City of Vaughan: Rural Corridors King Vaughan Road/Pine Valley Drive/Kipling Avenue Traffic & Safety Corridor Review

Public Meeting January 30, 2023









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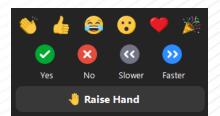












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Purpose of the Session



- Provide information about the project purpose, objectives and schedule
- Highlight the work completed to date
- Share existing conditions for each of the three corridors
 - Kipling Avenue between Teston Road and King-Vaughan Road
 - King-Vaughan Road between Albion-Vaughan Road and Cold Creek Road, and between Concession 10 and Pine Valley Drive
 - Pine Valley Drive between Teston Road and King-Vaughan Road
- Collect community feedback to inform and shape recommendations
- Lay the foundation for next steps





Project Overview





Project Purpose



- ► As part of the MoveSmart Mobility Management Strategy, the City of Vaughan is furthering its commitment to road safety by conducting six In-Service Road Safety and Corridor Operational Reviews (Corridor Reviews).
- ► The Corridor Reviews will examine the current and future transportation planning and mobility infrastructure needs for six corridors across Vaughan.
- By assessing traffic operations in these areas, the City can identify additional road safety opportunities for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit and vehicular road users to better serve all modes of transportation.
- ► These reviews will enable City staff to make recommendations on short- and long-term implementation plans to address any issues identified in these areas, which will be presented to Council for approval.

What is a Corridor?

A corridor refers to a linear road and its associated land uses.

This can include a main roadway and any sidewalks, bike lanes, greenspace and/or bus stops located along that roadway.





Project Components



- Identify existing and future transportation needs, including when traffic control measures changes are required (including pedestrian facilities, cycling crossings, stop signs, traffic signals etc.)
- Address the existing and future multi-modal transportation needs for the corridor, which should balance the demand and needs of all modes of transportation
- Address area resident concerns concerning traffic operations, traffic safety, operating speeds, pedestrian and cycling safety
- Provide recommendations for transportation improvements to address these concerns





Project Schedule



Stage 1 (Fall 2022 -Winter 2023)

- Resident & stakeholder engagement
- Background research
- Assess existing conditions

Stage 2 (Spring 2023)

- Resident & stakeholder engagement
- Analysis of alternatives
- Develop short-term and long-term goals
- Develop recommendations for improvements

Stage 3 (Fall 2023)

- Resident & stakeholder engagement
- Conceptual design
- Reporting
- Report study findings to Council





Work Completed



To date, we have completed the following:

Background Research:

- Reviewed applicable City standards, manuals, policies, and transportation-related guidelines
- Reviewed and documented land uses along and surrounding each of the three rural corridors
- Reviewed collisions using available data

Field Observations:

- Conducted observations during peak periods for all three corridors. This included gathering a
 field inventory and identification of traffic controls, regulatory signage, and other
 transportation-related infrastructure.
- Completed in-field measurements of available sight distance and sightlines have been gathered. In addition to sight distance/sightlines, we have reviewed grades and alignment.





Work Completed



Traffic Data Collection:

- Extensive data collection program was developed to collect intersection Turning Movement Count (TMC) data and Automatic Traffic Recorder (ATR) counts.
- All necessary TMC and ATR has been collected to date. All data has been reviewed and vetted for accuracy to ensure it is appropriate for assessment.

Intersection Analysis:

- Operational assessment of the study area intersections within each corridor has been conducted for the weekday AM and PM, and Saturday analysis periods
- All unsignalized intersections have been reviewed to determine whether current volumes would warrant the upgrades to the existing traffic control to either All-Way Stop Control (AWSC) or Traffic Signals
- Sight distance measurements and available sightlines has been documented at the study area intersections





Project Overview Questions?



Icebreaker



- What is your primary method of getting around rural Vaughan? (Choose one)
 - Walking
 - Rolling (e.g. wheelchair or another mobility device)
 - Biking
 - Micromobility (e-bike, e-scooter, etc.)
 - Public transit (York Region Transit)
 - Driving
 - Other (please specify): _____







Kipling Avenue between Teston Road and King-Vaughan Road





King-Vaughan Road Kirby Road Teston Road Kipling Avenue Corridor: King-Vaughan Road to Teston Road

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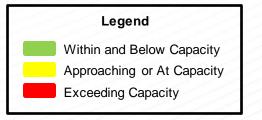
- ► Kipling Avenue between Teston Road and Kirby Road is designated as a major collector road. The posted speed limit is 60 km/hr, with a posted speed advisory of 40 km/hr along with pedestrian activity warning signs.
- ► There is no sidewalk or cycling infrastructure on Kipling Avenue.
- ► The recent development of the Kleinburg Summit residential subdivision west of Kipling Avenue has created two new intersections at McMichael Avenue and Pierre Burton Boulevard.
- Kipling Avenue between Kirby Road and King Vaughan Road is designated as a minor arterial with a posted speed limit of 80 km/hr.





