

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY Bass Pro Mills Drive, from Highway 400 to Weston Road

THE STUDY

The City of Vaughan (City) has initiated 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;
- 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 PROCESS

This Class EA study will define the problems and opportunities, identify and evaluate alternative solutions and designs, and determine a preferred design for the proposed improvements. The study will assess the proposed improvements in consideration of potential impacts to transportation service and the natural, socio-economic and cultural environments.

The study will be 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. Upon study completion, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be made available for public review and comment. The ESR will document the study, consultation process and decision-making rationale.

CONSULTATION

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

As part of this Class EA study, two (2) Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to present and gather your feedback on existing study area conditions, the identification and evaluation of alternative solutions and design concepts, and study recommendations. The dates and times of these important consultation events will be advertised as the study progresses.

Join the conversation. Visit vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA for study updates and opportunities to get involved in the decisions for this project.

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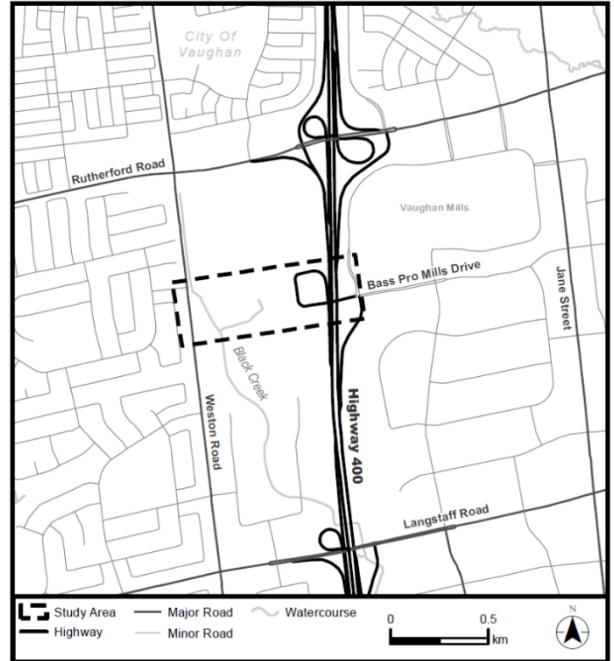
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