Neighbourhood Transportation Management & EA's
Corporate Assets & Strategic Planning Division, Public Works
330 Wentworth Street North, Hamilton, ON L8L 5W2
Phone: 905.546.2424 ext. 2732

May 17, 2018

NAME xxxx
ADDRESS

Re: Mohawk Road Environmental Assessment (Limekiln Road/McNiven Road to Hwy 403)

The City of Hamilton is starting a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Mohawk Road (Limekiln Road/McNiven Road to Hwy 403 - see location map attached) in Ancaster. This EA will look at proposed road infrastructure improvements for this portion of roadway. The Ancaster Transportation Master Plan (TMP) that was completed in 2011 identified a road widening and two way centre turn lane for this road section.

We will be holding the first PIC in September but will be doing some background work before then. If you have any comments or questions regarding this study please provide them by **June 4, 2018.**

A copy of the Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 will be mailed to you once this is event is planned

Sincerely,

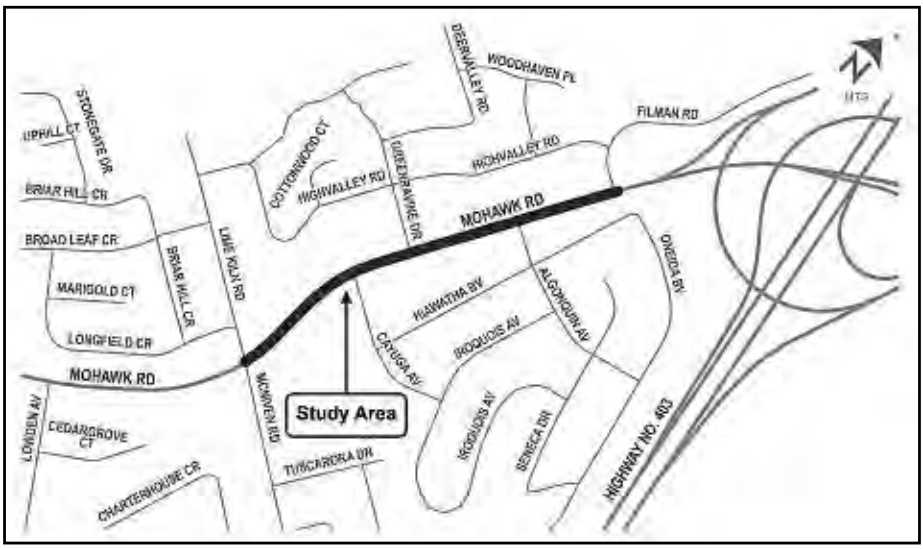
Lorissa Skrypniak
Senior Project Manager,
Neighbourhood Transportation Management & EA's

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT & PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC) #1

Mohawk Road (McNiven Road to Hwy 403) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

THE STUDY

The City of Hamilton has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA), Schedule C process to develop and assess design alternatives that address transportation issues along Mohawk Road (McNiven Road to Hwy 403)



THE PROCESS

This project is being carried out as a Schedule C project under the Municipal Engineers Association *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015).

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to receive public input:

DATE: Monday, September 24, 2018
TIME: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (open house format)
LOCATION: Ancaster Old Town Hall, 310 Wilson Street East

The PIC will be a drop-in style session where information will be provided about the project and we will be looking for stakeholder comments on key issues and concerns.

A second PIC will be held at a later date to present the evaluation of the alternative designs, evaluation process, and recommended design for input.

Upon completion of the study an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be prepared and made available for public review and comment. Another advertisement will be published at that time, indicating where the report can be viewed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS INVITED

There is an opportunity at any time during this process for interested persons to review outstanding issues and bring concerns to the attention of the Project Managers. If you have any questions or comments or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact:

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Please contact the City's Project Manager regarding disability accommodation requirements for the PIC by September 17, 2018.

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

This Notice Issued September 14 and 21, 2018.