King-Vaughan Road **AM PM SAT AM PM** Kirby Road **SAT AM** PM **AM SAT** PM SAT **AM** Teston Road PM SAT Kipling Avenue Corridor: King-Vaughan Road to Teston Road

Existing Traffic Operations







Which of the following words or phrases best capture your vision for

Safe for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and motorists

the corridor? Please select up to three.

- Pedestrian-friendly
- Comfortable for all modes of travel
- Cyclist-friendly
- Transit-friendly
- Connected
- Accessible for persons with disabilities or mobility barriers
- Sustainable
- Equitable
- Environmentally-friendly









- Based on the current conditions and your experiences using the corridor, what are your greatest transportation and traffic concerns? Please select your top five concerns from the list below.
- 1. Aggressive driving
- 2. Cut-through traffic
- 3. Motorists not obeying or stopping at stop signs or traffic lights
- 4. Unsafe behaviours associated with school drop-off and pick-up
- 5. Lack of dedicated pedestrian infrastructure
- 6. Inadequate or unsafe biking facilities

- 7. Frequency of collisions and/or near misses
- 8. Poor pavement conditions
- 9. Limited roadside lighting
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Pine Valley Drive between Teston Road and King-Vaughan Road





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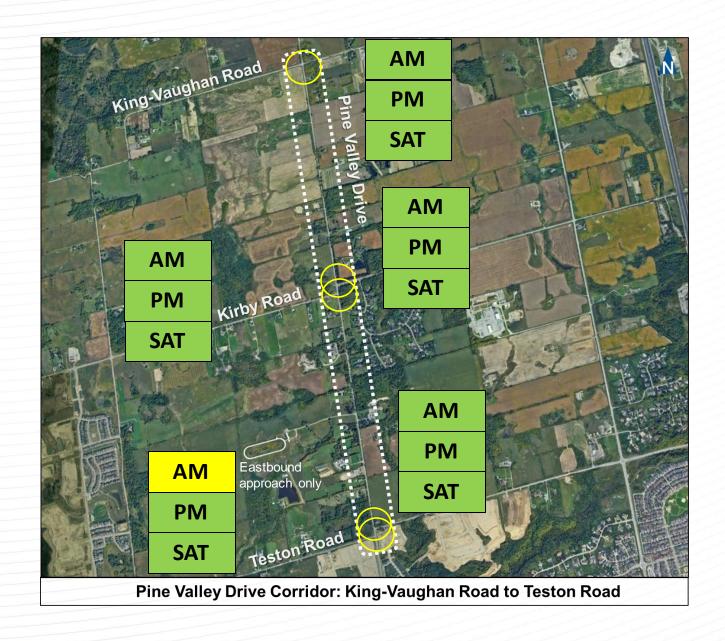
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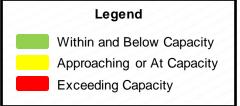
- ▶ Pine Valley Drive between Teston Road and King-Vaughan Road has a length of approximately 4.2 km. Pine Valley is designated as minor arterial road.
- ► Land uses along Pine Valley Drive include private residential dwellings, agricultural uses, senior facilities, and institutional uses including a church with on-site cemetery. A new residential subdivision is under construction south of Teston Road, on both the east and west sides of Pine Valley Drive.
- Kirby Road and Teston Road are two east-west arterials that cross Pine Valley Drive. Each of these arterials intersect Pine Valley Drive at offset stop controlled intersections. As identified in Schedule 9 of Vaughan's Official Plan, the jogs at these intersections are planned to be removed.







