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Dawn McAlpine  
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City of Barrie  
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Dear Ms. McAlpine:

**RE: Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) #2**  
**Highway 400 Improvements from 1 km South of Highway 89 to Highway 11**  
Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Update Study  
Town of Innisfil, City of Barrie, and Township of Springwater within Simcoe County  
Ontario Ministry of Transportation (W.O. 06-20016)

AECOM (formerly URS Canada Inc.) has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to undertake a Preliminary Design Update Study to examine the nature of improvements required to address traffic operations, capacity, and safety needs along a 30 km section of Highway 400 from 1 km south of Highway 89 to the junction at Highway 11. The project limits are located within the Town of Innisfil, City of Barrie, and the Township of Springwater within Simcoe County (refer to the enclosed *Notice of Public Information Centre #2*).

This study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the *MTO Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. A previous Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) was prepared and received environmental clearance for improvements to this section of the Highway 400 corridor in April 2004 (G.W.P. 30-95-00).

Reasonable alternatives to address the required improvements have been developed and evaluated leading to the selection of a preferred alternative(s) and ultimately a recommended plan for this section of Highway 400 corridor.

The long-term vision of the corridor includes widening this section of Highway 400 to 10 lanes with improvements and modifications of each of the interchanges to accommodate the proposed widening and provide adequate traffic operations. Improvements to highway drainage, illumination and structures along this section of the Highway 400 corridor have also been identified as part of this study.

**The purpose of this letter is to notify you that Public Information Centre (PIC) #2 has now been scheduled for this project.** The purpose of PIC #2 is to provide the public with the opportunity to view and provide comments on the changes to the Approved Plan identified in the 2004 TESR, as well as to view the details of the evaluation of alternatives, the technically preferred alternatives, and the results of the impact assessment and proposed mitigation measures. Representatives from external agencies, municipalities, First Nations and Métis Communities, and elected officials are invited to attend an External Team Meeting prior to the PIC. You are encouraged to attend this drop-in meeting to view the displays in advance of the public and provide us with your comments so that they can be considered as the project progresses.

The External Team Meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday April 25, 2017, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (drop-in)**  
**Holiday Inn Barrie Hotel & Conference Centre, Churchill Ballroom**  
**20 Fairview Rd, Barrie, ON L4N 4P3**

Following the External Team Meeting, the PIC will be open to the public from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You are also welcome to attend the PIC which will be an informal drop-in centre. Representatives from the MTO and Consultant Team will be available to answer questions and discuss the project.

Following PIC #2 a Transportation Environmental Study Report Addendum (TESR Addendum) will be prepared, at the completion of the study, to document the changes to the Approved Plan relative to that outlined in the 2004 TESR. The TESR Addendum will be made available to the public, other interested parties and external agencies for a 30-day public review period at public review locations in close proximity to the study area. A notice of the TESR Addendum review opportunity will be provided.

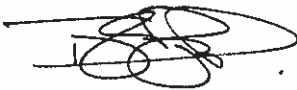
There is an opportunity at any time during the study for interested persons to provide input to the Project Team including comments and information regarding the study. Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. This material 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 wish to obtain additional information about the study please visit the Project Website at: <http://highway400improvements89to11.ca>

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed in the attached *Notice of PIC # 2*.

If you would like to provide comments, or if you require further information regarding this study, please feel free to contact me at 905-882-4401 or by email at [projectteam@highway400improvements89to11.com](mailto:projectteam@highway400improvements89to11.com). You may also contact the MTO Project Manager, Robert Vandenberg, at 416-235-5483 or by email at [robert.vandenberg@ontario.ca](mailto:robert.vandenberg@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,  
**AECOM**



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Encl. Notice of Public Information Centre #2

**ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE - NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2**  
**Highway 400 Improvements from 1km South of Highway 89 to the Junction at Highway 11 (W.O. #06-20016)**  
**PRELIMINARY DESIGN & CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY UPDATE**

**THE PROJECT**

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**THE PROCESS**

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Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 was held in November 2014 to provide the public with the opportunity to discuss the project and comment on the Highway 400 widening alternatives and interchange improvement alternatives being considered.

Reasonable alternatives to address the required improvements have been developed and evaluated leading to the selection of a preferred alternative(s) and ultimately a recommended plan for this section of Highway 400 corridor. The long-term vision of the corridor includes widening this section of Highway 400 to 10 lanes (4 general purpose lanes and 1 high occupancy vehicle lane in each direction) with improvements and modifications of each of the interchanges to accommodate the proposed widening and provide adequate traffic operations. Improvements to highway drainage, illumination and structures along this section of the Highway 400 corridor have also been identified as part of this study.

PIC #2 has now been arranged to provide the public with the opportunity to view and provide comments on the changes to the Approved Plan identified in the 2004 TESR as well as to view the details of the evaluation of alternatives, the technically preferred alternatives, and the results of the impact assessment and proposed mitigation measures.

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**COMMENTS**

To obtain additional information or to provide input at any point during the study, please contact:

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