Overview
The City of Vaughan has completed a Transportation Master Plan (A New Path) to support the population and employment growth projected in the City's Official Plan 2010 to a planning horizon of 2031. The Transportation Master Plan was carried out in coordination with the City’s new Official Plan to ensure Vaughan’s future development is integrated with, and supported by, a more efficient and sustainable transportation system. The Transportation Master Plan conforms to York Region’s Transportation Master Plan. It balances the need for local road improvements with the City’s commitment to invest in pedestrian and cycling improvements, while supporting the investments in transit service by York Region and Metrolinx. The City’s “New Path” will enhance the quality of life of Vaughan’s residents.

The Process
The Transportation Master Plan was conducted in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process (October 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011). This is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The Municipal Class EA master planning process recognizes a framework associated with Master Plans that integrate infrastructure requirements for existing and future land use with environmental assessment planning principles.

While the Transportation Master Plan examines the need for infrastructure improvements at a broad level, more detailed studies for Schedule “C” projects included in the Transportation Master Plan will be completed according to the Municipal Class EA process.

Our Challenges
Over the next few decades, the City of Vaughan expects to see increased traffic due to population and employment growth. To address this challenge, the City is looking for more responsible and effective ways to handle the growing demand.

While the City’s New Path recommends strategic road improvements to support future growth, the study highlights the need to provide a greater range of transportation choices to reduce the number of vehicles on the road.

Following consultation with the public and key stakeholders, the study recommends and highlights the need for implementation of a broad strategy, with the following objectives:

• Integrate transportation and land use planning to support sustainable growth
• Improve walking and cycling network
• Encourage greater use of transit services
• Develop policies and implement programs that reduce car use, manage parking, and encourage walking, cycling, transit and carpooling
• Implement road improvements that balance the needs of all modes of travel

Consultation
The Transportation Master Plan incorporates public, stakeholder and agency comments received during the study process. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Transportation Master Plan process, your contributions are appreciated. This notice places the completed Transportation Master Plan on record for public review for 30 days at the following locations during regular business hours. The Transportation Master Plan is also available for download on the City’s website.

Anyone with an interest in the study is encouraged to review the Transportation Master Plan and provide comments to the City of Vaughan Development / Transportation Engineering contacts below. Your comments will be taken into consideration as the City moves forward with implementing the plan.

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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