



GTA West Transportation Corridor Planning and EA Study – Stage 2

City of Vaughan
Priorities and Key Initiatives
Committee of Council
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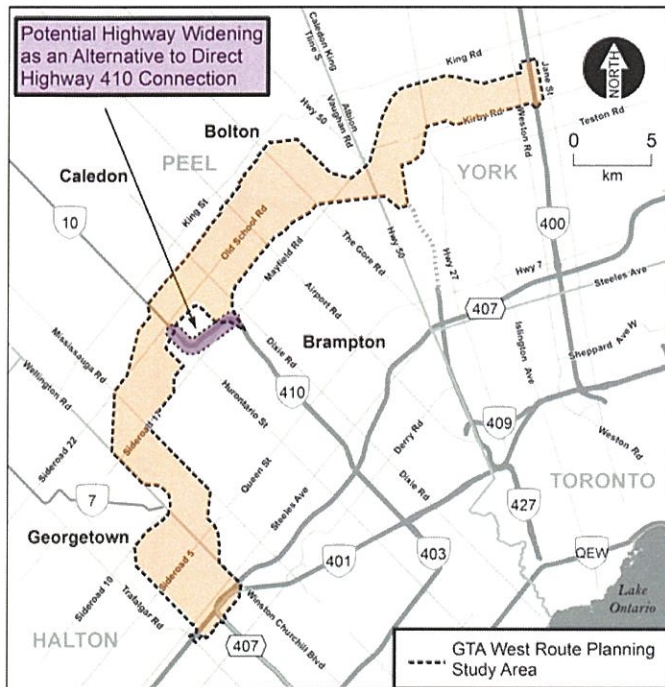
PLANNING *WITH* VISION, PLANNING *FOR* PEOPLE

- An open and transparent process that provides opportunities for all stakeholders to help shape the outcome of the project
- Arrive at a recommended solution that provides the best balance of benefits and impacts for the local communities and the users of the transportation system

To accomplish this, we are committed to engaging our municipal and agency partners in open two-way communication that leads to meaningful discussions, proactive information exchange and a constructive working relationship



STUDY OVERVIEW



Stage 1 (November 2012) recommendations included:

- Optimizing the existing transportation network
- Improving non-roadway transportation modes
- Widening of existing highways
- A new transportation corridor

Even with optimizing the existing transportation network, widening existing highways, and the transit expansion projects identified in Metrolinx' Regional Transportation Plan, additional road capacity is needed

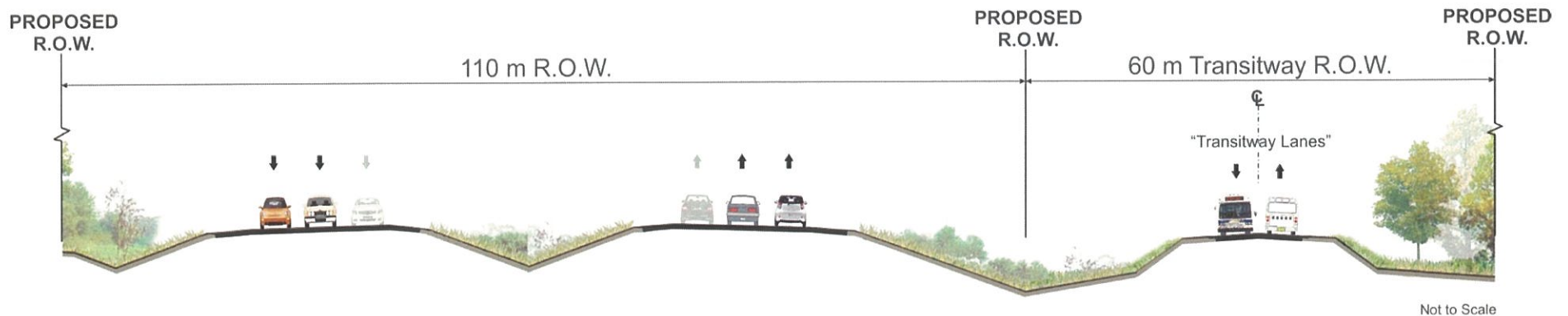
This study (Stage 2) focuses on the recommendation for a new transportation corridor:

- From Highway 400 to the Highway 401/407 ETR interchange area
- Includes a 400-series highway, transitway, and potential goods movement priority features



THE NEW CORRIDOR

- The new corridor is anticipated to be a 4- to 6-lane highway with a separate adjacent transitway and potential goods movement priority features
 - **Transitway stations will be located at key interchanges and connection points**



