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Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor  
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

**RE: Notice of Study Commencement (W.O. #16-20004)  
Highway 403 and Highway 6 Interchange Improvements  
Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study  
Ontario Ministry of Transportation**

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The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) to undertake a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for Highway 403 and Highway 6 Interchange infrastructure renewal. The study limits extend from Grindstone Creek westerly to Old Guelph Road on Highway 403, and from Highway 6 and Highway 403 interchange to Bruce Trail on Highway 6. The Study encompasses fourteen bridges, three structural culverts, and fifteen retaining walls along Highway 403 and Highway 6. Reasonable design alternatives for structural and operational improvements will be developed and evaluated leading to the selection of a preferred alternative(s) for short-term and long-term improvements to ensure the next round of infrastructure rehabilitation / renewal can accommodate future traffic needs of Highway 403 within the Study limits. The Study Area is located within the City of Hamilton and the City of Burlington (Halton Region) (refer to the enclosed "Notice of Study Commencement").

This Study will follow the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. Alternatives will be generated and evaluated based on technical and environmental factors and in consultation with Indigenous communities, public stakeholders, municipalities and government agencies. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held during this Study to provide interested parties with the opportunity to discuss the Study and provide input to the Project Team. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public and agency review period at the completion of the Study.

**The purpose of this letter is to notify your office of Study Commencement.** The enclosed "Notice of Study Commencement" will appear in the following local newspapers:

- Hamilton Spectator on Tuesday, January 28, 2020
- Burlington Post / Flamborough Review on Thursday, January 30, 2020
- Hamilton Le Regional on Thursday, January 30, 2020

If you wish to obtain additional information about the Study please visit the Project Website at: [www.Hwy403Hwy6PreliminaryDesignEA.ca](http://www.Hwy403Hwy6PreliminaryDesignEA.ca).

There is an opportunity at any time during the Study for interested persons to provide input to the Project Team including comments and information regarding the study. Comments are being collected to assist MTO with the preliminary design and to meet the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this Study, please contact one of the Project Team members listed on the enclosed "Notice of Study Commencement". Pour des renseignements en français veuillez communiquer avec Karen Cooper au: (905) 882-4401 poste 1854 ou [karen.cooper@aecom.com](mailto:karen.cooper@aecom.com).

If you would like to provide comments, or if you require further information regarding this project, please feel free to contact me by phone at 416-235-5552 or by email at [ehab.armanious@ontario.ca](mailto:ehab.armanious@ontario.ca); or you may contact the AECOM Project Manager, Tim Sorochinsky by phone at 905-882-3522 or email at [tim.sorochinsky@aecom.com](mailto:tim.sorochinsky@aecom.com).

Sincerely,  
**Ontario Ministry of Transportation**

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Encl. Notice of Study Commencement

<b>OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK</b>	
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REF'D TO	<u>J. Thorne</u>
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	<u>Feb 12</u>
	<u>AS</u>

**ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE  
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT  
HIGHWAY 403 AND HIGHWAY 6 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS, W.O. #16-20004  
PRELIMINARY DESIGN & CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY**

**THE STUDY**

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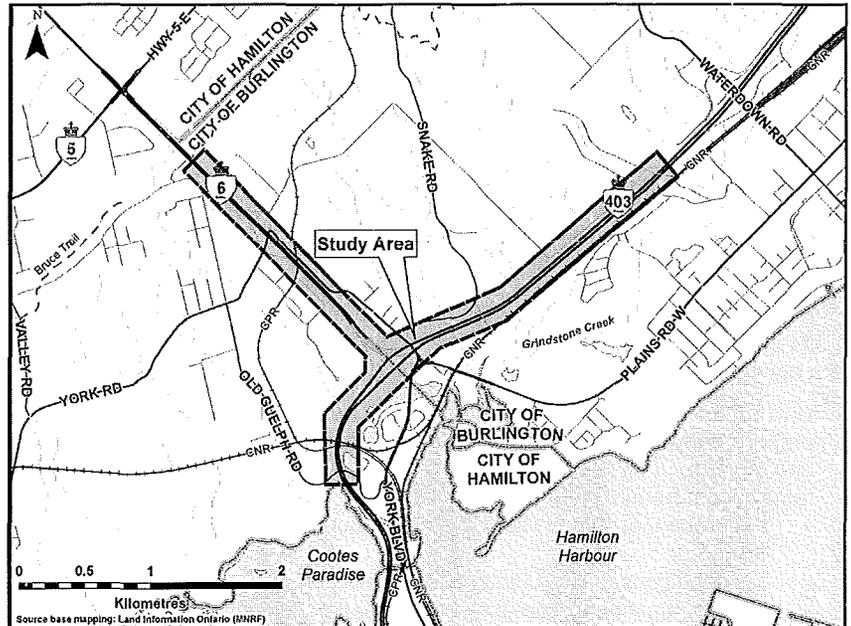
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A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public and agency review period at the completion of the Study which will document:

- The transportation problems and opportunities,
- Existing environmental conditions;
- The generation, assessment and evaluation of alternatives;
- The preferred alternative(s) / recommended plan
- A summary of potential environmental issues and mitigation measures; and,
- A summary of consultation undertaken throughout the Study.



Notifications advising of the time and location of the PICs and of the availability of the TESR for review will be published in local newspapers, mailed or e-mailed to those on the study mailing list, and information will be made available on the Study website.

**COMMENTS**

To obtain additional information, provide comments, or to be placed on the study mailing list, please contact the Project Team as follows:

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Renseignements en français disponibles en composant le 905-747-1854 (Karen Cooper) ou [karen.cooper@aecom.com](mailto:karen.cooper@aecom.com)