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King-Vaughan Road between Albion-Vaughan Road and Cold Creek Road, and between Concession 10 and Pine Valley Drive



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King-Vaughan Road Corridor: Albion-Vaughan Road to Cold Creek Road

King-Vaughan Road Corridor: Concession 10 to Pine Valley Drive





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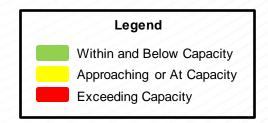
- King-Vaughan Road is a two-lane rural road.
- ► King-Vaughan Road between Albion-Vaughan Road to Cold Creek Road is in the western edge of the city and is designated as a major collector road. The posted speed limit is 60 km/hr, with a posted speed advisory of 40 km/hr as King-Vaughan Road curves to connect with Cold Creek Road.
 - There are a several driveways on this section of King-Vaughan Road that serves private residential dwellings and agricultural uses.
- King-Vaughan Road between Pine Valley Drive/7th Concession and Concession Road 10 is a minor arterial spanning approximately 6.8 km. Private driveways along the length of this corridor serves private single-family dwellings or agricultural uses.
 - The posted speed limit of King Vaughan Road varies from 60-80 km/hr.





King-Vaughan Road..... **AM** Eastbound approach only PM **SAT** King-Vaughan Road Corridor (1/2): Albion-Vaughan Road to Cold Creek Road

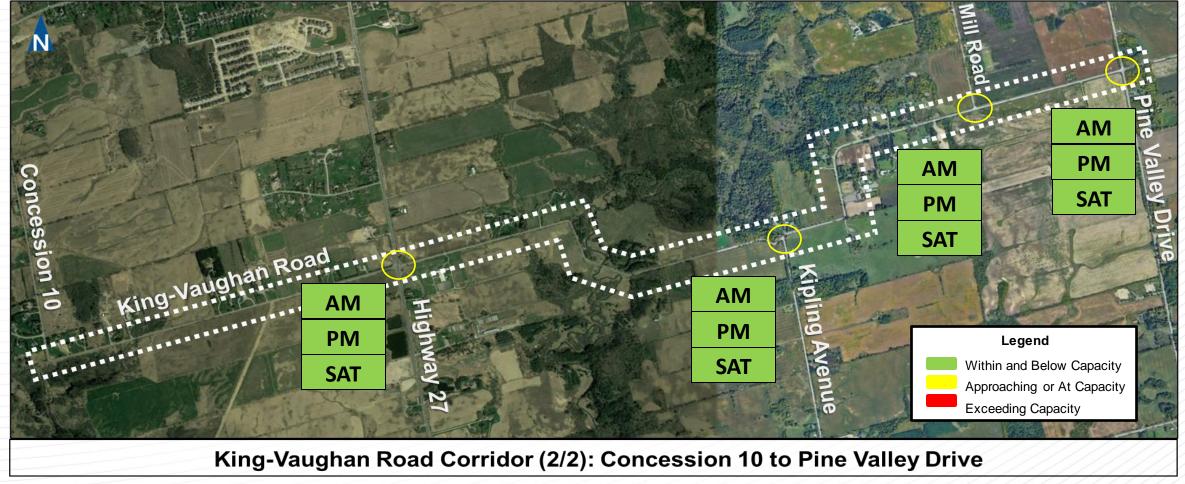
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Future Phase



Intersection Analysis:

- Develop traffic forecasts for a 10-year horizon (2032), which will account for general background growth as well as site traffic generated by other area background developments in proximity to the study area corridors
- Complete the operational intersection analysis for future traffic conditions

Analysis of Alternatives:

- Assess potential mitigation measures
- **▶** Recommendations:
 - Develop recommendations for preferred mitigation measures





Potential Solutions



Once the existing conditions assessment has been finalized, all identified issues will be examined. From there appropriate solutions/mitigation measures will be developed.

▶ Potential Short-Term Solutions:

- Addressing any sight distance/sight line issues
- Addressing any roadside illumination issues
- Confirming or maintaining/improving traffic control at intersections (i.e., unsignalized two-way to all-way stop, or all-way/unsignalized two-way to traffic signal control)
- Maintaining/improving warning signage or increasing visibility
- Maintaining/Improving pavement markings

Potential Long-Term Solutions:

- Roadway cross-section improvements, including dedicated active transportation infrastructure;
- Addressing any horizontal curve or vertical deflection issues
- Urbanization of intersections and corridors
- Aligning offset intersection legs





Closing & Next Steps



- ► Public Survey (online): Open from January 23 to February 7
 - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZPNXJ55
- Continue field investigations, intersection analysis and analysis of alternatives
- Additional stakeholder and public engagement will occur as the project progresses
- ► Target completion: Fall 2023



Thank You!

Project Website Link

https://www.vaughan.ca/projects/transportation/trafficstrategy/corridorreviews/Pages/default.aspx

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