

The "Welcome and Study Context" and "PIC #2 Summary" provide a quick overview of the PIC material - VISIT THE RESPECTIVE GROUP FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



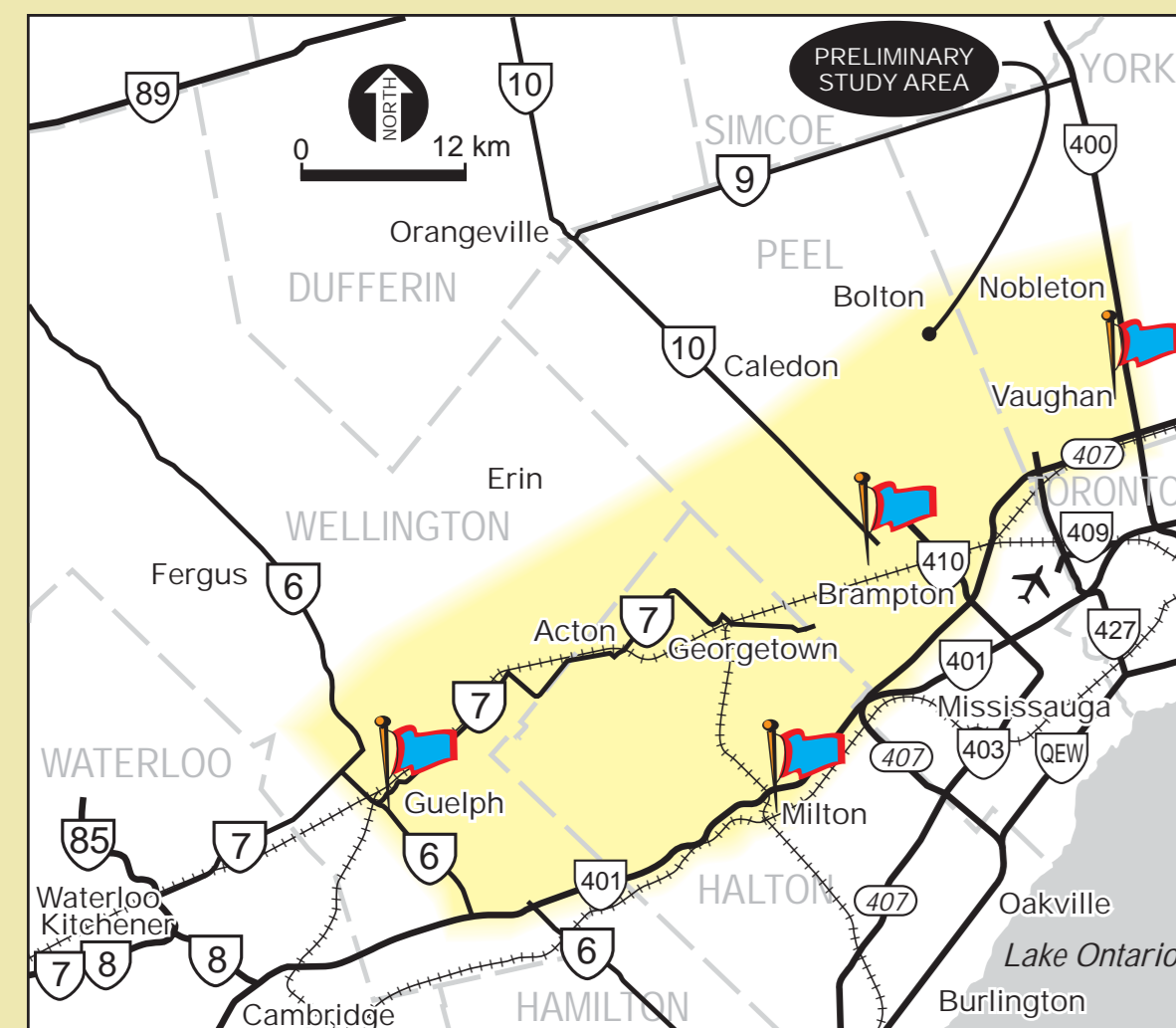
Welcome & Study Context

Study Purpose

To proactively plan for future infrastructure needs by examining long-term transportation problems and opportunities to the year 2031 and consider options to provide better linkages between *Urban Growth Centres* in the GTA West Corridor Preliminary Study Area, including Downtown Guelph, Downtown Milton, Brampton City Centre and Vaughan Corporate Centre as identified in the *Growth Plan*.

