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Mr. Daniel Kostopoulos
Commissioner, Transportation & Community Planning
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

**Re: Notice of Study Completion – Transportation Environmental Study Report
Highway 404 from 407 ETR to Green Lane (W.O. 03-20024)
Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design Study**

Dear Mr. Kostopoulos:

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained MMM Group Limited to undertake the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) and Preliminary Design Study for the 26 km section of Highway 404 from 407 ETR to Green Lane, in the Regional Municipality of York. A key plan showing the study area is provided on the enclosed notice.

This study followed the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been completed for the study and will be available for a 30-day public review period, which will end on **Monday, July 18, 2016**. Please refer to the enclosed notice for details regarding the public review of the TERS.

If you wish to obtain additional information about the project or provide input at any point during the study, please visit the study website at www.hwy404eastudy.ca or contact one of the individuals noted in the enclosed notice.

Yours Truly,



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Attach: Ontario Government Notice

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

Highway 404 from 407 ETR to Green Lane (W.O. 03-20024) Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design Study

STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **MMM Group Limited** to undertake the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) and Preliminary Design Study for the 26 km section of Highway 404 from the 407 ETR to Green Lane, in the Regional Municipality of York. The study area is shown on the key plan.

The objectives of the study are to assess and identify rehabilitation, operational and safety improvements throughout the study corridor and develop a plan that includes contract staging and sequencing for future construction projects.

The recommended plan includes the following:

- Proposed widening of Highway 404 to accommodate an additional High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction. The widening will occur within the existing median between the northbound and southbound lanes.
- Proposed interchange improvements at 16th Avenue and at Mulock Drive.
- Carpool lot and ramp reconfiguration at Major MacKenzie Drive.
- Proposed bridge improvements to accommodate widening.
- Additional illumination will be provided as required.
- Storm water management and drainage improvements.

THE PROCESS

This study followed the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. The Preliminary Design study has been completed and a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared. The TESR documents the details of the recommended plan, the anticipated environmental and property impacts, proposed mitigation measures, and a summary of consultation undertaken throughout the study.

The TESR is available for a 30-day public review period from **Thursday, June 16, 2016 to Monday, July 18, 2016** on the project website (www.hwy404eastudy.ca) and during regular business hours at the following locations:

Ministry of Transportation

Central Region - Building D - 3rd Floor
Planning and Environmental Office
159 Sir William Hearst Avenue
Toronto, ON M3M 0B7
Mon - Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

York Region

Administrative Centre
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
Mon - Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Town of East Gwillimbury

19000 Leslie Street
Sharon, ON L0G 1V0
Mon - Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

111 Sandiford Drive
Stouffville, ON L4A 0Z8
Mon - Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Newmarket Public Library

438 Park Avenue
Newmarket, ON L3Y 1W1
Tues - Thurs: 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fri & Sat: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Richmond Hill Public Library - Central

1 Atkinson Street
Richmond Hill, ON L4C 0H5
Mon - Thurs: 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fri: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Aurora Public Library

15145 Yonge Street
Aurora, ON L4G 1M1
Mon: 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tues - Thurs: 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fri & Sat: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Angus Glen Public Library

3990 Major Mackenzie Drive East
Markham, ON L6C 1P8
Mon - Thurs: 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fri & Sat: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Aurora Town Hall

100 John West Way
Aurora, ON L4G 6J1
Mon - Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

City of Markham

Markham Civic Centre
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3
Mon - Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Town of Newmarket

Municipal Office
395 Mulock Drive
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7
Mon - Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Town of Richmond Hill

225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4
Mon - Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the TESR and provide comments during the 30-day review period, which will end on **Monday, July 18, 2016**. If, after consulting with MTO and the consultant, you have serious unresolved concerns, you have the right to request the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (11th Floor, Ferguson Block, 77 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, ON M7A 2T5) make a Part II Order (Bump-up) for this project. A Part II Order may lead to the preparation of an individual environmental assessment. The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change must receive your Part II Order request by **Monday, July 18, 2016**. A copy of the request should also be forwarded to the MTO and the consultant at the addresses below. If there are no outstanding Part II Order requests at the end of the 30-day review period, which will end on **Monday, July 18, 2016**, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA.

COMMENTS

For additional details, please visit the project website (www.hwy404eastudy.ca) or contact one of the Project Team members below.

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If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected 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.