Hamilton

Mohawk Road
Class Environmental Assessment

Lime Kiln Road/McNiven Road to Filman Road

Public Information Centre #1, September 24, 2018

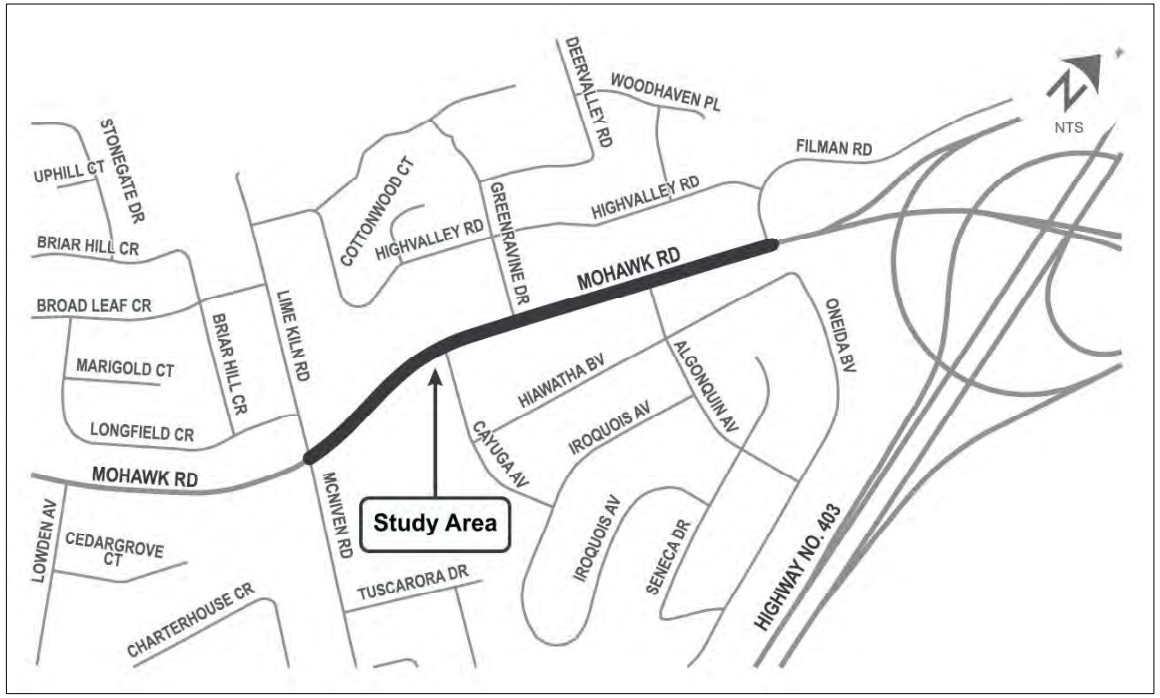
Purpose of Public Information Centre #1

- Review the project information on display:
  - ✓ Study area overview
  - ✓ Municipal Class EA process and study schedule
  - ✓ Ancaster Transportation Master plan recommendations
  - ✓ Existing conditions in the study area
  - ✓ Motor vehicle transportation – existing and future
  - ✓ Active Transportation – existing
  - ✓ Typical section alternatives
  - ✓ Active transportation alternatives
  - ✓ Next steps
- Ask the Project Team questions and discuss areas of interest
- Submit a comment sheet