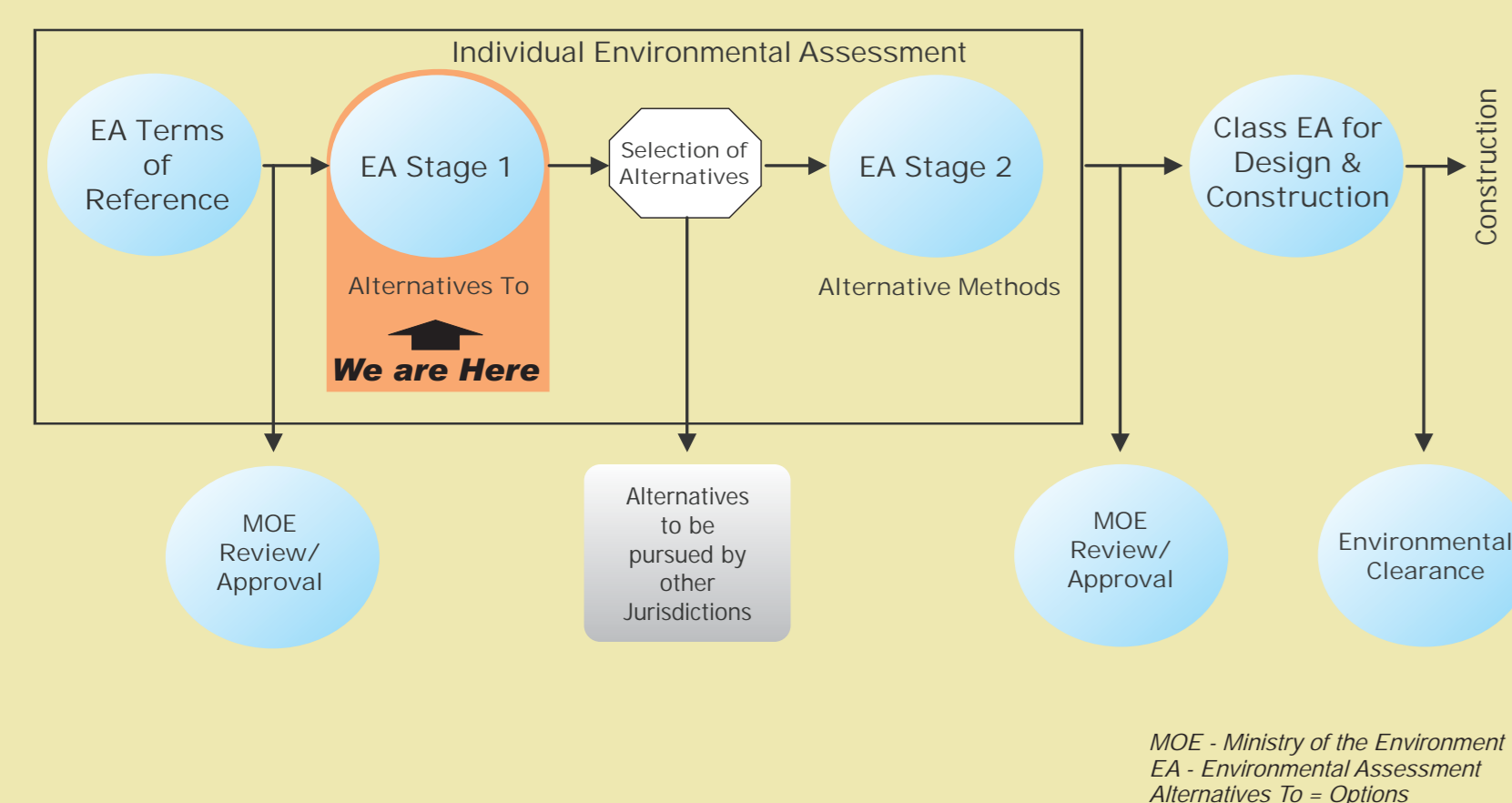
The study includes:

- Examining the need for additional transportation capacity
- Identifying transportation problems and opportunities
- Developing, assessing, and evaluating transportation system options (all modes) to address identified problems and opportunities
- Recommending a Transportation Development Strategy for the corridor



Study Process

The Study Process was approved by the Ministry of the Environment in March 2008 as a part of the Terms of Reference document.



Focus of Public Information Centre (PIC) #2

We encourage you to get involved in this study.

