



**Class Environmental Assessment Study
Proposed Collector Street between Huntington Road and Regional
Road 27
West Vaughan Employment Area, Block 59**

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

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**Vaughan City Hall
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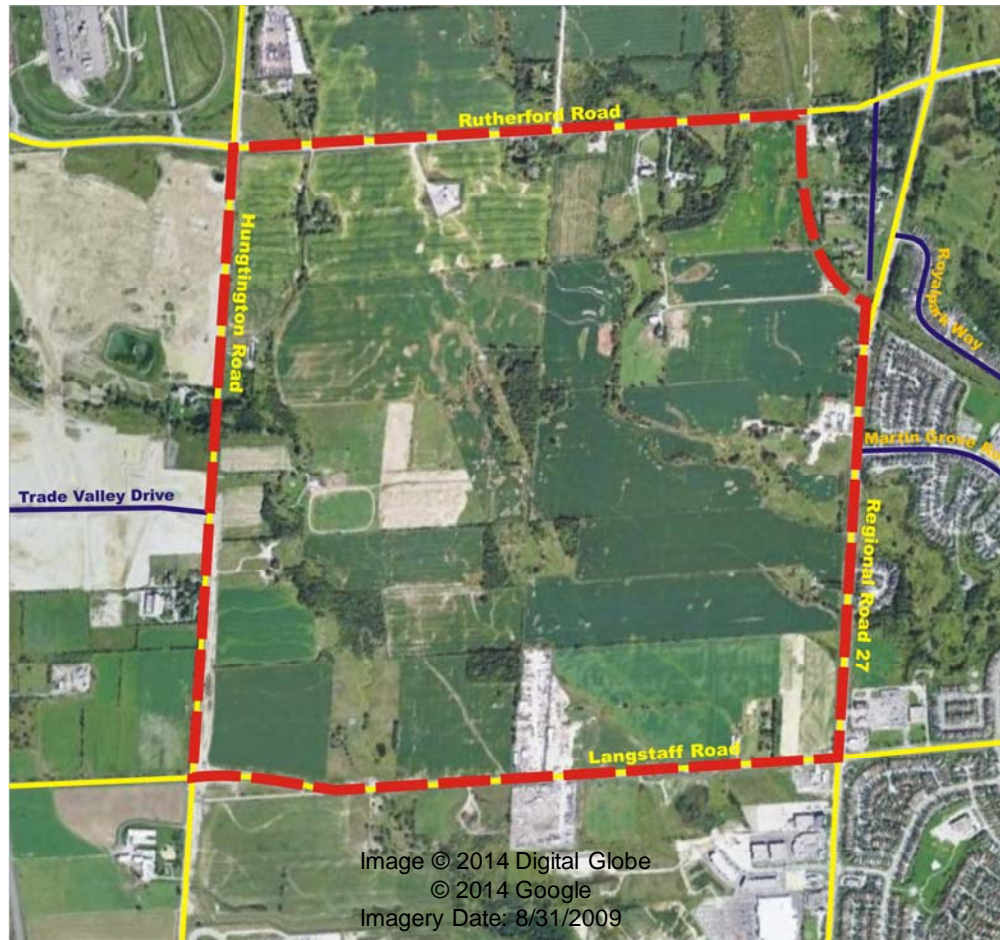
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Purpose of the PIC

