

Overview of Stage 1 and Stage 2

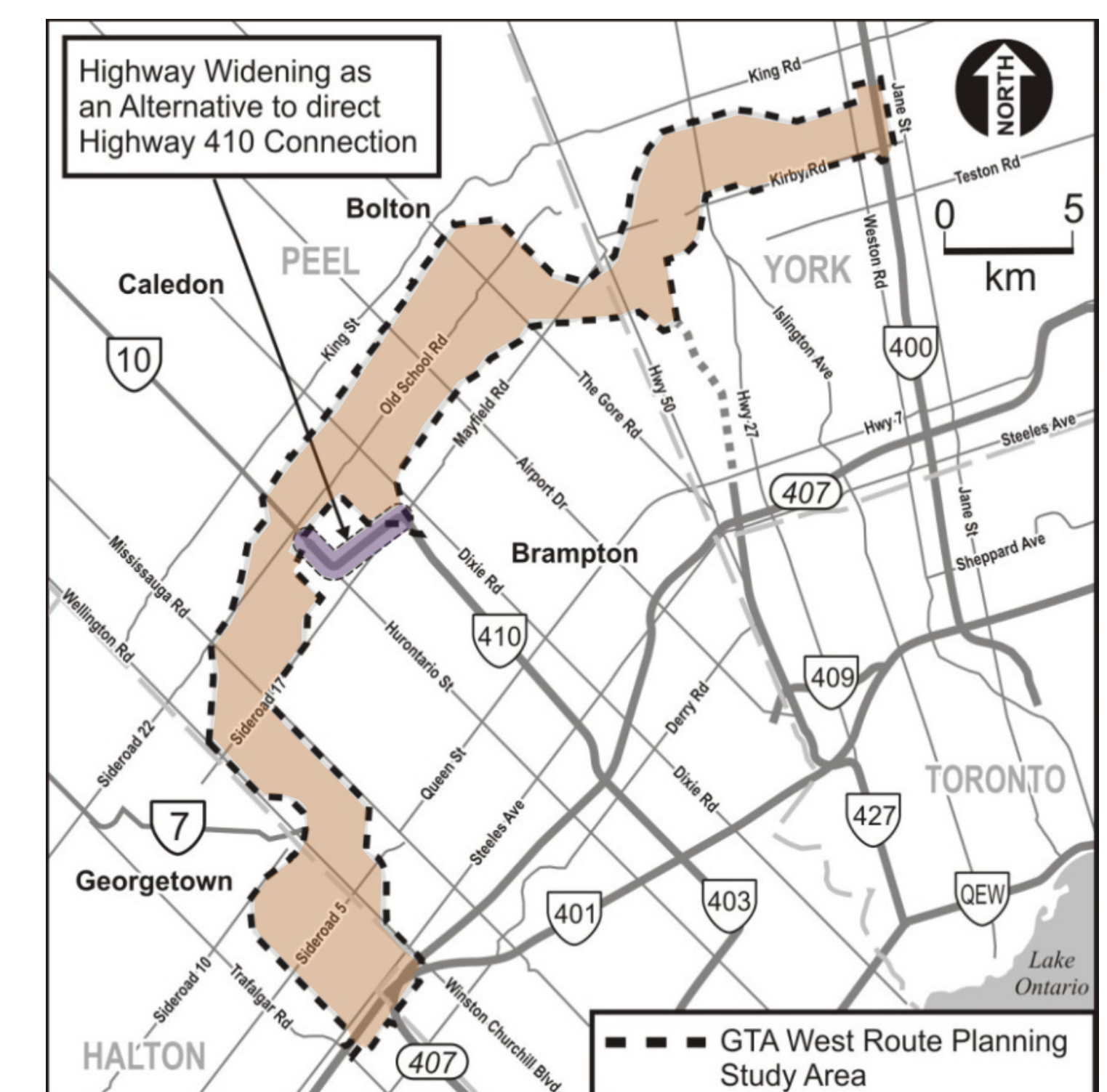
Stage 1

- Stage 1 was completed in November 2012. It recommended a multimodal strategy including:
 - Optimizing the existing transportation network
 - Improving non-roadway transportation modes such as transit and rail
 - Widening of existing highways
 - A new transportation corridor