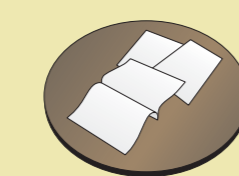
At this PIC you can view the work that is currently in progress:

- Study Goals and Objectives
- An Overview of Environmental Conditions and Constraints
- An Overview of Transportation and Economic Conditions/Trends
- Summary of Transportation Problems and Opportunities
- Process Towards Developing Area Transportation System Options

Greenbelt Plan

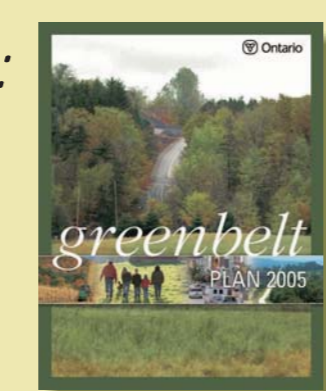
The Project Team will fully integrate the goals, objectives and policy requirements of the *Greenbelt Plan* into the GTA West Planning and EA study process in accordance with the infrastructure policies set out in the *Greenbelt Plan*, including:

- Optimize, where practical, the existing capacity and coordination with different infrastructure services
- Avoid key natural heritage features or key hydrologic features unless need has been demonstrated and it has been established that there is no reasonable alternative
- Minimize, wherever possible, the amount of the Greenbelt, and particularly the Natural Heritage System, traversed and/or occupied by infrastructure
- Minimize, wherever possible, the negative impacts and disturbance of the existing landscape



Reference Table:

See the *Greenbelt Plan Report* at the Reference Table.



Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH)

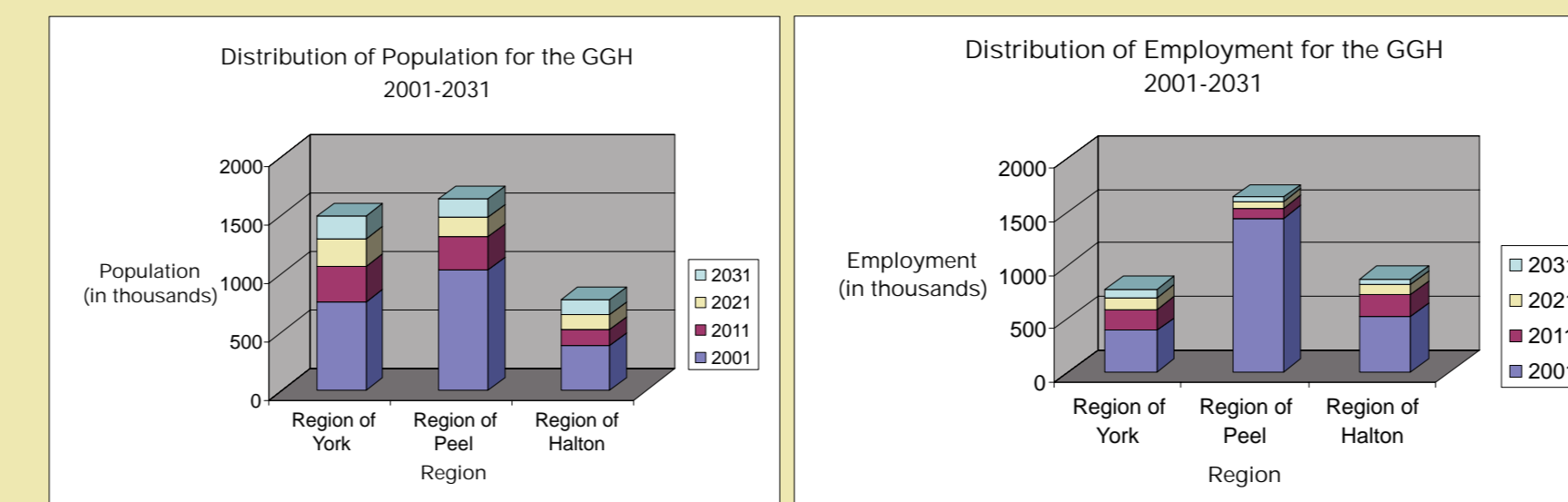
The *Growth Plan* (approved June 2006) represents a "planning vision" for the Province of Ontario and outlines a set of policies for managing growth and also developing and guiding planning decisions in the GGH over the next 30 years.

