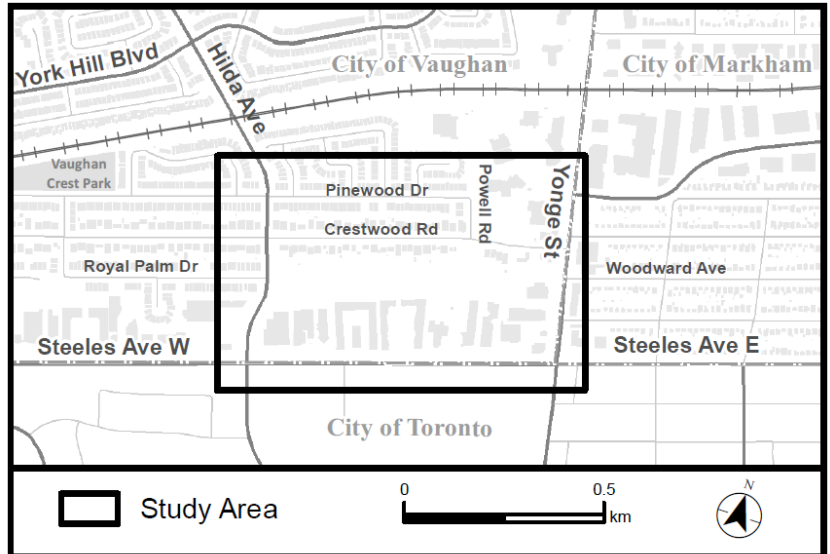


NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

YONGE-STEELES CORRIDOR SECONDARY PLAN COLLECTOR ROADS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

THE STUDY

The Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan provides a development framework for the area's intensification and outlines the policy direction to address transit improvements being planned for the area. Multiple transportation projects were identified as part of the Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan, including the proposed extensions of Royal Palm Drive, from Hilda Avenue to Yonge Street, and Powell Road, from Pinewood Drive to Steeles Avenue West. The City of Vaughan is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study to complete the planning and preliminary design of these proposed transportation improvements, as recommended in the Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan.



THE PROCESS

This study is being undertaken in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule C projects, as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document, (October 2000, as amended in 2023), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan generally addresses Phases 1 and 2 of the MCEA process. The City is now proceeding with Phases 3 and 4, which includes identifying and evaluating alternative design concepts, identifying a preferred design, and documenting the decision-making process within an Environmental Study Report.

The alternative design concepts for the proposed extensions will be developed and evaluated in consideration of the Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan policies and vision for the future road network. These design concepts will offer an attractive landscape with street trees and active transportation amenities; accommodate dedicated cycling lanes; and offer on-street parking. This study will also review and confirm the need and justification for these recommended road extensions established through the Yonge-Steeles Corridor Secondary Plan.

CONSULTATION

The City values the voice of its residents and is dedicated to promoting a dialogue with the community that is open, transparent, accessible and inclusive. Consultation with the community is a key component of this study. The City will engage and collaborate with stakeholders to learn, educate and discuss ways to improve transportation choices to create a more sustainable and transportation-oriented future.

Join the conversation. One Public Information Centre is being planned as part of this study to present and gather your feedback on existing study area conditions, identification and evaluation of alternative design concepts, and the recommended design. Details and other study updates will be posted to vaughan.ca/YongeSteeles.

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