



# STUDY UPDATE

**Public Information Centre (PIC) #2 for Stage 2 of the GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study is not taking place this December as planned. The ministry needs more time as this is a complex study. The ministry will provide more information as soon as it becomes available.**

## The EA Study

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking Stage 2 of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the GTA West Transportation Corridor. Building on the recommendations from Stage 1, the EA Study will identify the route, determine interchange locations and complete the preliminary design for a new transportation corridor within the Route Planning Study Area. The new transportation corridor will include: a 400-series highway, transitway and potential goods movement priority features.

The GTA West Transportation Corridor is vital transportation infrastructure that will help meet the projected growth in both population and employment identified in the *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2006)*, and will deliver multiple benefits including:

- Greater connectivity between urban growth centres;
- Enhanced people and goods movement;
- Improved commuting; and,
- Greater economic vitality.

The GTA West Transportation Corridor Planning and EA Study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) and the *GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference*, which was approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment on March 4, 2008.

## Consultation and Contact Information

Comments and input regarding the study are encouraged and will continue to be collected to assist the GTA West Project Team. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation to meet the requirements of the *Ontario EA Act*. 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.

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