaluation of Design Alternatives

The evaluation of Design Alternatives is presented below. Each Alignment was evaluated using the Preferred Highway 7 Roundabout alternative.

FACTORS	Norval West Bypass Alternative B1 10 Side Road Alternative 1	Norval West Bypass Alternative B2 10 Side Road Alternative 1	Norval West Bypass Alternative B3 10 Side Road Alternative 2
Cultural Resources	Most preferred	Moderately preferred	Moderately preferred
Socio-Economic Environment	Moderately preferred	Moderately preferred	Most preferred
Transportation	Moderately preferred	Moderately preferred	Most preferred
Natural Environment	Moderately preferred	Most preferred	Most preferred
Engineering / Technical Considerations	Moderately preferred	Moderately preferred	Most preferred
Preliminary Cost Estimate	No preference	No preference	No preference
OVERALL SUMMARY	MODERATELY PREFERRED	MODERATELY PREFERRED	MOST PREFERRED

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Video 4 - Preliminary Preferred Alternative and Next Steps

Preliminary Preferred Design Plan and Profile

Mitigation of the grading limits will be achieved through grading and retaining walls (size of walls are subject to future geotechnical investigation in detailed design)

> Existing Ground

Highway 7

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Cross-Section Elements – Norval West Bypass and 10 Side Road



Norval West Bypass Conceptual Only Rendering Looking North at the Highway 7 Roundabout



Norval West Bypass Conceptual Only Rendering Aerial View of the Preliminary Preferred Design



Preliminary Mitigation Measures

- Based on the impacts, preliminary mitigation measures will be recommended in the Environmental Study Report along with commitments for future work.
- These measures will be based on Halton Region policies, standards and best practices as well as regulatory agency requirements and conditions of approval.
- Preliminary mitigation measures will be refined during the future detailed design phase.

Study Milestones



Next Steps in the Study

Following this Public Information Centre, the Project Team will:

- Review and consider feedback from agencies, • stakeholders, Indigenous Communities, and the public;
- Prepare the Environmental Study Report to document the study decision making process and recommendations; and
- Publish the Notice of Study Completion and begin ٠ the 30-day Environmental Study Report review period.

How to stay involved:



Online survey Provide your feedback by February 28, 2024

Study webpage

Learn more about the project at **halton.ca**

Contact the Project Team

Reach out to the Project Manager



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