

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study Bass Pro Mills Drive, from Highway 400 to Weston Road

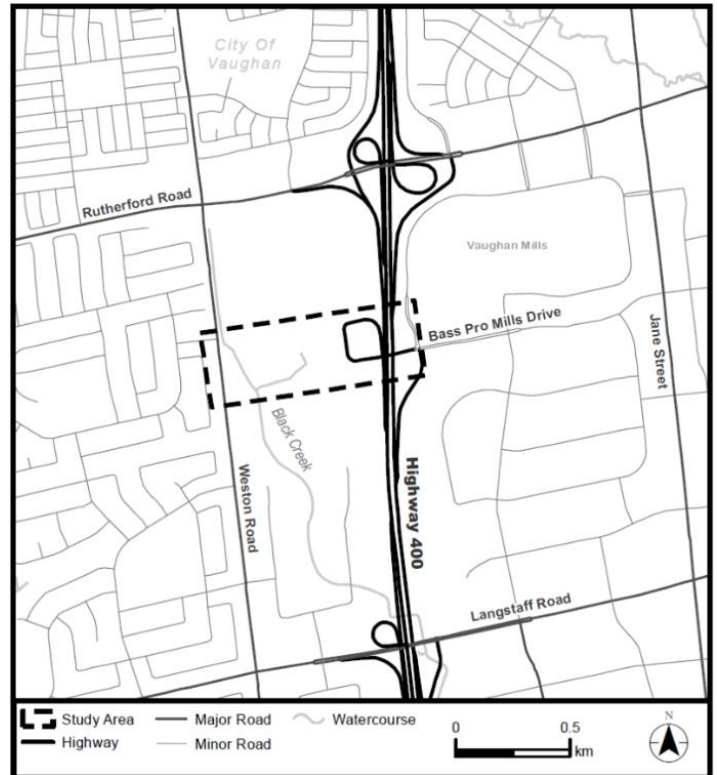
THE STUDY

The City of Vaughan (City) has undertaken a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to assess the need to extend Bass Pro Mills Drive, from Highway 400 to Weston Road, as recommended in the Vaughan Mills Centre Secondary Plan (2014). These recommendations were made to:

- provide a new east-west multi-modal connection between Highway 400 and Weston Road;
- help alleviate traffic congestion along Rutherford Road;
- support future growth and development within the plan area;
- create new multi-modal transportation connections; and,
- develop a safe and comfortable environment for active transportation users.

THE PREFERRED DESIGN

Based on the findings of this Class EA study, the Preferred Design consists of the relatively straight extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive, from Highway 400 to Weston Road, and a new, 30 m road right-of-way that accommodates, four lanes of vehicular traffic (two lanes in each direction), a separated sidewalk and cycling path, and boulevard on both sides of the roadway, including intermittent drainage retention, streetlighting and streetscaping features. The existing Highway 400 bridge will be modified to include a sidewalk on both sides of the roadway, and two vehicle lanes in each direction.



ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT REVIEW

This study was completed in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule C projects, as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Municipal Class EA guidelines (October 2000, amended 2007, 2011 and 2015), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The study process, including the identification and evaluation of alternatives, the Preferred Design, potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures, as well as the consultation activities undertaken as part of this study, have been documented within an Environmental Study Report (ESR), a copy of which is available for public review for 30 days between **August 18, 2022 and September 19, 2022** on the study website at (Vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA).

All comments and concerns can be sent in writing within the review period to the City of Vaughan as follows:

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City of Vaughan

Project Manager

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In addition, a request may be made to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for a Section 16 order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester's contact information and full name.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing and must be received by the Minister at the address below as well as to the City of Vaughan project contact above no later than September 19, 2022:

Minister

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

777 Bay Street, 5th Floor

Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

E: Minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director

Environmental Assessment Branch

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

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Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

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This Notice was first issued August 18, 2022.

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for the purpose of administering the Bass Pro Mills Drive Environmental Assessment Study (between Highway 400 and Weston Road). Questions about this collection can be directed to the Manager, Transportation Planning and Engineering, City of Vaughan, 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1, 905-832-8585 ext. 8674. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.