The Ministry of Transportation is in the process of prioritizing the recommendations from Stage 1. Even with optimizing the existing transportation network, widening existing highways, and the transit expansion projects identified in Metrolinx' Regional Transportation Plan, additional road capacity is needed

Stage 2

- This study focuses on the recommendation for a new transportation corridor:
 - Extending from Highway 400 in the east to the Highway 401/407 ETR interchange area in the west
 - Includes a 400-series highway, transitway, and potential goods movement priority features



Need for Transportation Improvements

- **100,000 people and 80,000 jobs** will be added per year in the Greater Golden Horseshoe between 2011-2031
- This will result in approximately **1.5 million additional trips** (cars and trucks) per day in the GTA West study area by the year 2031
- Without changes, by 2031 the average commuter times are expected to increase by **27 minutes a day**



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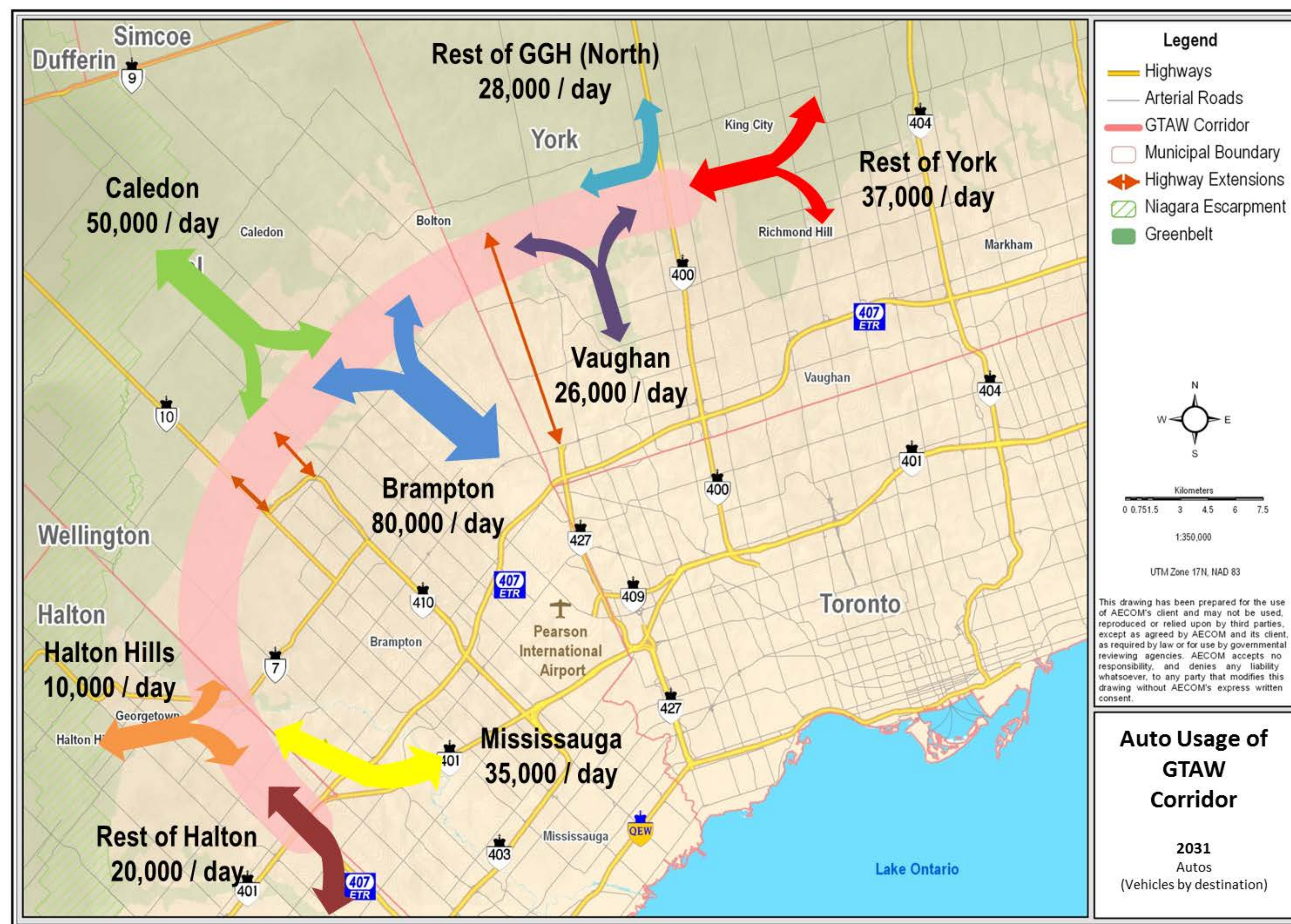
Opportunities and Benefits

