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Dear Ms. Pilon:

**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**

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").

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the commencement of this Preliminary Design and Class EA study. On the attached Stakeholder Contact Information Form, please indicate whether your organization has an interest in this project and who will act as our main contact. In order to assist us with our planning process, would you also please indicate if the above noted project will affect the delivery of your organization's programs or services. A reply by February 28, 2020 would be appreciated.

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.

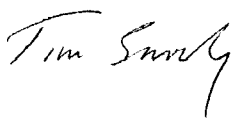
If you wish to obtain additional information about the Study please visit the Project Website at: www.Hwy403Hwy6PreliminaryDesignEA.ca.

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.

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 905-882-4401 ext. 3522 or email at tim.sorochinsky@aecom.com. You may also contact the MTO Senior Project Manager, Ehab Armanious by phone at 416-235-5552 or by email at ehab.armanious@ontario.ca

Sincerely,
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Encl. Notice of Study Commencement

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**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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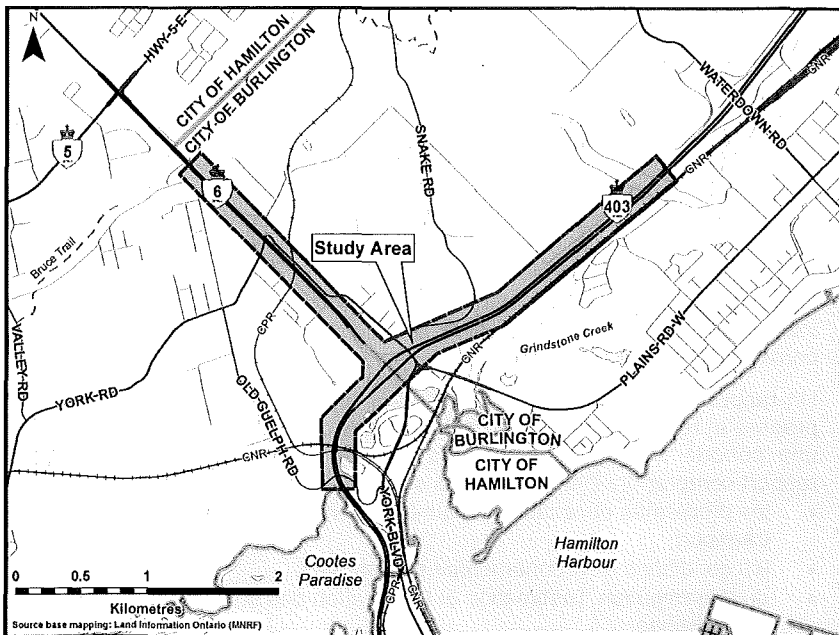
THE PROCESS

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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

Ontario Ministry of Transportation, W.O. #16-20004