Please submit a comment sheet by October 8, 2018

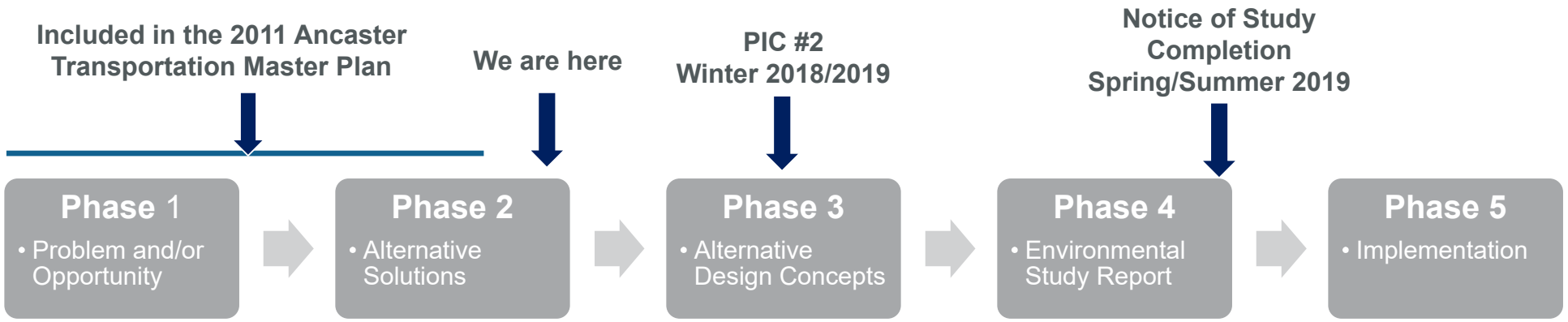
Study Area Overview

- The study area is Mohawk Road between Lime Kiln Road/McNiven Road and Filman Road
- Mohawk Road is a two-lane major arterial with a rural cross-section and sidewalk along some sections
- The speed limit within the study area is 50 km/h
- Hiawatha Boulevard to the south is signed as a cycling route and crosses Mohawk Road at Filman Road
- Refer to the roll plan for more details



Municipal Class EA Process

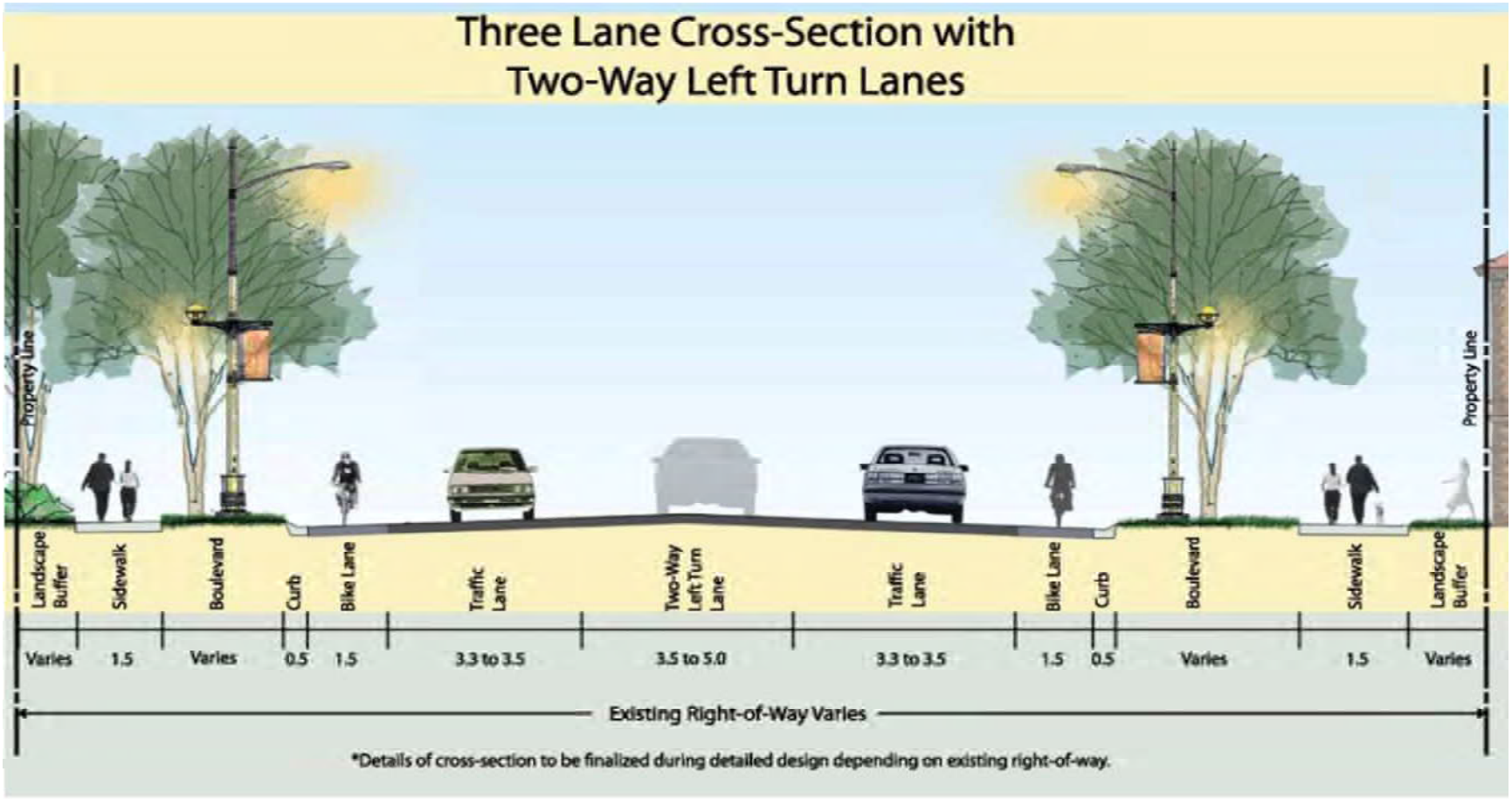
- The Municipal Class EA is a planning and design process approved by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) to meet the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act
- This Study follows the Class EA process for Schedule 'C' projects and will complete Phases 1 to 4 as outlined below:



Ancaster Transportation Master Plan

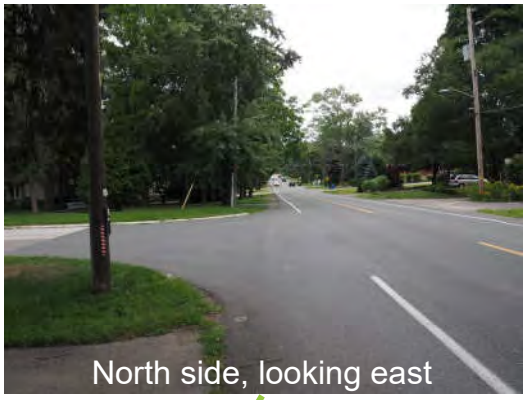
- The Ancaster Transportation Master Plan (ATMP, 2011) outlined a long-range plan to address transportation issues in Ancaster
- The ATMP identified the opportunity to widen Mohawk Road to three lanes with a two-way centre left turn lane
- Community members recommended sidewalks be included along both sides of the roadway and pedestrian crossings be considered
- The Mohawk Road corridor was identified as a critical access point for mobility within Ancaster and continued monitoring for potential traffic operations issues are recommended
- The City of Hamilton Cycling Master Plan – Shifting Gears (2009) recommended bike lanes on Mohawk Road within the study area

