

April 14, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

**RE: Interchange Considerations
Highway 400 – Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass)
Preliminary Design and Assessment of Environmental Impacts
Ontario Ministry of Transportation**

This letter is to inform you that additional interchanges at 10th Sideroad and 2nd Concession Road are being considered as part of the Preliminary Design and project-specific assessment of environmental impacts for the Bradford Bypass. Additional information on the interchange alternatives is being posted for review and feedback between April 21, 2022 and May 5, 2022.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) to undertake a Preliminary Design and project-specific assessment of environmental impacts in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21, for the Bradford Bypass. Previously, MTO completed a route planning study for the Highway 400 – Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass), and a subsequent Environmental Assessment (EA) and Recommended Plan were approved in 2002. The Technically Preferred Route for the Bradford Bypass consists of a 16.2 km controlled access freeway to connect Highway 400 and Highway 404 with proposed full and partial interchanges, and grade separated crossings at intersecting municipal roads and watercourses, including the Holland River and Holland River East Branch.

The freeway will extend from Highway 400 between 8th Line and 9th Line in Bradford West Gwillimbury (County of Simcoe), will cross a small portion of King Township and will connect to Highway 404 between Queensville Sideroad and Holborn Road in East Gwillimbury (Regional Municipality of York). This study will also include the Preliminary Design for the replacement of the 9th Line structure on Highway 400 as a result of the proposed future ramps north of the Bradford Bypass corridor. In response to municipal requests, MTO is evaluating the feasibility of interchanges at 10th Sideroad and 2nd Concession Road as part of the Preliminary Design. The key map shows the proposed highway and interchange locations (see attached *Ontario Government Notice*).

This study is following the streamlined assessment process as set out in Ontario Regulation 697/21 and carries forward environmental commitments outlined in the 2002 Approved EA, as set out in the regulation. Alternatives within the project study area have been generated and will be evaluated based on technical and environmental factors, and in consultation with Indigenous communities, public stakeholders, municipalities, and government agencies.

As part of the project-specific assessment of environmental impacts under the regulation, MTO will prepare and file a draft Environmental Conditions Report (ECR) and a draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). Both draft documents will be made available for public review, and final reports will be posted to the Project Website in accordance with the regulation.

Preliminary Design interchanges are being considered as an update to the Preliminary Design alternatives presented at Public Information Centre #1 in 2021. Additional information is being provided to interested parties with the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the interchanges at 10th Sideroad and 2nd Concession Road.

This includes updated information for the study, key objectives, and the Preliminary Design alternatives for the interchanges at 10th Sideroad and 2nd Concession Road, and interchange location considerations. The Project Team is encouraging your review and submissions of feedback on these interchange design alternatives.

The materials will be made available on the Project Website for a two week stakeholder consultation review period between **April 21, 2022** and **May 5, 2022**. The materials will remain on the Project Website.

Where:.....<https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/consultation/>

To provide feedback on the interchange alternatives, obtain additional information or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact the Project Team via one of the methods below:

A Comment Form:.....can be found online on the Project Website at
<https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/consultation/>

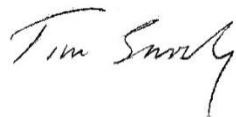
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Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario Regulation 697/21. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If there are any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact the Project Team as listed above.

We thank you for your participation and interest in the Preliminary Design and project-specific assessment of environmental impacts for the Bradford Bypass, and look forward to your involvement.

Sincerely,
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