- The GTA West transportation corridor will help address transportation problems, provide opportunities, and result in benefits for communities:
 - Help accommodate future travel demand
 - Reduce travel times for commuters and goods movement
 - Provide greater connectivity between urban growth centres
 - Provide better connections to residential and employment lands
 - Address the needs for goods movement in the west GTA and regions beyond
 - Provide greater economic vitality
 - Provide an alternate route in the event of an incident or road closure on local and regional roads



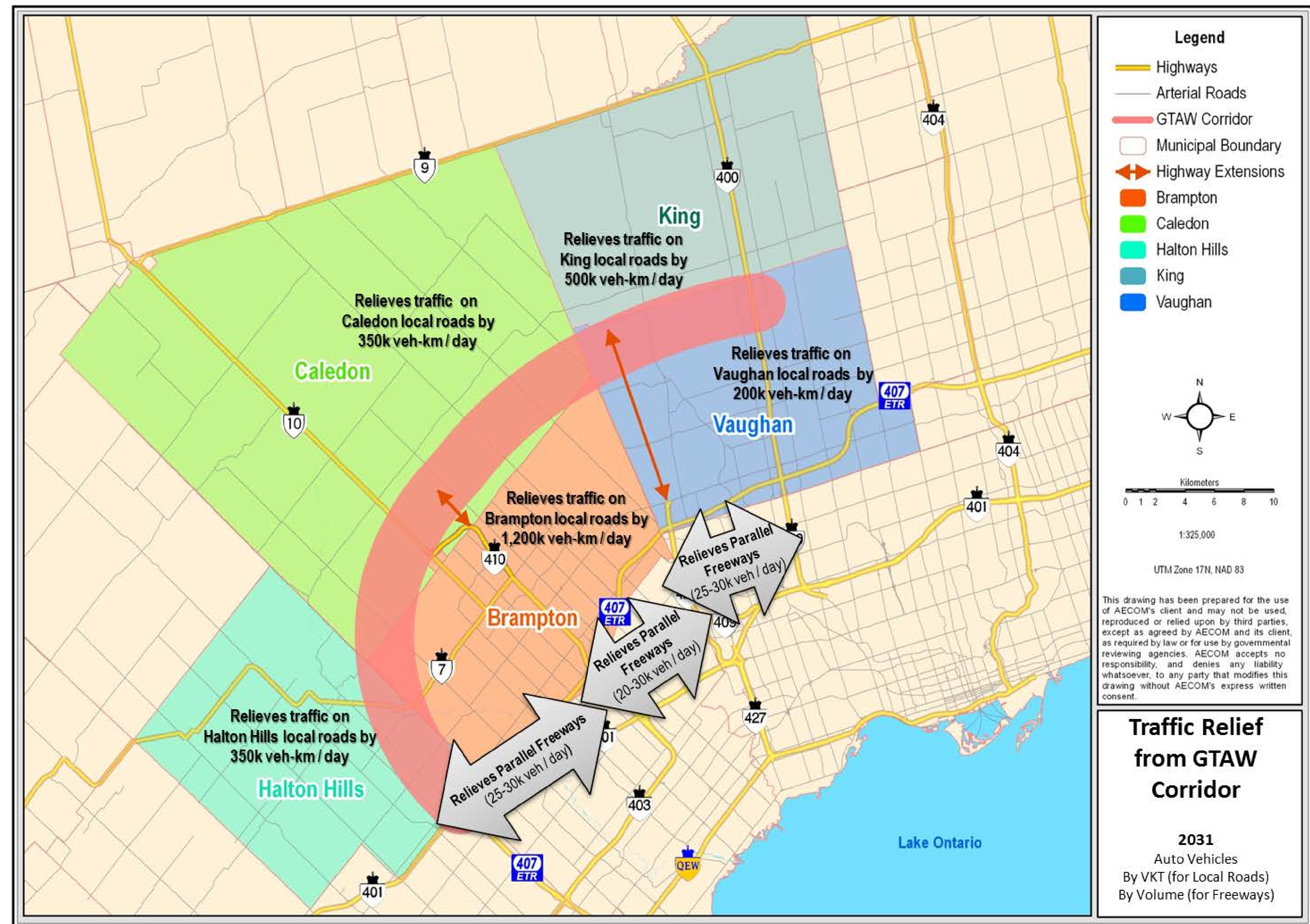
2031 Auto Usage of the GTA West Transportation Corridor