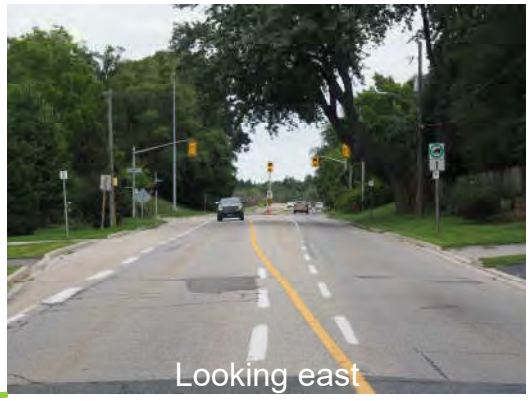
Roadway Section from the Ancaster TMP

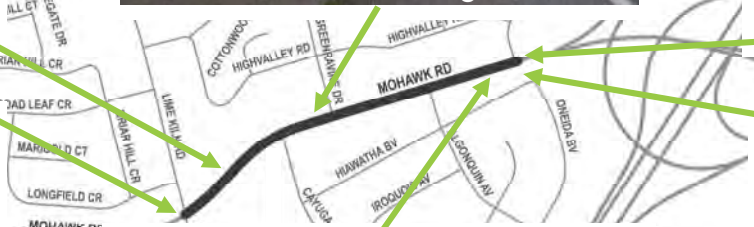


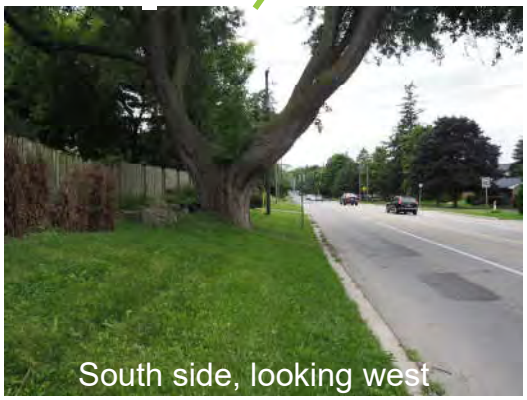
Cross-Section Recommended for Mohawk Road in the ATMP

Photos of Existing Conditions







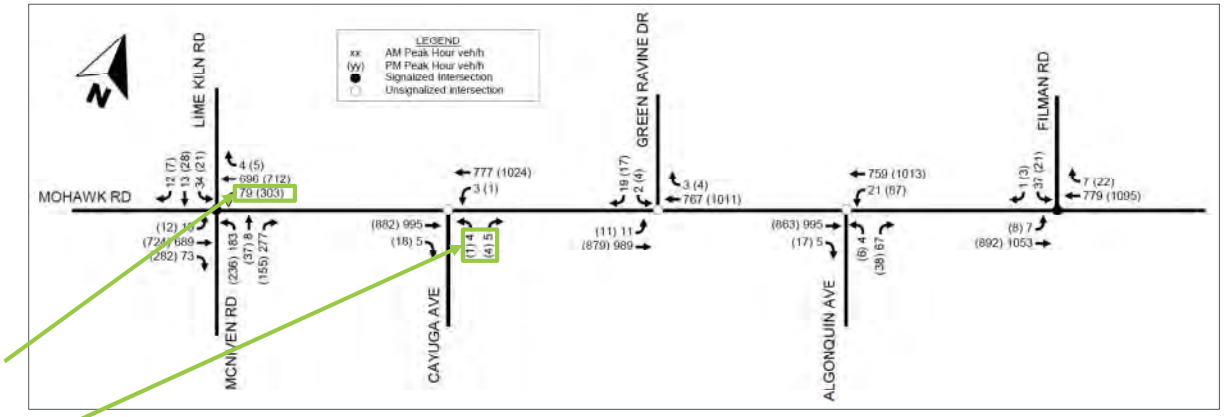


Natural Heritage Features

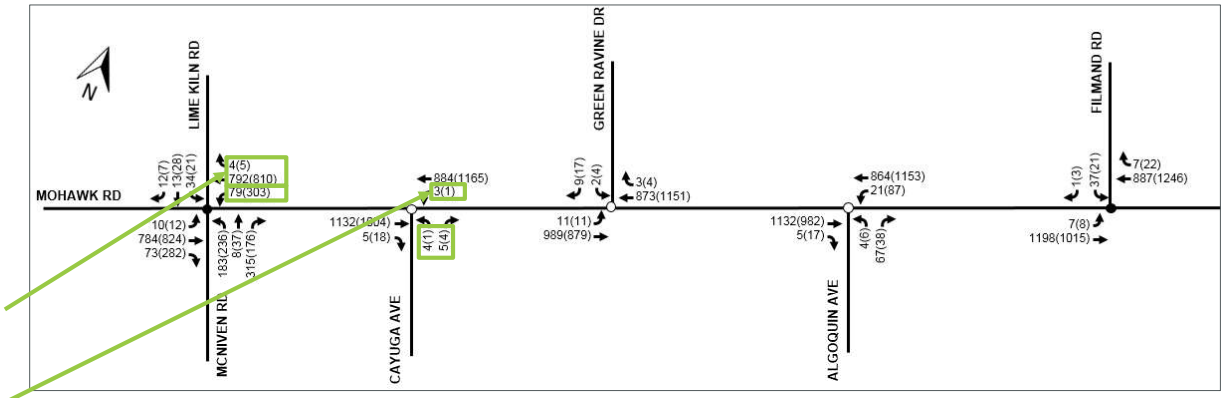
- A natural environment survey has been completed for the study area which included a breeding bird inventory, vegetation inventory, and watercourse assessment
- No significant habitats were found or Species at Risk identified
- There are some large trees in the boulevard
- Standard impact mitigation techniques and best practices during construction can be used to offset any short-term negative effects on the natural environment