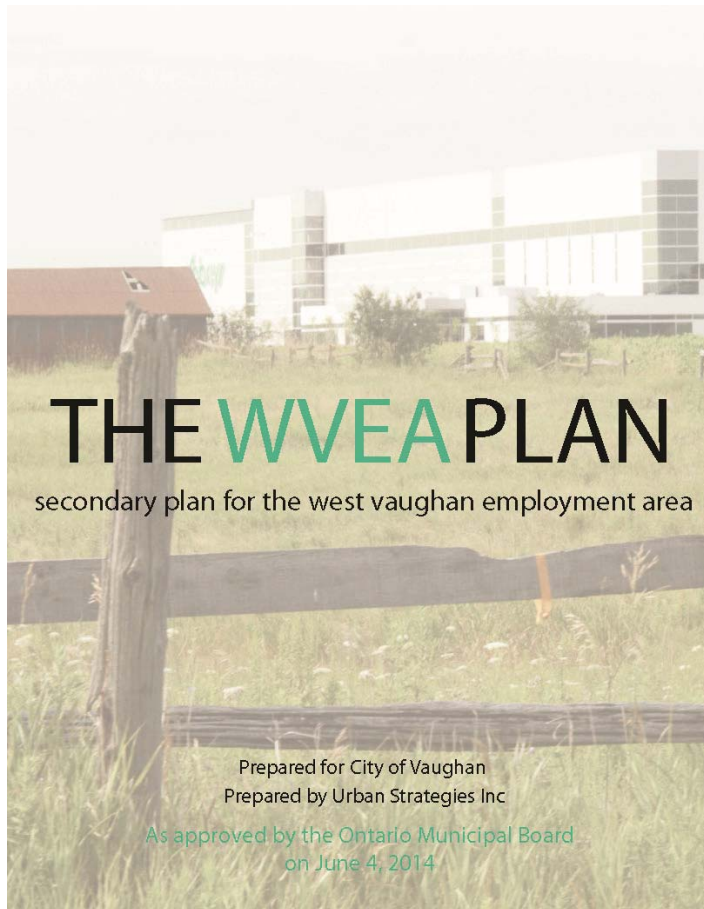
- In accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class EA, the City of Vaughan and its co-proponents, the Block 59 Landowners Group, are hosting this Public Information Centre (PIC) to review and discuss the Problem and/or Opportunity and Alternative Solutions for this undertaking.
- The outcomes of this PIC will be:
 - An increased awareness of the study and understanding of the study process;
 - The development of a clear statement of the problem and/or opportunity being addressed; and,
 - A contact list for future consultation related to the project.
- This project is being undertaken in conjunction with the planning process for Block 59 and integrated where applicable.

Study Area



Note:
The City of Vaughan is currently
undertaking the Huntington Road EA.

WVEA Secondary Plan



The City of Vaughan Official Plan (2010) designated approximately 1,120ha of lands west of Regional Road 27 for employment uses, known as the Vaughan Enterprise Zone.

Since 2002 the southern portion of these lands has been developed. However, the northern portion, known as the West Vaughan Employment Area (WVEA), has not proceeded with development, as it is pending the determination of the alignment of Highway 427 and the finalization of a Secondary Plan.

In 2010, the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) completed the Highway 427 EA.

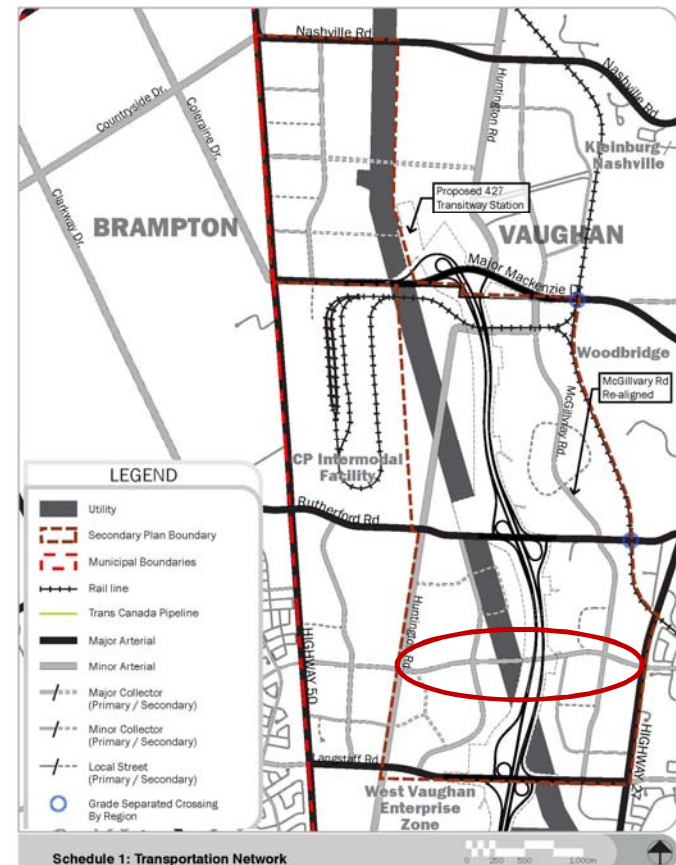
Also in 2010, the WVEA Secondary Plan (WVEA SP) was completed by the City of Vaughan to provide direction regarding land use, built form and urban design and other planning considerations.

WVEA SP Transportation Network

The WVEA SP identifies a network of collector streets supported by the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) in order to carry traffic associated with planned employment development.

Under the plan, a new local street network will be developed to connect to the arterial roads and provide efficient access to the highway network.

