

Regional Municipality of York

# Appendix 7C

## Notice of Commencement



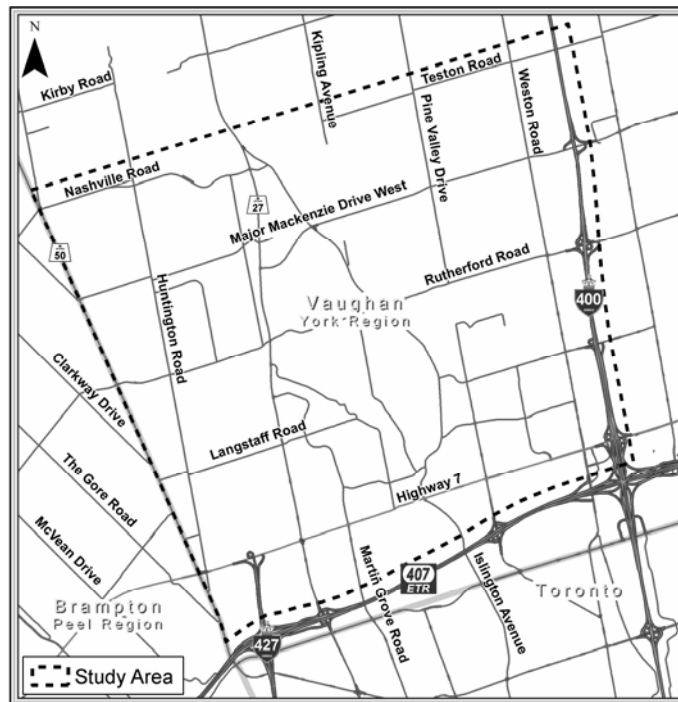
## The Regional Municipality of York

### NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

#### Western Vaughan Transportation Improvements Individual Environmental Assessment

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) has started the Western Vaughan Transportation Improvements Individual Environmental Assessment. The study is being undertaken by York Region with assistance from a consultant team led by UMA.

The purpose of this study is to identify potential transportation improvements in the south-west corner of the City of Vaughan to support planned growth to the year 2031. The study will cover the area east of Highway 50 to Highway 400, and south of Teston Road to Highway 407.



This study is being undertaken in accordance with the Terms of Reference approved by the Minister of the Environment in February 2006. A copy of the approved Terms of Reference is available for your information on the project website: [www.york.ca/westvaughaniea](http://www.york.ca/westvaughaniea).

Public involvement is an important part of the Individual Environmental Assessment process. As a result, an extensive consultation program is planned including Public Consultation Centres. The first round of Public Consultation Centres is planned for early 2008. Notification of the Public Consultation Centres including the dates, times and locations will be published in local newspapers and posted on the project website at the appropriate time.

Expressions of interest are being sought from individuals who represent an organization or association with a direct interest in this study for participation in the Community Stakeholder Advisory

Committee. The terms of reference for the Committee are available for review on the project website.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the study, would like to be added to the mailing list, or would like further information, please visit the project website or contact one of the following project managers:

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*Thank you for your participation in this study*



November 9, 2007

Dear Sir/Madam:

Subject: **Notice of Study Commencement  
Western Vaughan Transportation Improvements Individual Environmental  
Assessment**

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) has started the Western Vaughan Transportation Improvements Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA). The study is being undertaken by a consultant team led by UMA Engineering Ltd on behalf of York Region.

The purpose of this study is to identify potential transportation improvements in southwest Vaughan to support planned growth to the year 2031. The study will cover the area east of Highway 50 to Highway 400, and south of Teston Road to Highway 407 (please see accompanying map).

This study is being undertaken in accordance with the Terms of Reference approved by the Minister of the Environment in February 2006. A copy of the approved Terms of Reference is available for your information on the project website: [www.york.ca/westvaughaniaea](http://www.york.ca/westvaughaniaea). As a result, the following major activities will be carried out over the next couple of years in consultation with review agencies and the public:

- *Identification of the transportation problems within the study area*
- *Establish an inventory of the natural, social, and cultural environments within the study area*
- *Evaluation of the identified alternatives for addressing the transportation problems leading to a preferred alternative*
- *Develop and evaluate the different methods or ways of implementing the preferred alternative*
- *Carry out a detailed assessment of the potential effects including development of appropriate mitigation measures for addressing the identified effects*
- *Prepare the EA Report for submission to the Minister of the Environment for review and approval*

Public involvement is an important part of the Individual Environmental Assessment process. As a result, an extensive consultation program is planned including Public Consultation Centres (PCCs) at key points throughout the Individual Environmental Assessment process. The first round of Public Consultation Centres is planned for early 2008.

Notification of the Public Consultation Centres including the dates, times and locations will be published in local newspapers and posted on the project website at the appropriate time.

Participation is important and we welcome everyone's input. Comments and information are being collected to assist York Region in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. This material will be maintained, on file, for use during the Individual Environmental Assessment process and may be included in documentation. Information

collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the study, would like to be added to the mailing list, or would like further information, please visit the project website or contact one of the following project managers:

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# APPENDIX A - STUDY AREA