Motor Vehicle Transportation – Existing and Future

- Most intersections in the study area operate within capacity
- The following movements are presently over capacity during the PM peak hour:
  - Westbound left turn at McNiven Road/ Lime Kiln Road
  - Northbound at Cayuga Avenue
- By 2031 traffic demand will likely increase and the following will also be over capacity during the PM peak hour:
  - Westbound through/right turn at McNiven Road/Lime Kiln Road
  - Westbound left turn at Cayuga Avenue



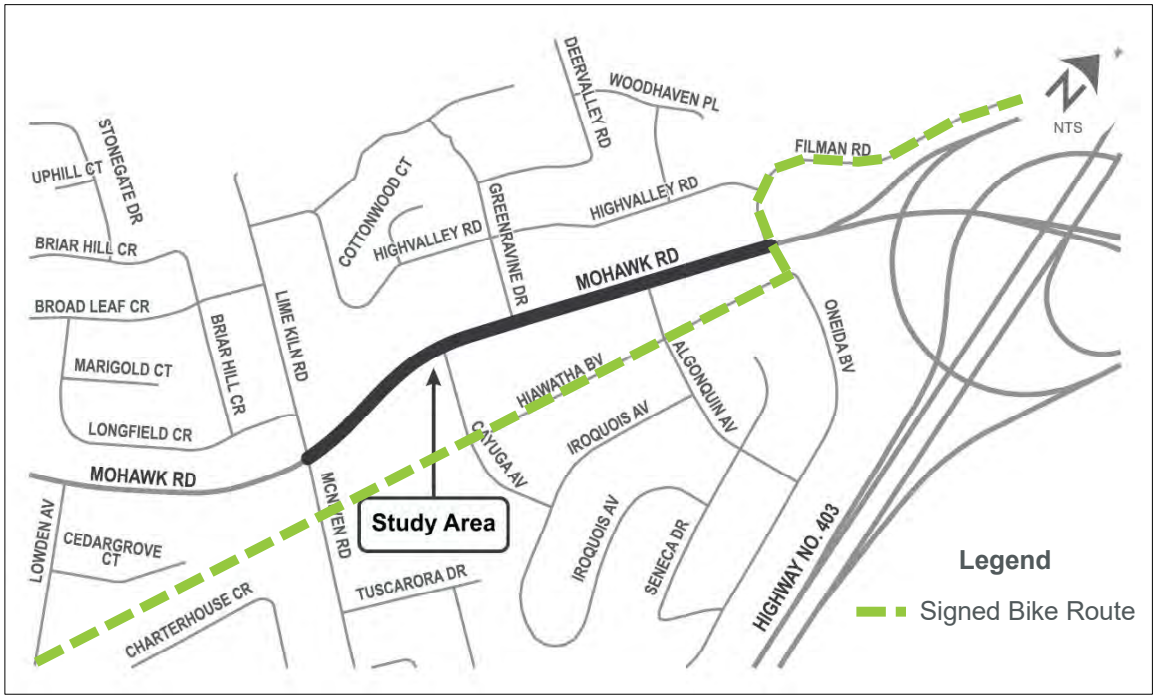
Existing Traffic Volumes



2031 Future Traffic Volumes

Active Transportation – Existing

- South of the study area, Hiawatha Boulevard is a signed east-west cycling route which crosses Mohawk Road at Filman Avenue