This planned transportation network includes a new east-west collector street that extends from the existing intersection of Trade Valley Drive and Huntington Road through Block 59 to the intersection of Martin Grove Road and Regional Road 27 (as highlighted in red).

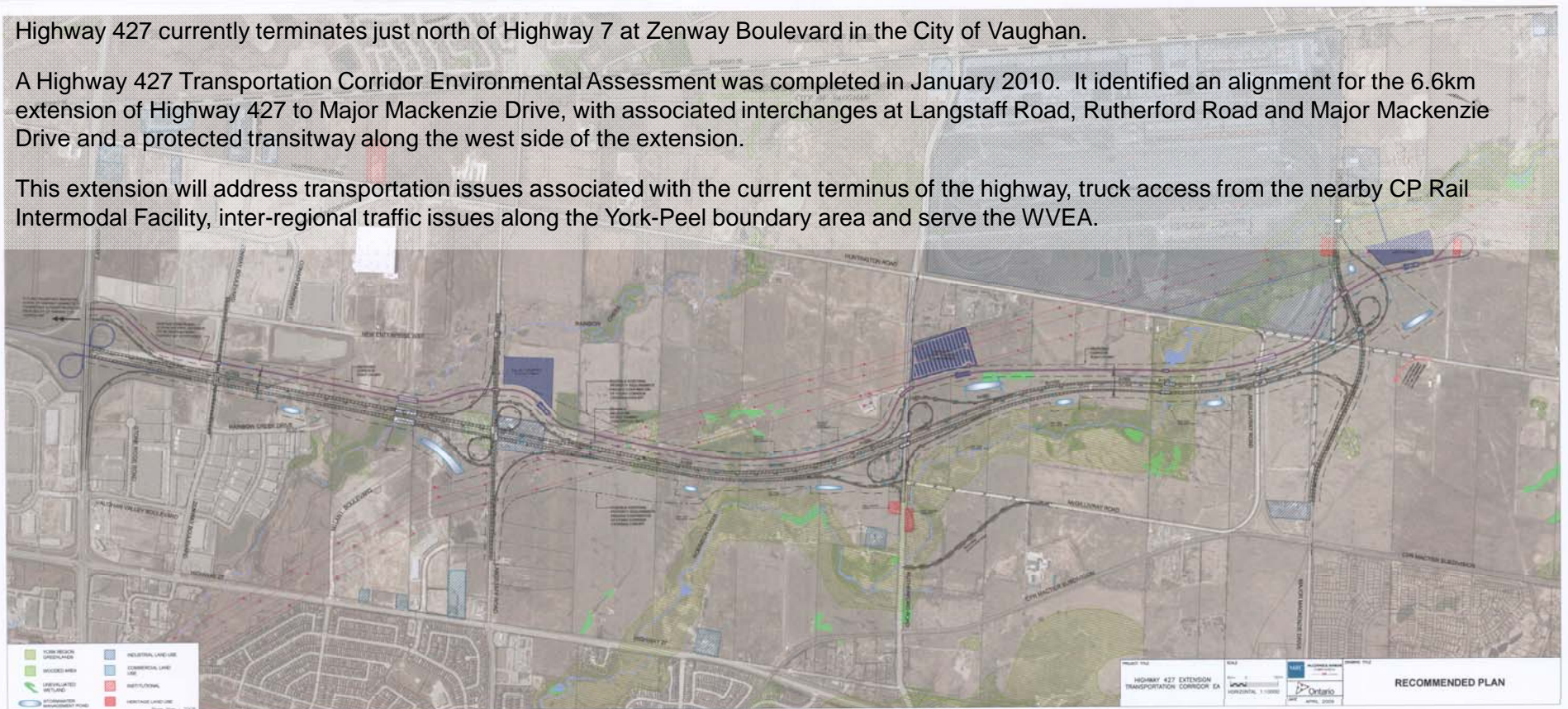


Background – Hwy. 427 Extension

Highway 427 currently terminates just north of Highway 7 at Zenway Boulevard in the City of Vaughan.

A Highway 427 Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment was completed in January 2010. It identified an alignment for the 6.6km extension of Highway 427 to Major Mackenzie Drive, with associated interchanges at Langstaff Road, Rutherford Road and Major Mackenzie Drive and a protected transitway along the west side of the extension.

This extension will address transportation issues associated with the current terminus of the highway, truck access from the nearby CP Rail Intermodal Facility, inter-regional traffic issues along the York-Peel boundary area and serve the WVEA.



