



Highway 2 Transit Priority Measures Municipal Class Environmental Assessment



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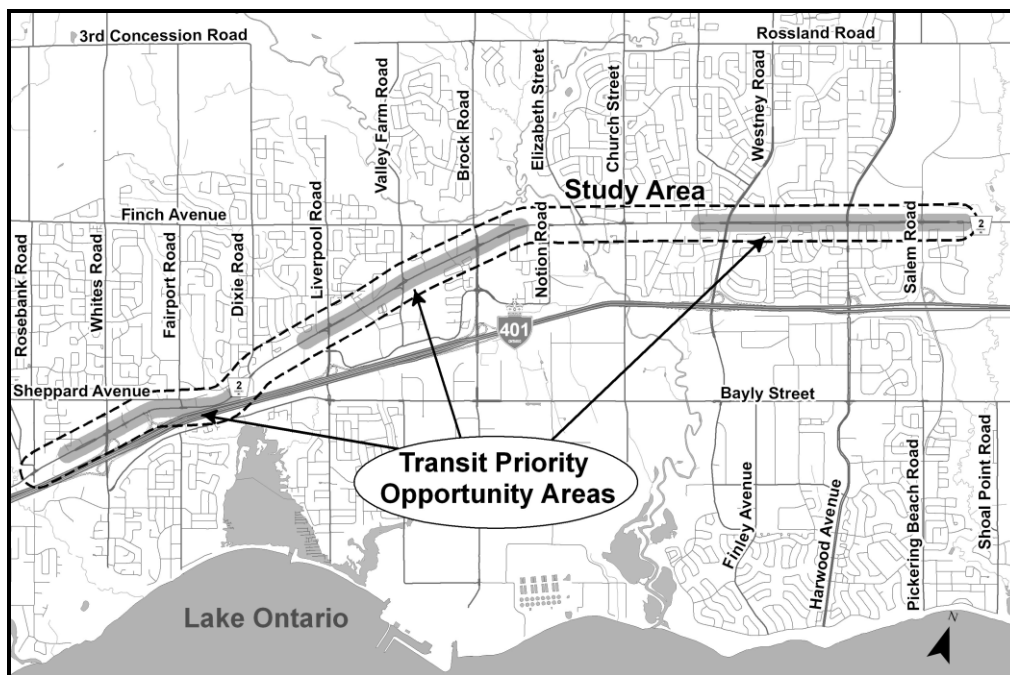
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Highway 2 Transit Priority Measures in Ajax and Pickering Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

Highway 2 (Kingston Road in the Town of Ajax and the City of Pickering) is The Regional Municipality of Durham's (Durham Region) primary transit corridor. It connects the urban areas of Durham Region's lakeshore municipalities. In recognition of this key role, the Province of Ontario has committed funding to implement Stage one of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service on Highway 2. One component of the BRT service is construction of road works to provide priority for transit (buses) over other vehicles.

Durham Region is initiating a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to study and recommend Highway 2 Transit Priority Measures. The EA study will investigate potential roadway modifications to facilitate transit service along Highway 2 in Ajax and Pickering. The study will examine methods of implementing transit priority in three transit priority opportunity areas in the vicinity of: Whites Road, Liverpool Road to Brock Road, and Westney Road to Salem Road. Modifications may include curbside bus only lanes, High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, mixed traffic lanes, or a median transit way. The study area for this project and the transit priority opportunity areas are illustrated in the map below:



During the course of this EA, Durham Region will be engaging stakeholders and the public through public information centres (PICs), newsletters, a project website and other media. PICs will be held at key study milestones. The first will take place later this spring. Details of the first PIC will be published in the Ajax/Pickering News Advertiser and mailed or emailed to individuals on the project contact list. The website may be found by following the "Highway 2 Transit Priority Measures" links on durham.ca or durhamregiontransit.com. If you have an interest in Highway 2, we want to hear from you.

This study is being undertaken in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule 'C' projects under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment and the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

Should you have any questions or comments about this project, please contact the following staff member from The Regional Municipality of Durham Works Department:

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Under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information included in a submission will become part of the public record.

If this information is required in an alternate format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2036.



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