

# North Halton Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Public Information Centre #1

## Introduction (Video 1) – Text Description

The following provides a text version of the audio that is included in the Introduction video.

### Slide 2 (Introduction)

Hello and welcome to the first Public Information Centre (or “PIC” for short) for the North Halton Coordinated Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (or “MCEA” Study), which we will refer to as “the study” in this video! This PIC includes a series of five videos that will:

- introduce the study;
- present the work completed to date; and
- outline the next steps in the study.

This study will be considering a range of options for transportation corridor improvements on:

- James Snow Parkway from Britannia Road to Highway 401,
- Steeles Avenue from Regional Road 25 to Trafalgar Road, and
- Regional Road 25 from 5 Side Road to 10 Side Road.

This Coordinated MCEA Study has been initiated given the corridors close geographical locations, however the three corridors have very different characteristics which will be recognized throughout this study.

In this video, we discuss the purpose of the PIC, the study process and schedule, and review the overall study area.

To learn about the James Snow Parkway corridor, please view Video #2. To learn about the Steeles Avenue corridor, please view Video #3. To learn about the Regional Road 25 corridor, please view Video #4. For next steps, including the evaluation framework and PIC #2, please view Video #5 – Next Steps.

Thank you for taking the time to watch this presentation and learn more about the study. We encourage you to also watch the other videos prepared as part of this PIC and to share your input with the project team. Your feedback is valuable to us!

### Slide 3 (Purpose of PIC #1 (PIC))

This is the first of two PICs planned for this study. The purpose of this first PIC is to present and receive input on:

- the study process and schedule,
- background information and existing conditions,
- problem and opportunities,
- alternative solutions,
- preliminary design considerations and opportunities, and
- the next steps.

Your input is very important and will help us shape the decision-making process for this project. Please take the time to complete the survey for the corridors which you are most interested in. The survey can be found on [halton.ca](http://halton.ca), where you will also be able to submit your comments or questions about the study.

In addition to this video, the presentation and video transcript are available on the study webpage. We encourage you to provide your input and feedback to our Project Team through the online survey on [halton.ca](http://halton.ca) by December 21, 2023.

You may also visit the MCEA study's webpage on [halton.ca](http://halton.ca) to view study updates.

### Slide 4 (Focus of this Study)

This study is being carried out to determine future transportation needs for the three unique corridors in Halton and to develop alternatives to address those needs. Depending on each corridor's individual characteristics, the range of options for improvements to the three corridors may include:

- potential road widening,
- cross sectional requirements,
- active transportation,
- transit supportive infrastructure,
- intersection improvements, and
- overall traffic operations improvements.

### Slide 5 (Study Background)

The Provincial, Regional, and Local planning and policy framework, including relevant studies, guides infrastructure planning to support future travel demand. This slide highlights a few of the Regional plans and studies being considered as part of this study.

The Regional plans and policies shown on this slide include:

- The 2011 Transportation Master Plan.
- The 2015 Active Transportation Master Plan.
- The 2017 Mobility Management Strategy.
- The 2019 Defining Major Transit Requirements Study.
- More recently, the Integrated Master Plan was initiated in 2022 to complete the next Region-wide Water, Wastewater, and Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plans.

## Slide 6 (Municipal Class EA Process)

The MCEA is a planning and approval process for municipal infrastructure that follows Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Social, cultural, and natural environments are considered during the study process in addition to community interests, technical agency requirements (for example, agencies that represent municipal and provincial interest and mandate), and project-specific issues.

This study has been identified as a Schedule 'C' project and will follow Phases 1 to 4 of the MCEA process.

Consultation is ongoing throughout the four phases of the MCEA process, and we welcome your comments and feedback at any time during the study. The four boxes at the bottom of this slide represent key consultation milestones that are planned throughout the study process. Project notices will be issued to agencies, stakeholders, Indigenous Communities and the public in advance of these events.

The study was initiated in April 2023, and we are currently approaching the end of Phase 2. A second PIC will be held later in the study to present and seek feedback on the work undertaken in Phase 3.

At the end of the study, an Environmental Study Report, or "ESR", will be prepared to document the planning and decision-making process. The ESR will be made available for public review for a minimum of 30 days. A Notice of Completion will be issued to commence the review period.

Study completion is targeted for Spring 2025.

## Slide 7 (We Want to Hear from You)

We want to hear from you. Please provide your comments and feedback on the information presented by completing the online survey. We will review your comments and take your feedback into consideration as we move into the next phase and develop alternative design concepts.

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