



**Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information
Centre
Longwood Road
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment**

THE STUDY

The City of Hamilton has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Longwood Road to address the long term needs of Longwood Road. The long term needs identified in the 2006 Kirkendall Transportation Study were to provide a 4-lane cross-section on Longwood Road, with the provision of sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides, and to provide a 3-lane cross section on the Longwood Road Bridge over Highway 403.

This EA will confirm or revise the need and justification for improvements to Longwood Road within the study area, and will review alternatives, such as a conventional intersection or roundabout for the Longwood Road and Aberdeen Road intersection, alternatives over Highway 403, and alternatives for pedestrians and cyclists.

The purpose of this study is to develop and assess design alternatives that address the identified transportation issues for this road.

THE PROCESS

This project is being carried out as a Schedule C project under the Municipal Engineers Association *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000, as amended in 2007). All requirements for Schedule C projects within the Study Area will be fulfilled.

STREETSCAPE MASTER PLAN

Guided by the recommendations of the Longwood Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA), the City of Hamilton will be preparing a Streetscape Master Plan for Longwood Road South as defined by the limits of this EA. The Streetscape Master Plan will provide a broad design strategy and context for future physical improvements in the public realm (i.e., the public road right-of-way and other publicly owned spaces). The Streetscape Master Plan contributes urban design principles and guidance on the ultimate design of these public spaces that implements the policies of the West Hamilton Innovation District (WHID) Secondary Plan and the provisions of the Longwood Road EA. Information regarding the Streetscape Master Plan will be available at this public meeting.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Public consultation is an important component of the EA process. This PIC is to review the project and present the preferred design alternatives. The Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, March 21, 2012
TIME: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (open house format)
LOCATION: McMaster Innovation Park, 175 Longwood Road South, Room 1BCD

The study results will be documented in an Environmental Study Report, which will be available for public review and comment upon completion of the study. Another advertisement will be published at that time, indicating where the report can be viewed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS INVITED

There is an opportunity at any time during this process for interested persons to review outstanding issues and bring concerns to the attention of the Project Managers. If you have any questions or comments, or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact:

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Please contact the City's Project Manager regarding disability accommodation requirements for the PIC by March 14, 2012.

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.

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