

Longwood Road Environmental Project Report Notice of Project Completion

THE PROJECT AND PROCESS

The City of Hamilton has undergone a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Longwood Road (Main St. to Aberdeen Ave.). The Recommended Alternative incorporates the following:

- a roundabout at Aberdeen/Longwood with pedestrian crosswalks across the east and north legs of the roundabout only,
- an east-side-loaded active transportation infrastructure along Longwood Road and along the north side of Aberdeen Avenue to Studholme Road,
- a new second bridge over HWY 403 for active transportation.

After recent inspection of the Longwood Road bridge it has been determined that the bridge will need significant rehabilitation within 5 to 10 years. Furthermore current information from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has shown that they are proposing to widen HWY 403 in their Niagara to Greater Toronto Area (NGTA) study.

As a result of this new information from MTO, City staff have been reviewing the bridges along the HWY 403 corridor and examining design options for a new Longwood Road bridge across HWY 403 which would accommodate bike lanes, sidewalks and the required vehicular lanes.

The Municipal Class EA allows the proponent (the City) to customize projects to address specific complexities. As a result of the new information it would be more fiscally responsible to build one wider bridge to accommodate for all modes of transportation rather than a second bridge for only active transportation needs.

Therefore, that being said, the following recommended projects can be constructed, when funding is available:

1. Four travelled lanes with a centre turn lane and sidewalk on the west side and a multi-use path (cycling and pedestrian facilities) on the east side. (Schedule A+)
2. A roundabout at Aberdeen Ave./Longwood Rd. with pedestrian crosswalks across the east and north legs of the roundabout only; the east side of the roundabout would be loaded with walking and cycling infrastructure along Longwood Rd and along the north side of Aberdeen Ave to Studholme Rd. (Schedule A+)

Under the Municipal Class EA [Municipal Engineers Association Class Environmental Assessment (EA), (October 2000, as amended 2007 and 2011) only Schedule B and C projects can be appealed with a Part II Order. There is no opportunity to put in a Part II Order for Schedule A and A+ projects.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The Environmental Project Report documenting the planning process undertaken will be available for public and agency review for a minimum 30 calendar days from **June 7, 2013 to July 8, 2013**. The Environmental Project Report is available for public review online at <http://www.hamilton.ca/Longwood-Rd-EA> as well as at the following locations:

1. **City Centre Public Works Dept.** at 77 James St. N., Suite 400 Reception;
Tel: 905-546-CITY
2. **City Hall Clerk's Dept.** at 71 Main St. E.; Tel: 905-546-CITY
3. **Westdale Library**, 955 King Street West; Tel: 905-546-3456

If after reading the Environmental Project Report, you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to be able to comment on the above Report, please contact the Project Manager as soon as possible.

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Municipal 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 on June 7 and June 14, 2013.