Cross Section Alternatives

Existing

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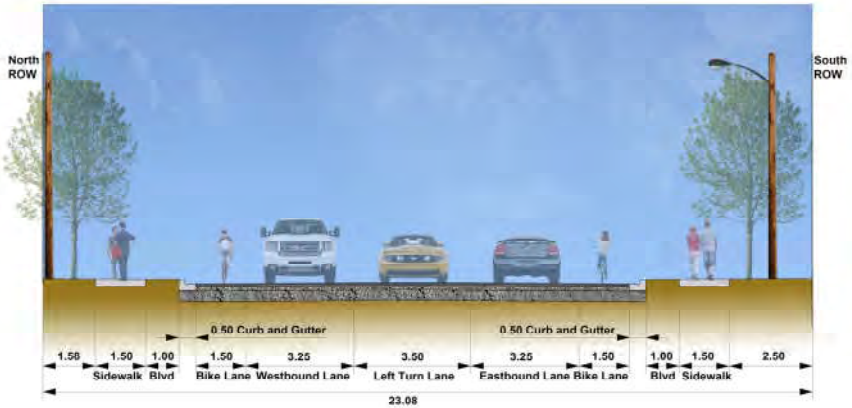
On-Road Bike Lanes and Sidewalks

Both Sides



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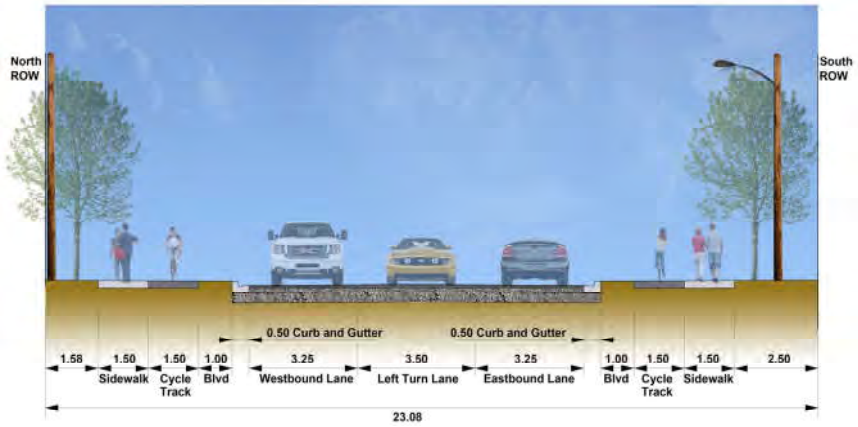

Option 2

Boulevard Cycle Tracks and Sidewalks

Both Sides

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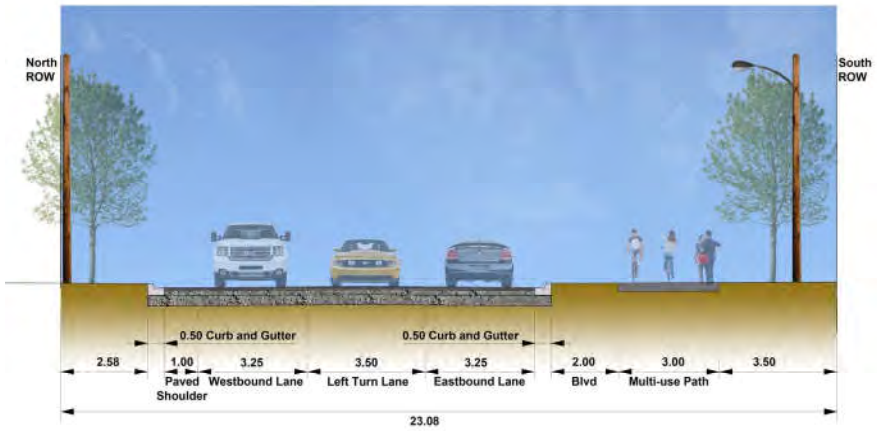

Option 3

Boulevard Multi-Use Trail

One Side Only

Active Transportation – Proposed

What would you like to see on Mohawk Road?

