

HIGHWAY 403 WESTBOUND ACCESS RAMP PROJECT (AT MOHAWK ROAD) NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

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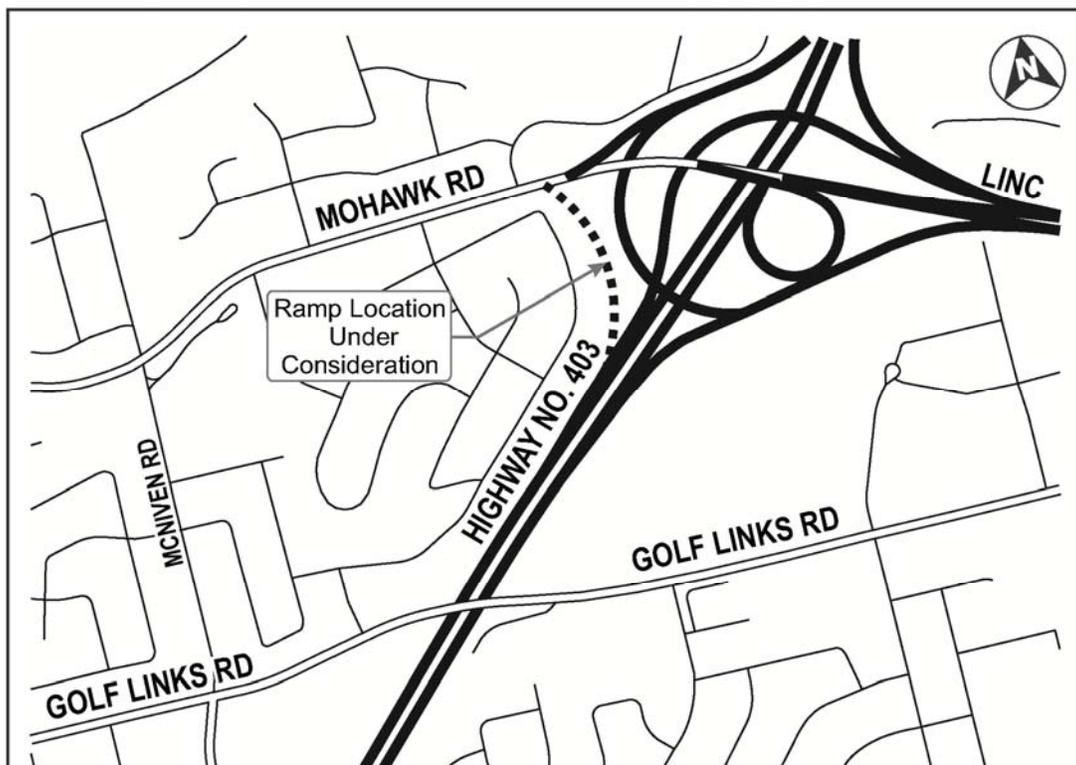
The City of Hamilton has initiated a study to determine the feasibility of a westbound access ramp to Highway 403 in Ancaster. The study includes undertaking the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process for the assessment of alternatives and development of preferred solutions including investigating the operational and geometric feasibility of the proposed westbound ramp.

In 2011 the City completed the Ancaster Transportation Master Plan. At the completion of the study the City Council direction was to pursue the westbound ramp access to Highway 403 from Mohawk Road in collaboration with the Ministry of Transportation.

To comply with the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the study will follow the Municipal Engineer's Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011). The study will fulfill Phases 1 to 4 of the Class EA process.

Specific goals and objectives of the Highway 403 westbound access ramp feasibility and EA study are to:

- Determine the operational and geometric feasibility of a westbound access ramp to Highway 403 from Mohawk Road.
- Assess the limitations and impact of the proposed ramp on the Highway 403 operations and future plans
- Complete Phases 1 to 4 of the Municipal Class EA process



There is an opportunity at any time during this process for interested persons to provide input into the study and bring concerns to the attention of the Project Managers. A Public Information Centre (PIC) is planned for early 2014. A separate notice, indicating the date and location of the PIC will be published and sent to the study mailing list.

If you require additional information related to the study or wish to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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More information will be posted on the project website www.hamilton.ca/mohawkroadramp as the study proceeds

Information will be collected 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.