

INFORMATION NOTE

QEW / DIXIE ROAD INTERCHANGE

Issues Arising from MPP Community Event

Statement from MTO:

- *Thank you for your continued interest in the QEW improvements, including the reconfiguration of the Dixie Road Interchange.*
- *As per the next steps presented at the community meeting held on June 15, 2016, MTO is currently assessing potential feasible alternatives related to the stormwater management between Dixie Rd to Etobicoke Creek. Alternatives will consider community feedback received in the meeting, MTO's standard practices and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) requirements.*
- *We are pleased to report that work is well underway. MTO is currently examining several alternatives developed by the third party consultant. MTO will consult with the MOECC on alternatives as part of the review process.*
- *The local community will be provided with an update as new information becomes available, and the information will be posted on the project website (www.qewdixieea.ca)*

Current Status

- The ministry is currently reviewing the options developed by the consultant and will provide an information package to MOECC, the approving agency. It is anticipated that the package will be delivered to MOECC later this week - likely October 7, 2016.
- A meeting will be arranged to discuss the alternatives with MOECC in the coming weeks.
- The following is posted on the project website (www.qewdixieea.ca)

*"In light of the many benefits associated with the proposed QEW improvements, including the reconfiguration of the Dixie Road Interchange, MTO is moving forward with the detail design phase of the project and field investigations, **except in relation to stormwater management ponds (SWMP). Detail design and investigation work on stormwater management ponds (SWMP) has been deferred at this time until additional preliminary design work on feasible SWMP locations is completed and ready to be communicated to the public.**"*

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Details/Background:

The Project:

- MTO has undertaken the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study to examine rehabilitation and improvement needs for the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) from Evans Avenue to Cawthra Road, including the Dixie Road Interchange.
- Recommendations include a new full interchange, improvements to the QEW by adding auxiliary lanes and replacement of the bridges at Etobicoke Creek and Dixie Road. The recommended plan was developed through a technical analysis that considered transportation, social, natural and economic issues.
- The preliminary design and environmental assessment include enhanced consultation with the City, Region, residents, local businesses and other stakeholders such as the MOECC, Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the City of Mississauga. Three Public Information Centres, three Community Workshops and two Community Information Sessions were held at key study stages.
- The need, justification and analysis of the proposed stormwater ponds were presented to the public and agencies for review and comment at Public information Centre (PIC) #3 and Community Workshop (CW) #3. This information was also documented in the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR).

Stormwater Pond:

- Highway drainage and stormwater management requirements are set out in the Ontario Environmental Protection Act; Ontario Water Resources Act; and Water Management Policies, Guidelines and Provincial Water Quality Objectives (PWQO) of the MOECC; and the MOECC Stormwater Management Planning and Design Manual (March, 2003).
- The TESR documenting the recommended plan for the rehabilitation & improvements of the QEW from Evans Ave. to Cawthra Road project was submitted to MOECC for a 30 day public review which ended on February 16, 2016.
- One Part II Order (bump up request) was received by MOECC objecting to the location of one of the two stormwater management ponds.
- The TESR is currently on hold and MOECC, the approving agency, is awaiting MTO's review of stormwater management alternatives.

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Next Steps:

- Engage MOECC staff, as approving agency, for endorsement of additional analysis and revised stormwater management plan.
- Provide the local community with updates as new information becomes available.