

November 22, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

**RE: Notice of Public Information Centre – Focused on the Federal Impact Assessment Process for the Highway 413 Project**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is in Stage 2 of the Highway 413 Transportation Corridor Route Planning, Preliminary Design and Provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) Project, formerly known as the GTA West Study. Building on the recommendations from Stage 1, the EA is identifying the route, determining interchange locations and completing the preliminary design for a new transportation corridor within the Route Planning Study Area (refer to the enclosed mapping). The new highway and transitway will include: a 400-series highway, transitway and potential goods movement priority features.

On May 3, 2021, the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change designated the Highway 413 Project under the Federal Impact Assessment (IA) Act. MTO is preparing an Initial Project Description (IPD), which covers preliminary consultation and engagement, the need for the project, potential alternatives, existing and future conditions, and the studies being undertaken to inform the potential changes as a result of the project. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) will use the IPD to inform their decision on whether a Federal IA of the project is required. Submission of the IPD to IAAC is anticipated in early 2022.

**You are invited to attend an upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC) to help shape the content of the IPD and to ensure that your community's interests are captured appropriately in the IPD prior to submission to IAAC.** This meeting will exclusively focus on sharing the reason for the Federal designation, reviewing the IA process, discussing the technical studies being added to the project in response to the Federal designation, obtaining your feedback on our understanding of the socio-economic contexts of your communities, and obtaining your feedback on our understanding of the key issues raised by stakeholders in your communities and Indigenous communities and how we are addressing them through the project. The PIC will be conducted as an online session hosted through the Zoom platform and the materials for each event will be specific to the regions identified for each meeting date.

**December 7, 2021 –  
Peel Region**  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**December 9, 2021 –  
York Region**  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**December 14, 2021 –  
Halton Region**  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**To register for the PIC, please visit [www.gta-west.com/consultation-2](http://www.gta-west.com/consultation-2) and click on the Zoom registration link under the *Upcoming Opportunities for Input* section. If you have accessibility requirements, please leave a message on the toll-free telephone line at 1-877-522-6916 or e-mail [project\\_team@gta-west.com](mailto:project_team@gta-west.com).**

For the best experience, we encourage you to join the PIC on Zoom through an electronic device. If you don't have access to an electronic device, you can listen to the PIC through your telephone. A recording of the event will be posted on the project website. Again, this PIC will focus on the Federal Impact Assessment process for the project and questions regarding the Provincial EA should be submitted separately to the Project Team at the telephone number or e-mail provided above.

Comments and input regarding the project are encouraged. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Access to Information Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. Project information is available at [www.gta-west.com](http://www.gta-west.com). Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant (289) 835-2484 (Yannick Garnier).

Sincerely,

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Encl. Highway 413 Project Route Planning Study Area Map with the Preferred Route Overlay

**Highway 413 Project Route Planning Study Area with the Preferred Route Overlay**