Background – Block 59 Development

A Master Environmental Servicing Plan (MESP) was prepared in April 2014 by the Block 59 Land Owners Group in accordance with policies of the City of Vaughan's Official Plan and WVEA SP. The MESP addresses how municipal servicing aspects of the development of the subject lands will be addressed and integrated, including transportation. The MESP is currently being reviewed by the City and review agencies.

The main access points to Block 59 are from existing major arterial roads: Huntington Road, Regional Road 27, Rutherford Road and Langstaff Road.

The Block 59 MESP contains a preliminary horizontal alignment and vertical profile for a continuous mid-block collector, identified as 'Street A'.



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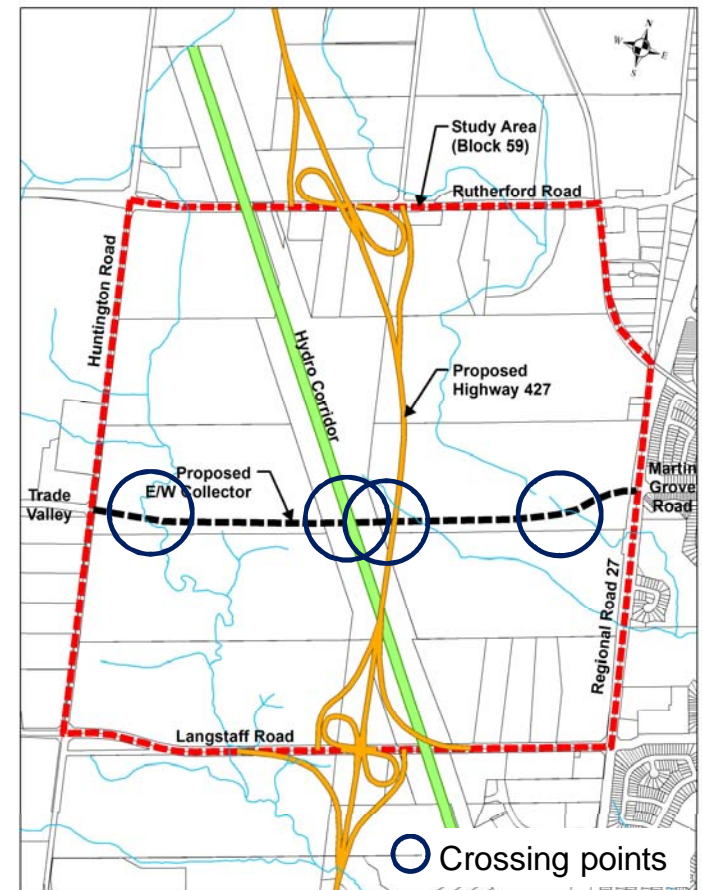
The horizontal alignment and vertical profile for the east-west mid-block collector, as proposed in the WVEA SP and Block 59 MESP, will be largely influenced by:

- WVEA SP requirement for a continuous east-west mid-block road connecting to the existing Trade Valley Drive intersection at Huntington Road and Martin Grove Road intersection at Regional Road 27;
- Horizontal alignment and vertical profile of the future Highway 427 extension and transitway;
- Maintaining a minimum vertical clearance to the future Highway 427 extension and transitway;
- Existing hydro corridor containing hydro towers, 230kV and 500kV hydro lines; and,
- Required crossings of Robinson Creek and Rainbow Creek.

Proposed Collector Street

An Alternative Solution: “implementation of a mid-block east-west collector street”, as proposed in the WVEA SP and Block 59 MESP, will be considered through this Class EA study.

This street would require structures to appropriately cross the existing Robinson and Rainbow Creek valley systems, hydro corridor and the future Highway 427 extension, as illustrated in the adjacent key plan.