- The overall demand that would be served by the GTA West transportation corridor is **over 300,000 auto vehicles trips per day in 2031**

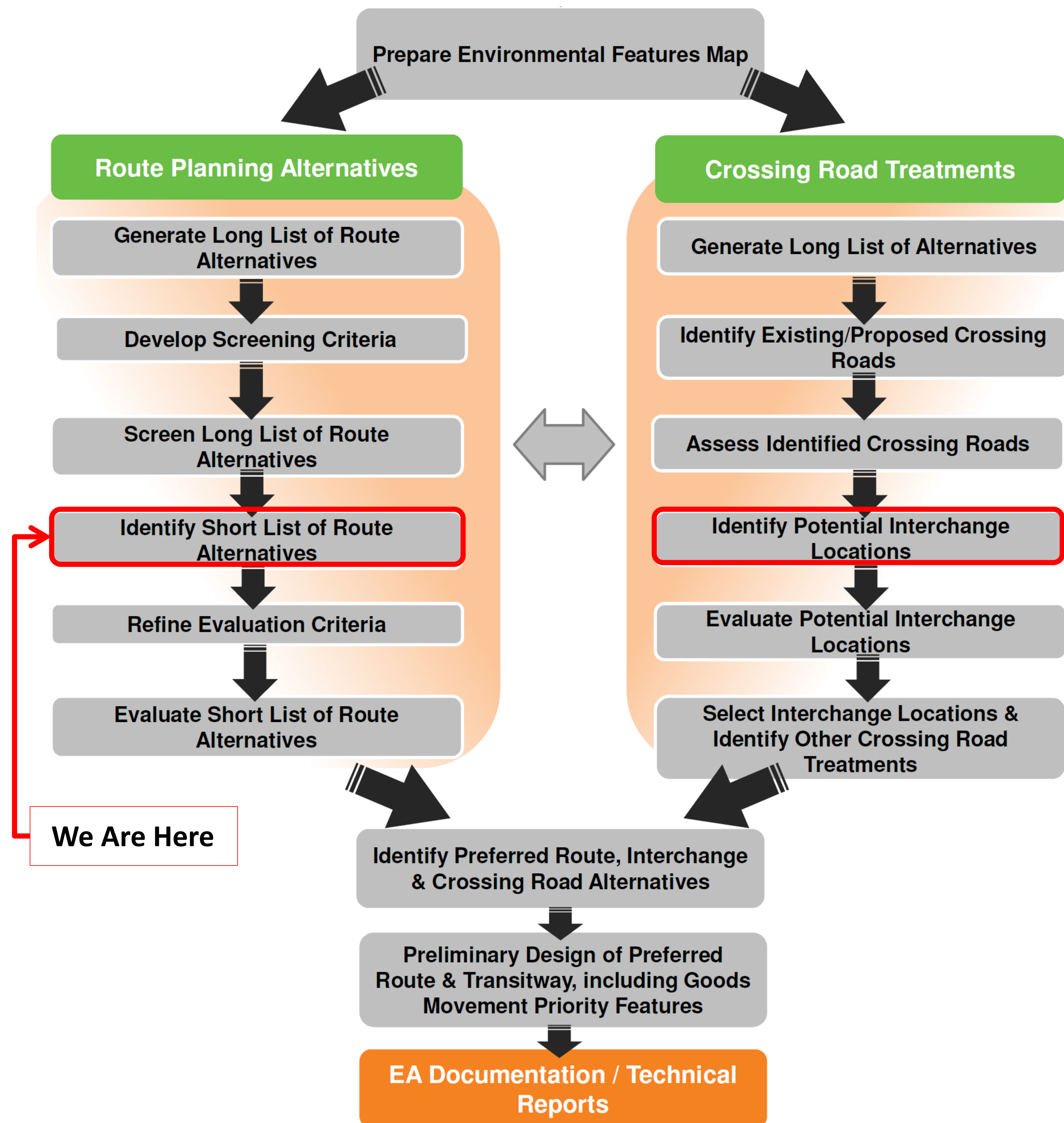


2031 Traffic Relief from the GTA West Transportation Corridor

- The potential benefits of the GTA West transportation corridor include relief of traffic on local roads and parallel highways

