

Environmental Assessment

Airport Road from King Street to Huntsmill Drive



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Summary of Community Input

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Summary of Public Comments



Concerns	Considerations in Environmental Assessment
Additional Traffic Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Study identified the need to improve traffic operations at intersections
Increased Truck Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The feasibility of upgrading Olde Base Line Road between Highway 10 and Airport Road to accommodate truck traffic was assessed The Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) set up a Mobile Inspection Unit to weigh and examine trucks driving on Airport Road (between Old Church and Olde Base Line Road) for one day in February, 2020. Details are not available at this time; however, the Region will continue to advocate for increased enforcement on this stretch of Airport Road, including the use of Mobile Inspection Units whenever appropriate.
High Speeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundabouts and reduced lane widths were considered to reduce speeds
Difficult Turning To and From Airport Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional turning lanes or roundabouts were considered at major intersections
Lack of Parking in Caledon East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-street parking was assessed to determine potential impacts of road design concepts
Roundabouts (Space and Access)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundabouts were assessed at intersections where considered feasible Property impacts associated with roundabouts were considered in the assessment of design options A public education program will be considered with the implementation of roundabouts
Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The safety of all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists, is a key objective of the Study Safe pedestrian and cyclist crossings were considered in the preliminary preferred design
Property Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing and planned future land uses were considered in the assessment of road design concepts
Flooding Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A stormwater management study identified the need for improvements to stormwater facilities
Noise and Air Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise and air quality assessments determined if measures are required to reduce impacts

Summary of Public Comments (continued)

Suggestions	Considerations in Environmental Assessment
Support Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential business impacts were considered in the assessment of road design concepts
Consider Small Town Feel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3D renderings were developed to visualize road design concepts in the context of the surrounding community and environment
Beautify Caledon East (plant trees, landscape, streetscape)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A tree inventory was completed with recommendations for replacements. The Region will maximize opportunities for tree planting to the extent possible Right-of-way constraints and existing retaining walls from Hilltop Drive to Caledon Trailway present a challenge for incorporating a grass buffer between the sidewalk and roadway Streetscaping enhancements, including pedestrian scale lighting, will be considered during detailed design
Consider Wildlife Passage and Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wildlife (amphibian) passage was considered at culvert/structural crossings Potential impacts to wetlands were considered in the assessment of road design concepts
Widen Airport Road from King Street to Olde Base Line Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2019 update to the Region’s Long Range Transportation Plan did not identify the need for widening Airport Road between King Street and Olde Base Line Road The current Study on Airport Road identified the need to improve traffic operations at intersections
Bypass Mono Road Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parts of the Study Area are within the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan area, which restricts land use; and building a by-pass requires high construction cost. As an alternative, diversion of traffic by encouraging some goods movement on other truck routes, such as King Street and Highway 10, was considered.
Improve Sidewalk Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airport Road in Caledon East has been part of an annual inspection program to identify and address sidewalk issues. Spot repairs were completed in 2017. Monitoring will continue until construction of the proposed corridor improvements.

Walking Audit by Community Working Group

In 2018, Peel Public Health facilitated a walking audit on Airport Road with the Community Working Group (CWG). The CWG was established at the onset of the Study to provide input to the planning and design process. The CWG includes 14 members representing a cross-section of local community interests.

The audit involved a walk-about over 3 km along Airport Road from Emma Street to Walker Road, and on Old Church Road from Airport Road to the Caledon Community Centre Complex. A workshop with a mapping exercise and facilitated discussion followed the walk-about. The results of the walking audit indicated Airport Road through Caledon East is walkable, though some improvements could be made.

Notable walkability features:	Considerations in Environmental Assessment:
Sidewalks with curb ramps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility at intersections were considered in the preliminary preferred design
Sidewalks on both sides of the street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian facilities on both sides of the street were considered in the development and assessment of road design concepts
Notable areas for improvement:	Considerations in Environmental Assessment:
Distance between intersections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The option of a roundabout at Cranston Drive was examined with a pedestrian crossing to the north
Sidewalks with uneven pavement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uneven pavement will be addressed during construction of improvements to Airport Road. In the interim, Airport Road in Caledon East is part of an annual inspection program to identify and address sidewalk issues
Sidewalks in close proximity to street traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation between the roadway and pedestrians were considered in the assessment of road design concepts
Presence of snow on walkways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design concepts with splash pad may provide more space for snow storage