

BULLETIN

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.



DEC 2015

GTA West Study suspended. The Project Team had identified a Technically Preferred Route but had not yet presented the route to the public.

JUNE 2019

GTA West Study resumed. The Study is a priority to ensure that community planning can move ahead with certainty. The Project team is working to update the evaluation of the short list of routes.

FALL 2019

Present a Technically Preferred Route at Public Information Centre #2 (PIC 2).

FOLLOWING PIC 2

Information will not be released before PIC 2. Responses to questions or comments will be limited until the Project Team has had time to remobilize and update the materials.

The Preferred Route will be confirmed based on feedback and other relevant data. The Project Team will work with Advisory Groups as well as other stakeholders to arrive at a solution that balances, to the extent possible, the benefits and impacts for the local communities and the users of the transportation system.

Advisory Groups (Community, Greenbelt Transportation, Municipal, Regulatory Agency) will be reconvened.

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.

