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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter, reference file #C19-003, regarding an update on the environmental assessment for the widening of Highway 403 from Highway 52 to Highway 6. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Ontario's Government for the People is committed to improving the transportation network across the province to reduce congestion and get people moving.

Highway 403 is an important corridor. In 2013, the ministry completed the Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study Phase 1 Transportation Development Strategy. One of its recommendations was to widen Highway 403 in the City of Hamilton with one additional lane per direction from King Street/Main Street to Jerseyville. The next phase of work will include the EA. Timing for the EA is subject to prioritization against other expansion projects across the province and availability of funding.

I am pleased to let you know that the ministry is moving forward with two Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design Studies, which will investigate the future needs at Highway 403/QEW and at Highway 403/Highway 6 interchanges and ensure that infrastructure renewal projects include provisions and accommodations for future expansion. The ministry is also planning to resurface Highway 403 from the Highway 403 and Wilson Street interchange to Brant boundaries in 2022. If you require further information, please contact Ehab Armanious, Project Engineer, at ehab.armanious@ontario.ca or 416-235-5552.

Thanks again for reaching out and for this opportunity to respond. Ontario's Government for the People is committed to giving Ontarians a direct say in how we can improve the effectiveness and efficiency of provincial programs and services.

Sincerely,

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Honourable Jeff Yurek Minister of Transportation