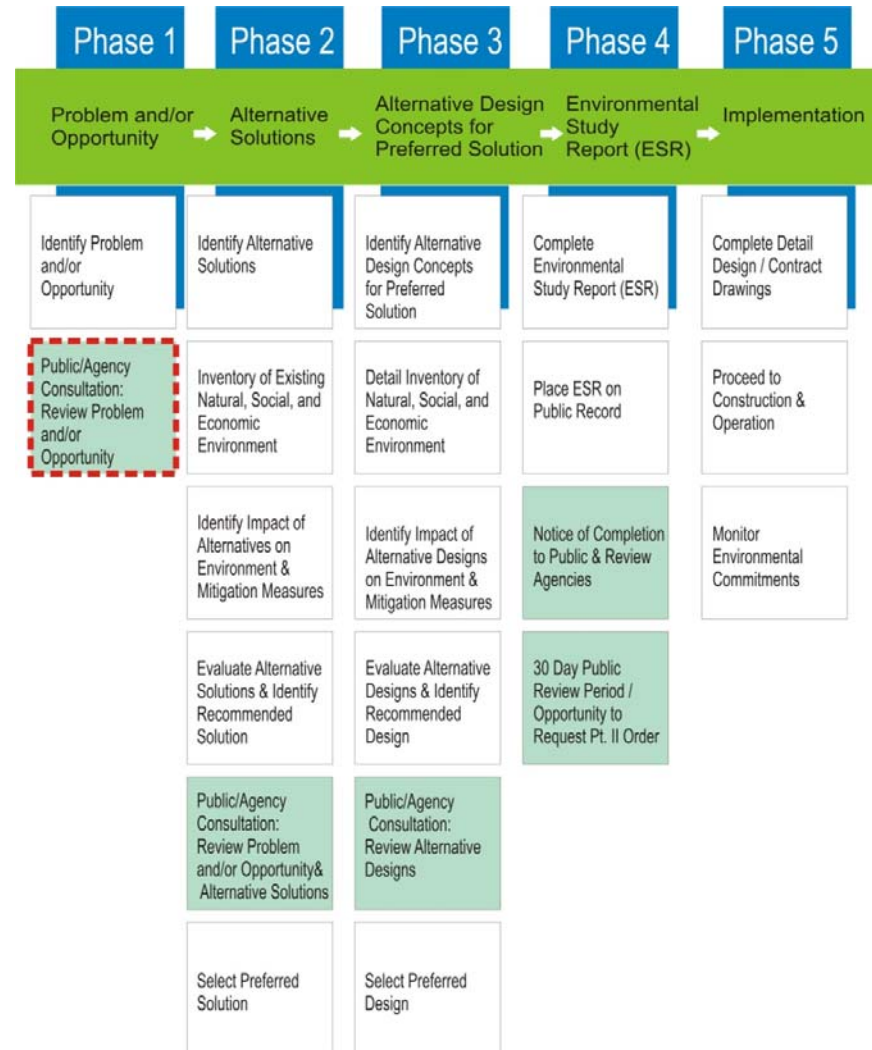
Municipal Class EA Process

The City of Vaughan and the Block 59 Landowners Group as co-proponents have identified the need to undertake a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study, as outlined in the *Municipal Engineers Association Class EA (October 2000, as emended in 2007 and 2011)* in order to identify a preferred solution and design for the proposed east-west collector street that is to extend between Huntington Road and Regional Road 27 through Block 59 in the West Vaughan Employment Area.

Schedule 'C' projects generally include the construction of new facilities and major expansions to existing facilities. These projects proceed through the environmental planning process outlined in the Class EA, including the preparation of an Environmental Study Report (ESR) to be filed for review by the public and review agencies.



Municipal Class EA Process



Problem and Opportunity

Proposed statement:

To implement the proposed mid-block connection through the West Vaughan Employment Area to provide a continuous east-west connection between Huntington Road and Regional Road 27 that will serve future employment development in the WVEA and address broader transportation needs, while minimizing adverse environmental impacts.

Alternative Solutions

Typical Alternative Solutions considered through a Class EA study of this nature include:

- “Do Nothing” / Limit Growth and Development;
- Provide Alternative Transportation Facilities (Transit or Active Transportation);
- Widen or Improve Existing Roads / Develop Alternative Routes for Existing or Anticipated Traffic; and,
- Construct a New Road.

Next Steps

Public and Review Agency consultation are a key component of the study. Input received will be incorporated into the planning and design of this project. Upcoming opportunities for consultation are:

- Review of Problem and/or Opportunity Statement and Alternative Solutions (PIC) ([Fall 2014](#));
- Review of Alternative Designs (PIC); and,
- 30 Day Public Review of Environmental Study Report (ESR).

Thank you!

Thank you for your interest in this study. Please sign in if you wish to be added to the study mailing list and notified of future project milestones and opportunities to provide input.

Throughout the study please contact the following members of the study team if you have any comments or questions:

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Comments and information regarding this project are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. With the exception of personal information, all other information received may be included in project documentation and may become part of the public record.