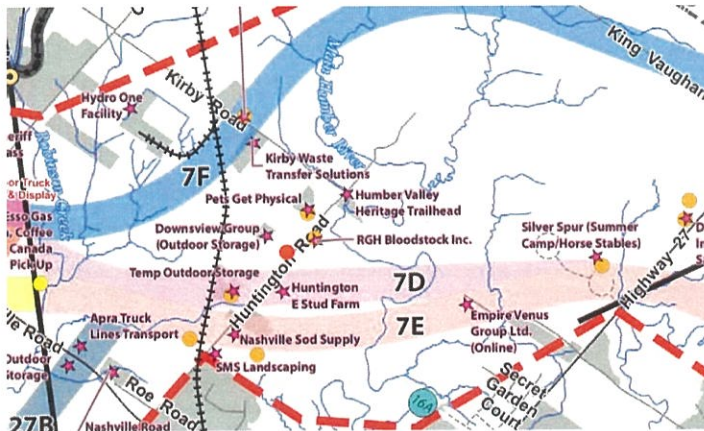


POTENTIAL INTERCHANGES AND CROSSING ROAD TREATMENTS

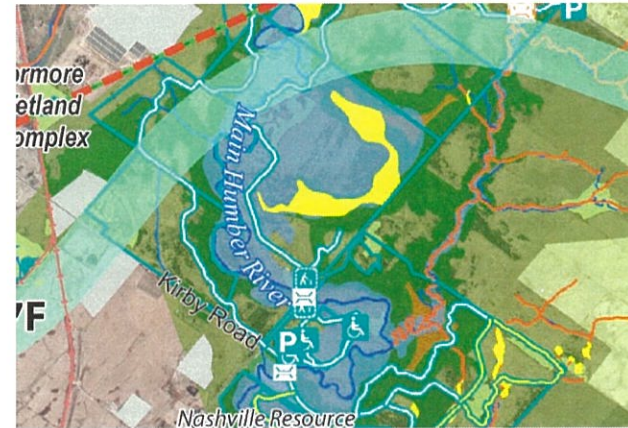
- Interchanges will be required at Highways 401, 410, 427, 400 and some crossing roads
- Initially all existing/planned crossing roads were considered as potential interchanges
- These were then screened based on:
 - **Minimizing impacts to significant natural features**
 - **Minimizing impacts to existing and planned (approved) population and employment areas**
 - **Ensuring efficient and direct connections, that address future transportation needs**
- Other crossing roads will be overpasses, underpasses, or truncated



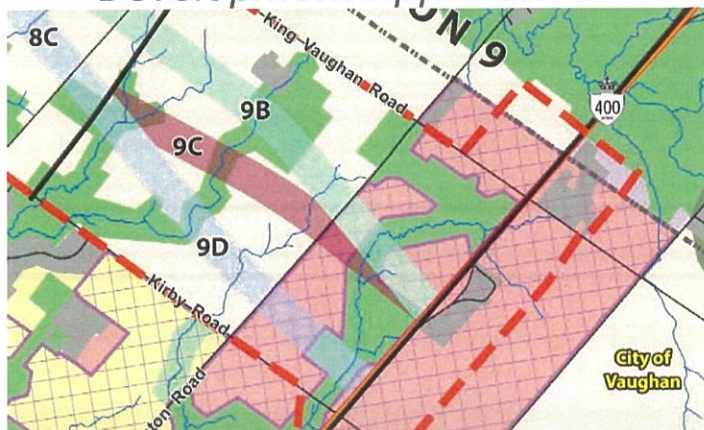
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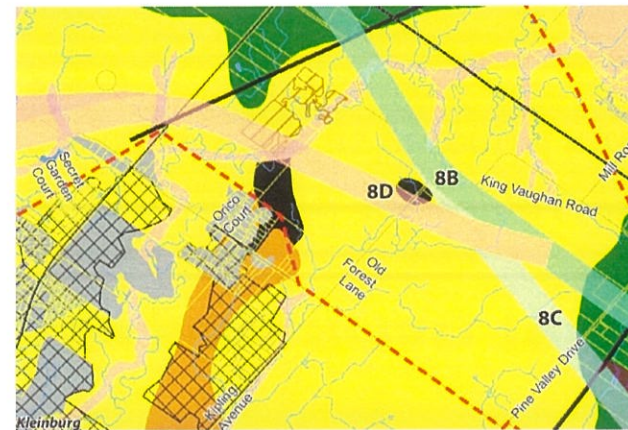
Existing Features and Development Applications