- Revitalize downtown areas
- Create complete communities
- Curb urban sprawl
- Reduce traffic gridlock by improving access to a greater range of transportation options
- Provide greater choice in housing types

The *Growth Plan* contains the following transportation policies:

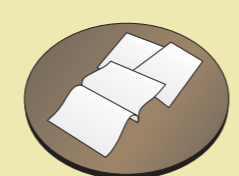
- Provide connectivity among transportation modes
- Offer a balance of transportation choices to promote sustainable modes
- Encourage the most financially and environmentally appropriate mode
- Offer multi-modal access to everyday needs
- Provide for the safety of system users

Context of Growth Plan



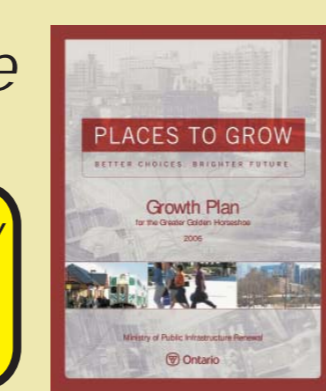
There will be growth
The population of the GGH will grow from 7.8 to 11.5 million by 2031
Employment in the GGH will grow from 3.8 to 5.6 million by 2031
(Source: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2006)

We must plan for the future
This growth will lead to more commuter, tourism and freight trips. We must plan to accommodate these additional trips more efficiently
The *Growth Plan* provides a framework for planning and infrastructure investments



Reference Table:

See *Places to Grow Report* at the Reference Table.



The *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* is "a framework for implementing the Government of Ontario's vision for building stronger, prosperous communities by better managing growth in this region to 2031".
(Source: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2006)

Context of Major Federal, Provincial and Regional Transportation Initiatives

Ontario-Quebec Continental Gateway & Trade Corridor
Ontario, Quebec and the federal government are working with the private sector and key public sector stakeholders to develop an infrastructure, policy and regulatory strategy to support international trade through the Continental Gateway (for the short, medium, and longer term)

Windsor-Quebec High Speed Rail
On January 11, 2008, the Governments of Ontario, Quebec and Canada announced the initiative to consider developing a new high speed rail service between Windsor and Quebec

Metrolinx - *The Big Move* (November 2008)
Metrolinx has developed *The Big Move*, an integrated multi-modal transportation plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) to support the *Growth Plan*
The Big Move addresses all forms of transportation - roads, transit, cycling and walking

Reference Table:

See *The Big Move, NGTA Corridor Planning and EA Study and GO 2020 Reports* at the Reference Table.

GO Transit Strategic Plan
GO Transit released its Strategic Plan - *GO 2020* in December 2008
GO 2020 is synchronized with both Metrolinx *The Big Move* and the *MoveOntario 2020* Provincial investment, and provides a framework for developing GO's capital and operating plans and budgets

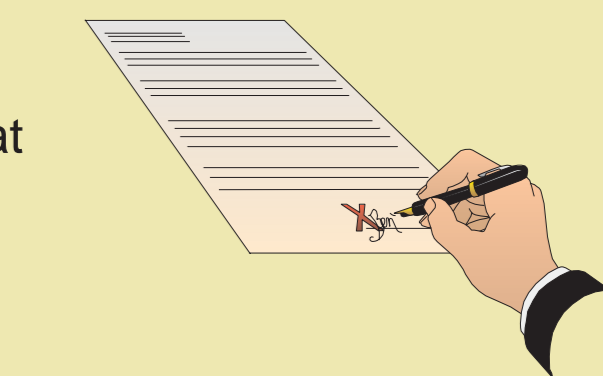
Niagara to GTA (NGTA) Corridor Planning and EA Study
The NGTA Corridor Planning and EA Study was initiated by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to address the need for additional capacity in the study area (includes parts of Halton, Hamilton, Niagara)

Grouping of PIC Content

The information presented at this PIC is organized in the following groups:

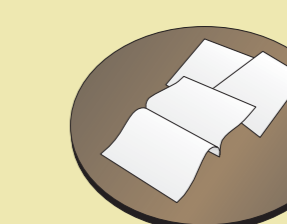
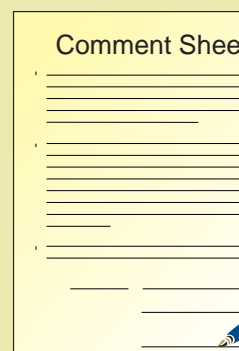
- Welcome and PIC #2 Summary
- Study Background & Existing Conditions
- Predicting Future Transportation Conditions
- Future Transportation Problems
- Next Steps

Don't forget to sign in at the Welcome Table.

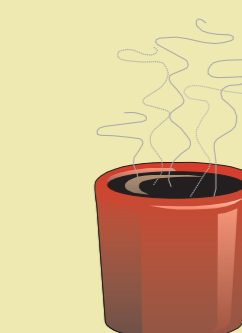


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Our Reference Table has copies of important documents including our recently released Draft Overview Reports and Terms of Reference.



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