

February 19, 2014

 Mr. Dan Labrecque
 Commissioner, Public Works

 Mr. Damian Albanese
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Dear Mr. Labrecque and Mr. Albanese:

**RE: GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study, Stage 2
 Notice of Study Commencement**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has initiated Stage 2 of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the GTA West Transportation Corridor. Building on the recommendations from Stage 1, the EA Study continues with a focus on identifying the route and developing the preliminary design for a new transportation corridor within the previously identified Route Planning Study Area (refer to attached map). The new transportation corridor will include: a 400-series highway, a transitway, and potential goods movement priority features. As part of the study, a preferred route and interchange locations will be selected and developed.

The GTA West Transportation Corridor is vital towards providing the transportation infrastructure to meet the projected growth in both population and employment identified in the *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2006)* and will deliver multiple benefits, including:

- Greater connectivity between urban growth centres;
- Enhanced people and goods movement;
- Improved commuting; and,
- Greater economic vitality.

The GTA West Corridor Route Planning and EA study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act)* and the *GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference*, which was approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment on March 4, 2008.

This new transportation corridor is only one component of the full suite of multi-modal recommendations that are included in the Transportation Development Strategy (TDS) developed as part of Stage 1. These recommendations also included transit improvements, transportation demand management measures, opportunities to optimize the existing transportation system, as well as widening of several key provincial facilities in the western GTA. These recommendations are being pursued as separate initiatives.

Public involvement is encouraged and Public Information Centers (PICs) and Community Workshops will be held throughout the study. Notices advising of the time and location of the PICs will be published in local and regional newspapers and advertised on the study website (www.gta-west.com).

The purpose of this letter is to notify your organization of study commencement. Please indicate whether your organization has an interest in this project, who will act as our main contact, and any preliminary thoughts you may have on issues that should be considered. A response by **March 31, 2014 would be appreciated**. A stakeholder comment form is attached to facilitate your response.

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The Project Team will be contacting the main contact to arrange an initial meeting to discuss data collection, local and regional development issues and the overall study process and timing.

Should you require further information on the study, please feel free to contact Ms. Natalie Rouskov, Project Manager with the Ministry of Transportation, at 416-235-4977, or Mr. Neil Ahmed, the Consultant Project Manager, at 905-823-8500. You may also contact the Project Team at project_team@gt-west.com, or via the "Contact Us" section of our project website at www.gt-west.com.

Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,



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