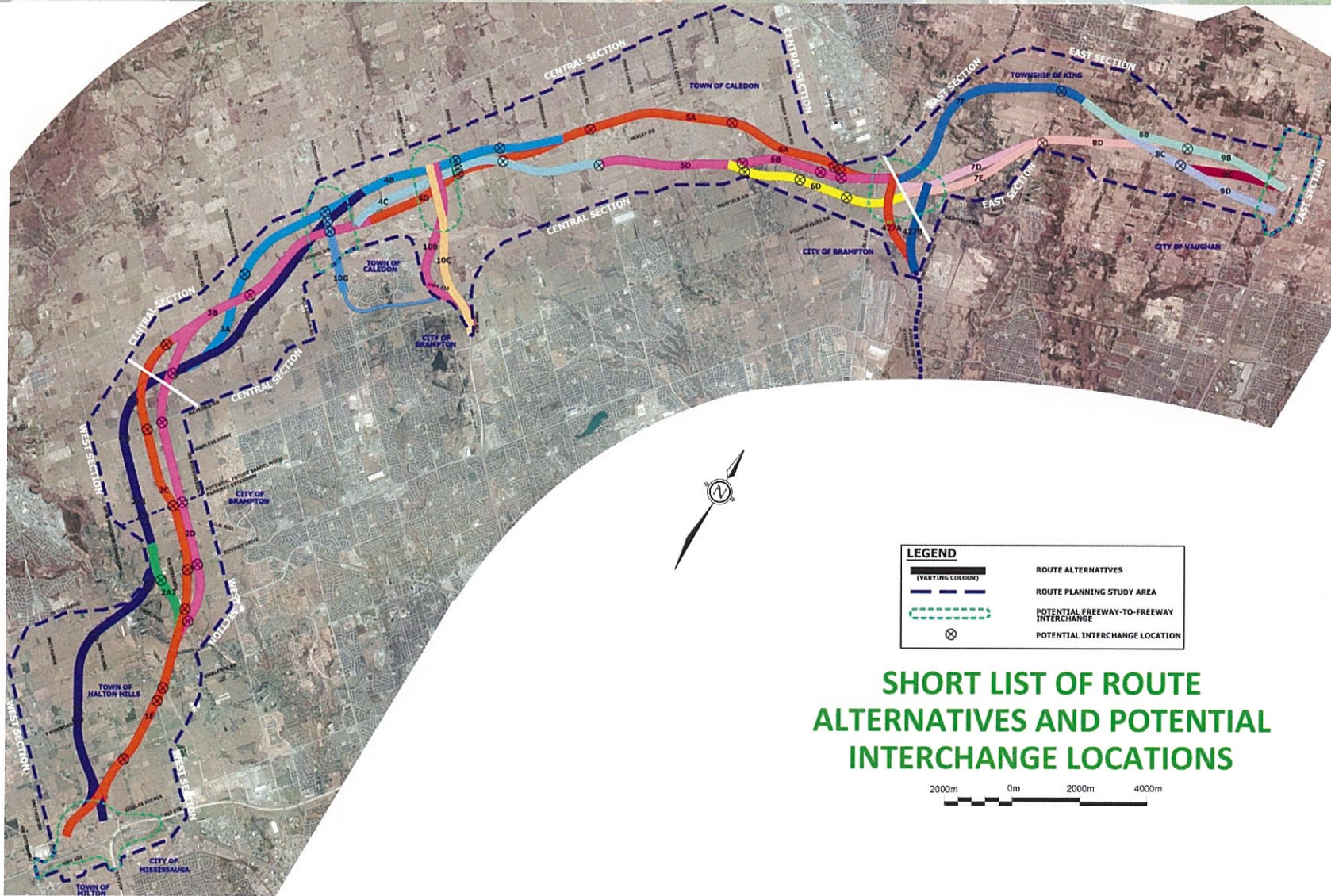
Natural Environment



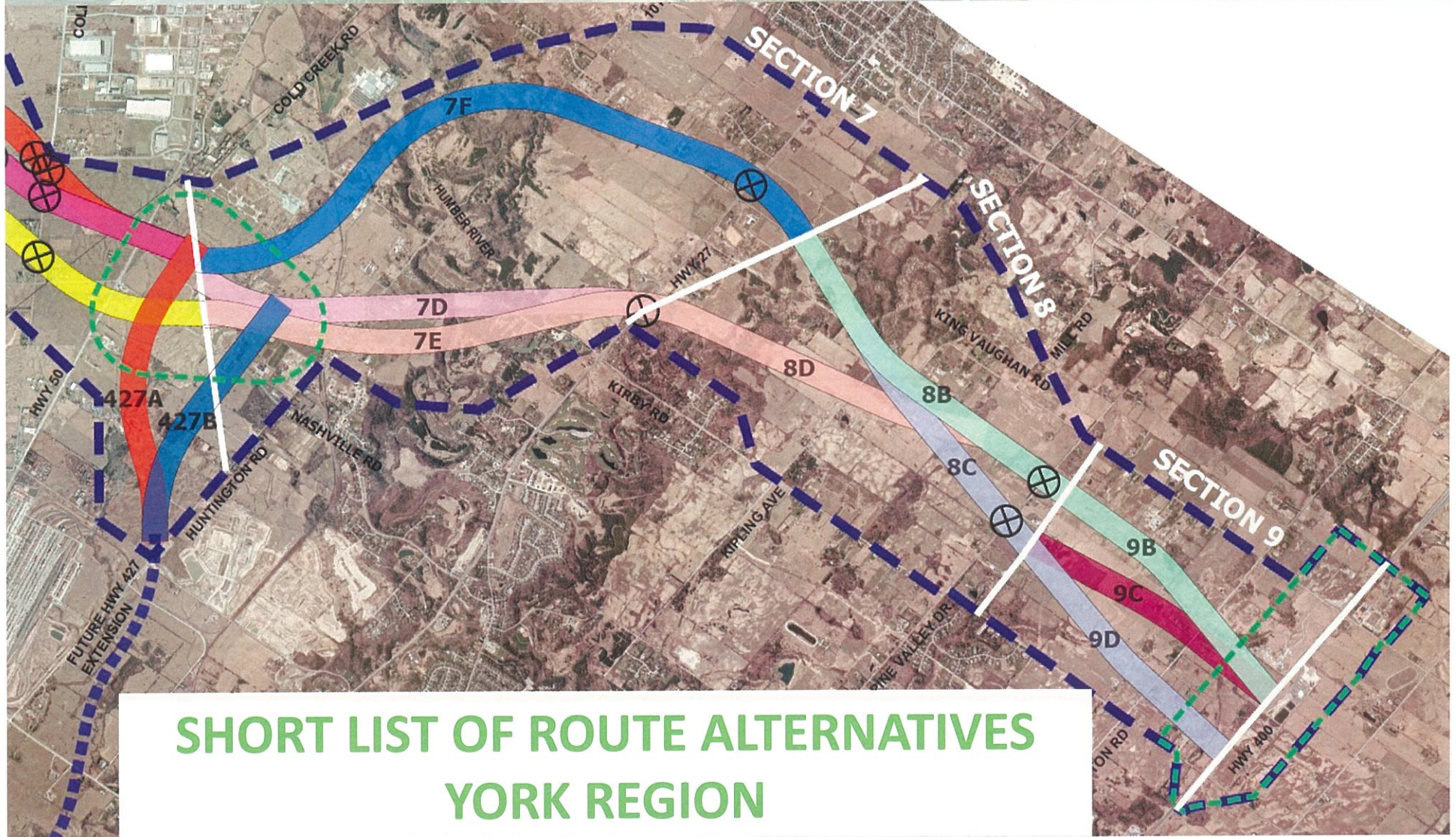
Generalized Future Land Use



Agricultural Conditions

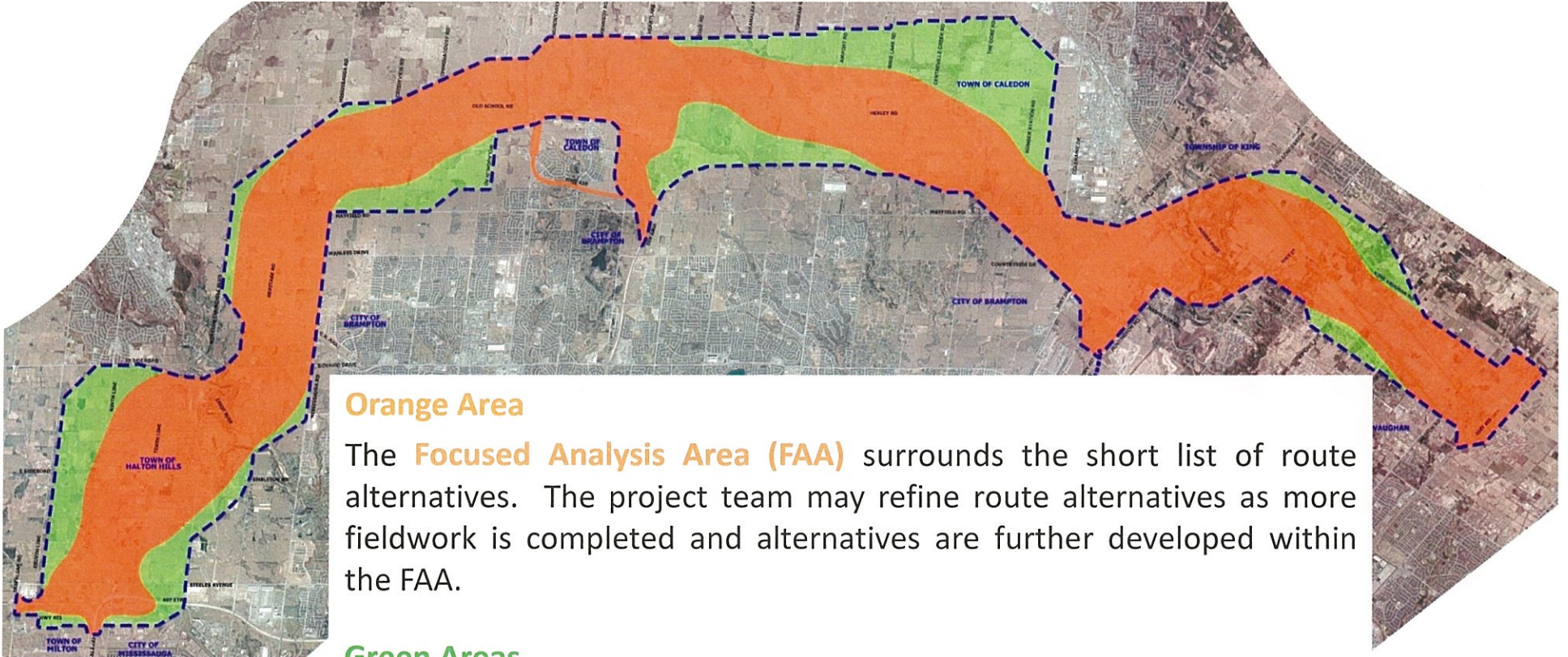


SHORT LIST OF ROUTE ALTERNATIVES AND POTENTIAL INTERCHANGE LOCATIONS



SHORT LIST OF ROUTE ALTERNATIVES YORK REGION

FOCUSED ANALYSIS AREA



Orange Area

The **Focused Analysis Area (FAA)** surrounds the short list of route alternatives. The project team may refine route alternatives as more fieldwork is completed and alternatives are further developed within the FAA.

Green Areas

MTO will continue to review development applications, but it is anticipated that development processes may proceed for these lands.



CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT

The consultation program features multiple outreach tools and points of contact:

- **Public Information Centres (3 rounds)**

- Over 750 people attended the first round of PICs that was held at 3 venues on November 28 (Halton Region), December 2 (York Region), and December 4 (Peel Region)
- The next round is planned for late 2015

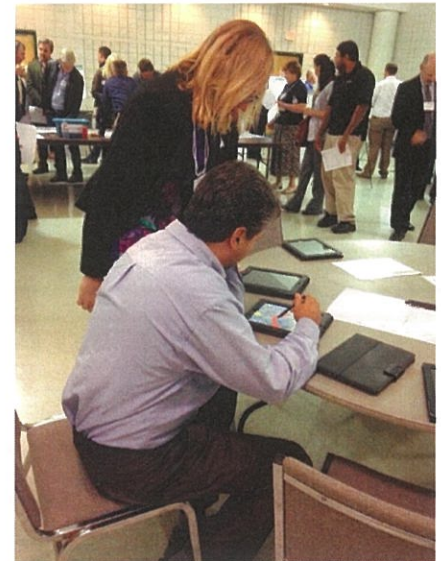
- **Community workshops (4 rounds)**

- Over 300 people attended the first workshops last summer 2014 to provide input on existing features and route and interchange locations, and sign up for advisory groups
- The next round is planned for late spring 2015

- **Ongoing consultation with First Nation and Métis Councils/Communities**

- **Stakeholder advisory groups, municipal working groups, meetings with landowners, and Council presentations**

- **Website, email, toll-free telephone, twitter**





NEXT STEPS

- Remain on schedule
- Refine the screening of the long list and the identification of the short list of route alternatives based on feedback received at PIC #1
- Further develop, assess and evaluate the short list of route alternatives
 - **Community Workshop #2**
 - **Meetings with Municipalities Regarding Potential Interchange Locations**
 - **Meetings with Advisory Groups**
- Present the preferred route at PIC #2 (Fall/Winter 2015)
- Present the preliminary design of the preferred route at PIC #3 (Winter/Spring 2017)

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BACK UP