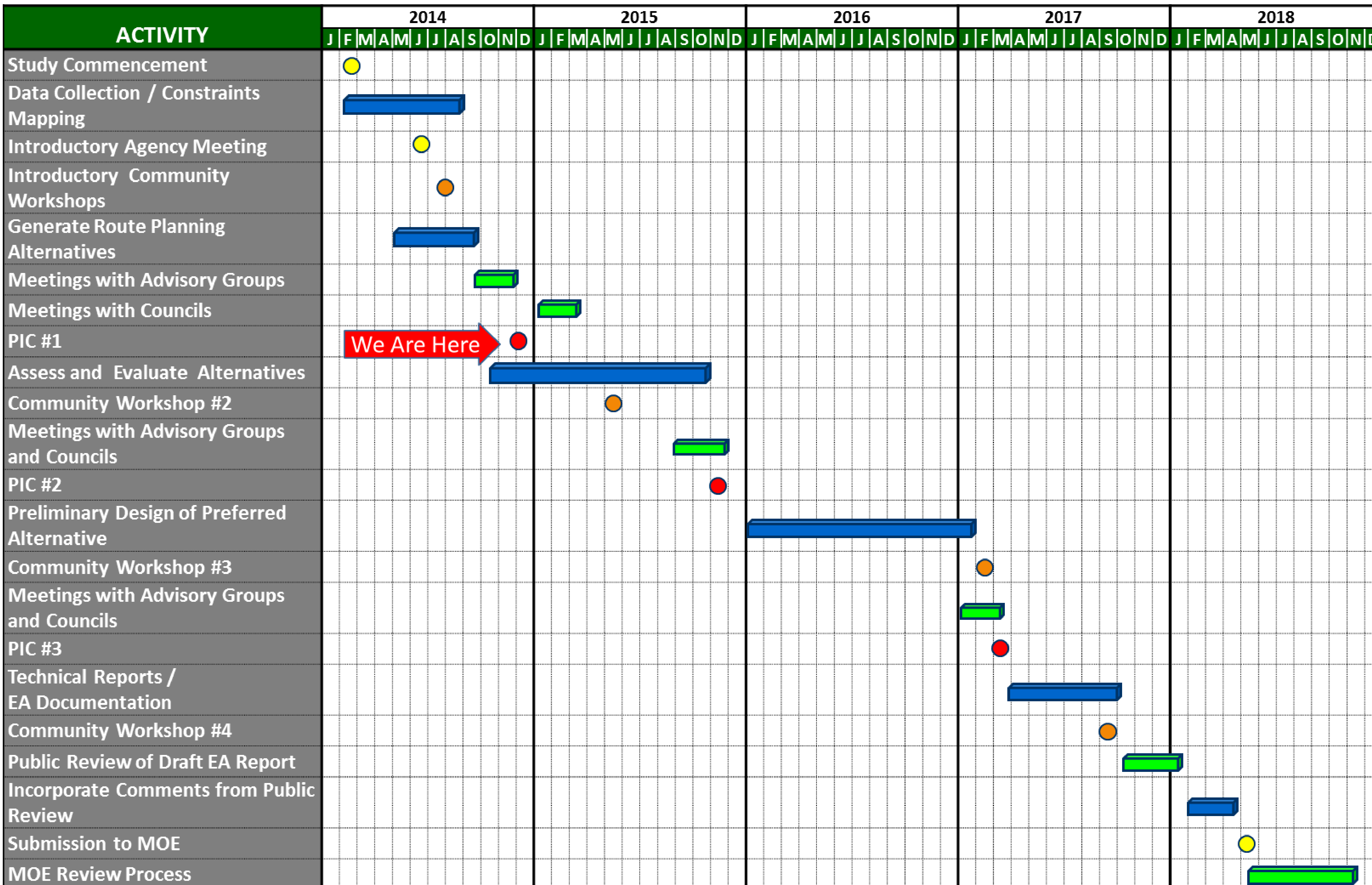


Stage 2 Planning Process



- The planning process has two parallel, connected streams:
 - The Route Planning Alternatives Stream** determines the preferred route for the new highway and transitway
 - The Crossing Road Alternatives Stream** determines which crossing roads will have interchanges, bridges, or closures, and the design of those elements
- The two streams will be combined to create a complete transportation corridor

Stage 2 Study Schedule



We Are Here

The GTA West Study is on schedule, as we move into 2015

Coordination with Other Studies

- Municipalities and other stakeholders may be conducting planning studies within MTO's GTA West Route Planning Study Area
 - The ultimate identification of the preferred route is the responsibility of the province of Ontario (MTO)
- If you see references to "GTA West", remember:
 - MTO is considering the findings of these other studies, however they are one consideration of many
 - MTO's GTA West Study Area is over 50 km long, includes 10 municipalities, and many environmental and community features to consider
 - As a result, MTO's recommendation may differ from those of other planning studies

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The GTA West Study at a Glance

Have you seen a variety of studies, reports, or maps referring to "GTA West"? How can you tell if the information is endorsed by the Ministry of Transportation? **Look for our Logo!**

What is the GTA West?

