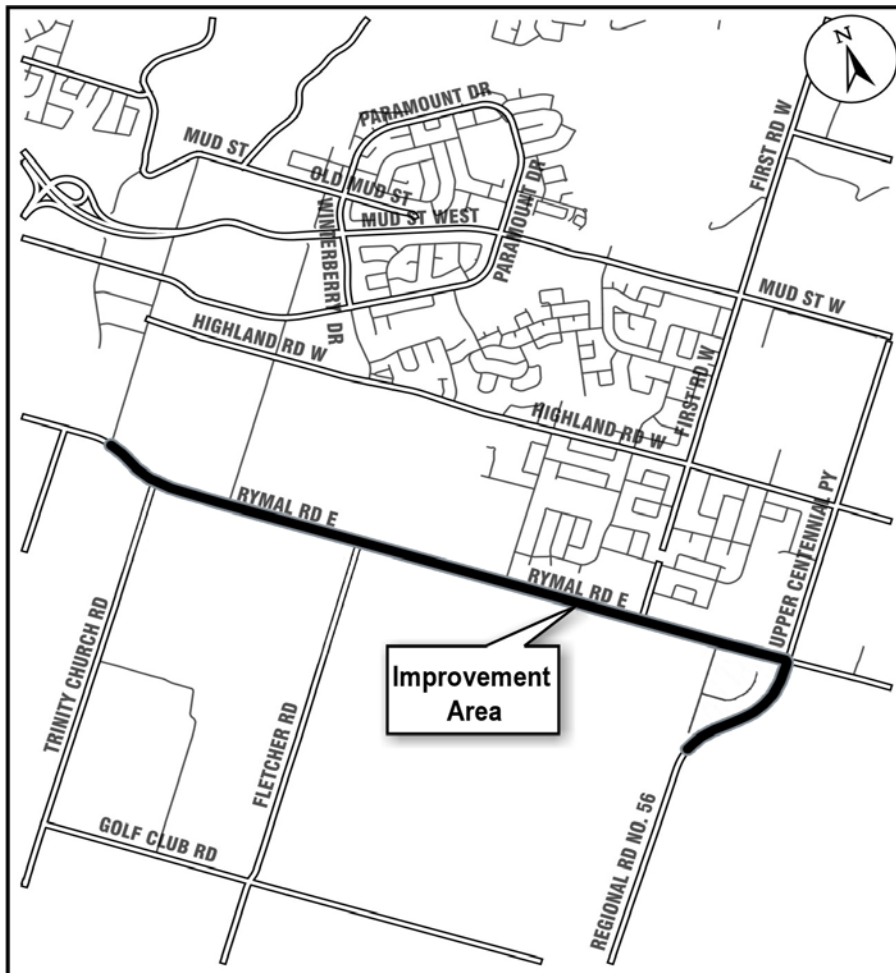


NOTICE OF COMPLETION
Rymal Road Improvements (ROPA 9)
Class Environmental Assessment

THE STUDY

The City of Hamilton has completed the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process to assess transportation needs for the Rymal Road Planning Area (ROPA 9). The study area includes lands located on the south side of Rymal Road East (Highway No. 53), east of Trinity Church Road, west of Regional Road 56, and north of the hydro corridor, called the Regional Official Plan Ammendment 9 (ROPA 9) lands. The project area is shown on the map below.



THE PROCESS

This study has been undertaken in accordance with the Municipal Engineers Association, *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* document (June 2000) and will satisfy Phase 3 and 4 of the planning and design process. The study was presented at a public information centre held on October 12, 2006. No comments were received that cannot be addressed.

The Phase 1 and 2 requirements of the planning and design process for the ROPA 9 study area were fulfilled by the Rymal Road Planning Area Class EA Master Plan Report which was endorsed by Hamilton City Council on June 14, 2006 and was available to the public for review from June 16 to July 18, 2006.

This Notice of Completion is issued for the Schedule “C” transportation improvements for Rymal Road in ROPA9 area addressed in this Environmental Study Report, which include:

- Widen Rymal Road from Trinity Church Road to Upper Centennial Parkway / Regional Road 56;
- Widen Regional Road 56 to approximately 900m south of Rymal Road; and
- Implement operational improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

A Class EA Environmental Study Report documenting the planning process undertaken and conclusions reached will be on public record for a minimum of 30 calendar days in accordance with the Municipal Class EA. **The “Review Period” will begin on August 31, 2007 and end on October 01, 2007.** The Class EA Environmental Study Report is available for public review at the following locations:

<p><u>Hamilton Public Library, Valley Park Branch</u> 970 Paramount Drive Hamilton, Ontario L8J 1Y2 (905) 573-3141</p>	<p><u>Office of the City Clerk</u> 71 Main Street West City Hall, 2nd Floor Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4Y5 (905) 546-CITY</p>	<p><u>City Centre</u> Public Works Department 77 James Street North Suite 320 Hamilton, Ontario L8R 2K3 (905) 546-CITY</p>
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Note: On September 7, 2007 the City Clerk office will move to City Centre, 77 James Street North, Suite 220, Hamilton, Ontario, L8R 2K3

The report will also be available throughout the review period on website www.hamilton.ca/ropa9

Subject to comments received as a result of this notice, the City of Hamilton intends to proceed with the implementation (i.e. Phase 5 of the Municipal Class EA process) of the recommended projects. If after reading the Class EA Environmental Study Report, you have questions or concerns, please follow the following procedure:

1. Contact the following City staff to discuss your questions or concerns:

Christine Lee-Morrison, MCIP, RPP
 Manager, Environmental Planning
 Capital Planning & Implementation,
 Public Works Department, City of Hamilton
 320-77 James St. N.
 Hamilton, ON L8R 2K3
 Phone: 905-546-2424 ext. 6390
 Fax: 905-546-4435
 Email: epanning@hamilton.ca

Arrange a meeting with the above if you have significant concerns that may require more detailed explanation.

2. If you raise major concerns, the City will attempt to negotiate a resolution of the issues. A mutually acceptable time period for this negotiation will be set. If the issues remain unresolved, you may request the Minister of the Environment, by order, to require the City to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act before proceeding with the Schedule C projects. This is called a Part II Order (“bump up”). The Minister may make one of the following decisions:

- Deny the request
- Refer the matter to mediation
- Require the City to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act by undertaking one of the following:
 - Submitting the Class EA Environmental Study Report for government review and approval; or,
 - Completing an Individual Environmental Assessment for government review and approval; or,
 - Preparing Terms of Reference governing the preparation of an Individual Environmental Assessment.

Requests for a Part II Order must be submitted in writing to the Minister of the Environment within the 30 day review period:

Minister of Environment
Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

A copy of the Part II Order must also be sent to the City of Hamilton, to the attention of the Project Manager (address above).

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.

This notice issued August 31 and September 07, 2007.