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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed new Highway 5 and 6 interchange and the City of Hamilton's plans to replace the Canadian National (CN) and Canadian Pacific (CP) Rail Bridge in Waterdown. I welcome the opportunity to respond.

The proposed new Highway 5 and 6 interchange is in the detail design phase, and we anticipate completing the design by spring 2017. Timing to initiate the next phase of construction depends on the future review and prioritization of Ontario's corridor investment strategies and commitments in the Southern Highways Program (SHP) for sustainable transportation infrastructure. This program is reviewed annually with new projects being added each year. Construction of the proposed new Highway 5 and 6 interchange is included in the SHP 2016-2020, under Planning for the Future.

The ministry and the City of Hamilton have signed a legal agreement outlining the project's cost sharing. The legal agreement includes provisions that permit the City of Hamilton to move forward to construct the municipal roads in advance of the ministry's work. The City of Hamilton may consider moving forward with this component in preparation for the construction of the future interchange. Additional property acquisition and utility relocations may be required for any advanced works.

MTO staff will be pleased to meet with the City of Hamilton staff to discuss and coordinate infrastructure improvements in the area. Further study is required to consider construction timing and connectivity between Highway 6 and the city's East/West-North/South bypass. The ministry will continue to work in close coordination with City of Hamilton staff to develop an effective plan to accommodate local infrastructure improvements and development.

For further information regarding this project, please contact Martin Michalek, Area Manager, Planning and Design, at 416-235-5606, or at martin.michalek@ontario.ca.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Del Duca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Steven Del Duca
Minister