The GTA West Study is an Individual Environmental Assessment being carried out by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) for the route planning of a new 50 km transportation corridor between Highway 400 in the Region of York and Highway 401 in the Region of Halton. The new transportation corridor will include a 400-series highway, transitway, and potential goods movement priority features.

How are Other Studies Related?

Municipalities and others may be conducting studies within MTO's GTA West Route Planning Study Area (the Study Area). The planning for the GTA West transportation corridor and the identification of the preferred route is the responsibility of the province of Ontario (MTO).

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We Are Coming To Meet With You!

Public Information Centre #1 – Nov/Dec 2014
Community Workshop #2 – Spring 2015
[View the Route Alternatives](#)

Public Information Centre #2 – Fall/Winter 2015
Community Workshop #3 – Winter/Spring 2017
[View the Preferred Route](#)

Public Information Centre #3 – Spring 2017
Community Workshop #4 – Summer/Fall 2017
[View the Preliminary Design](#)

★ EA Completion – 2018



Next Steps

- Review and respond to comments received at PIC #1
 - Please submit your comments by January 12, 2015
- Evaluate the short list of route alternatives with your input
 - Community Workshop #2 (Spring 2015)
 - Meetings with Advisory Groups (Fall/Winter 2015)
- Present the preferred route at PIC #2 (Fall/Winter 2015)
- Present the preliminary design of the preferred route at PIC #3 (Winter/Spring 2017)

Please fill out a comment sheet before you leave!