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Good morning All.

On behalf of the Engineering Department, we wanted to provide you notice that we have commenced the Highway 15 Class EA to examine alternatives to address existing and future traffic volumes on this corridor. Our work will assess all modes of transportation, including pedestrian, cycling, transit and vehicular. In addition, a long standing development approval to close Biscayne Street at Highway 15 will be reviewed against the function of the corridor as a whole and in conjunction with public input.

Today will be the official start date of the project, where the public will be notified of project commencement (see attached) in various media forms including the Whig, media release, unaddressed ad mail in the study area and direct notice to key stakeholders.

We have reached out to many of you already in obtaining background information for this project. We look forward to your input as we move forward in determining a needed solution for the project. The project will follow the 'Schedule C' process under the EA Act and we are scheduling to complete an Environmental Assessment Report by Summer 2016. Pending approval of a preferred solution by Council and the MOECC, detailed design will follow with implementation of this development charges funded road scheduled for 2017.

I will be the staff lead for this project so please direct related inquiries to me and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you.

Regards,

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Environmental Assessment Study
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

The City of Kingston has initiated a Schedule ‘C’ Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to review the current and future transportation needs for Highway 15 from south of Provincial Highway 401 to Highway 2 and Highway 2 from the La Salle Causeway to Princess Mary Avenue. The approximate study limits are illustrated on the map. Pedestrian, cycling, transit and vehicular modes will all be considered.

In addition, prior development approvals to close Biscayne Street at Highway 15 will be reviewed as part of this study in the context of the current and future transportation network.



The Process

The Municipal Class EA process will include:

- Public, stakeholder and agency consultation
- Evaluation of alternative solutions and design concepts
- Assessment of the possible environmental effects of implementing the alternatives
- Identification of reasonable means to mitigate any adverse impacts
- Recommendation of a preferred alternative
- Preparation of the required Environmental Study Report (ESR)

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With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the study. The study is being conducted according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is a planning process approved under Ontario’s Environmental Assessment Act.



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Public Consultation

Public and stakeholder consultation is important to ensure that comments and concerns are identified, documented and assessed. As the study progresses, project information and upcoming engagement details will be available on our website at www.CityofKingston.ca/highway15.

Study completion is scheduled for summer 2016, when the ESR will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for approval. At that time, the document will be made available for public review and comment/appeal for a period of 30 days.

Comments and Information

Your participation is important. Please visit our website at www.CityofKingston.ca/highway15 for further information as the study process develops. To submit a comment, question or for more information, please contact either of the following project team members:

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