Option 1

On-Road Bike Lanes and Sidewalks

Both Sides

- Recommended in the Ancaster TMP

Option 2

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Both Sides

- Cycle tracks more comfortable for some riders
- Each side is one-way
- Introduces more conflicts at intersections

Option 3

Boulevard Multi-Use Trail

One Side Only

- Shared space for cyclists and pedestrians
- Requires less space
- Two-way
- Introduces more conflicts at intersections

Next Steps

- Following this public meeting the Project Team will:
  - ✓ Review comments received and update the alternative design concepts
  - ✓ Evaluate the alternative design concepts
  - ✓ Determine the preliminary recommended preferred alternative design
  - ✓ Plan for Public Information Centre #2

How to get involved

- Submit a comment sheet
- Participate in the next PIC

Thank you for attending!

Your input is important and your comments are welcome at any time during the study, but we kindly ask that you complete a comment sheet and return it by:

October 8, 2018

This is so we can incorporate critical information into the next phase of the study

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From: **Skrypniak, Lorissa** Lorissa.Skrypniak@hamilton.ca
Subject: RE: Mohawk Rd Ancaster
Date: July 19, 2018 at 9:02 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Phil Weber Phil.Weber@cima.ca

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Mohawk Road (Lime Kiln Rd/McNiven Rd to Filman Rd) EA
Monday, September 24, 2018
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6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

COMMENT SHEET

(Please Print)

COMMENTS:

The basis for any reconstruction of this section of Mohawk Road should be the three asphalt running lanes. In the centre lane traffic islands should be installed at appropriate locations. These will provide:

1. a measure of traffic calming
2. protect the turning traffic
3. use as refuges for pedestrians needing to cross
4. add possibly to the decorative environment (flowers and/or shrubs)

If space permits, two separate sidewalks and/or cycle paths would be preferable - but consider enhanced use of Hiawatha Av.

If only one is possible, the refuges (item 3 above) would be important.

There should be no hold-ups for through traffic. The cycling volume will always be low because the paths lead only to the residential estates at the eastern end!

If possible separate the cycle/pedestrian paths physically from the traffic lanes

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The traffic on the subject area of Mohawk Rd has continued to increase at an increasing pace.

We are concerned that widening the road to three lanes will only encourage higher usage of this artery.

My hope is that a study will be done that addresses how traffic can be diverted away from this corridor.

A few suggestions for study are the following:

Close the westbound ramp from the Linc.

Close westbound ramp from 403

Build perimeter road to divert traffic out of village core.

Do not build westbound ramp from Mohawk to 403

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Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 2:20 PM
To:
Cc: Salvucci, Megan <Megan.Salvucci@hamilton.ca>; Phil Weber <Phil.Weber@cima.ca>
Subject: FW: Mohawk Rd Ancaster

Thank you for your email and phone message. We are sorry that you were unable to attend the Public Information Centre on September 24, 2018. Attached please find the project website where you can find the project panels that were presented for public review https://www.hamilton.ca/city-planning/master-plans-class-eas/mohawk-road-mcniven-road-hwy-403-ea.

Please review of the panels and provide us with any comments that you may have. You are welcome to email your comments or call Megan Salvucci at 905-546-2424 ext. 4101 for any questions or concerns.

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Lorissa

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Attn: Lorissa Skrypniak

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Eleni Dekaneas

From: Armanious, Ehab (MTO) <Ehab.Armanious@ontario.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 3:22 PM
To: Phil Weber
Cc: Salvucci, Megan; Jessica Dorgo
Subject: RE: Mohawk Road West of Highway 403, PIC Boards

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Thank you Phil and Megan. I downloaded the boards. We will let you know if we have any comments.

Thanks.. Ehab

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Hi Ehab,

Megan Salvucci and I are leading the Class EA for Mohawk Road west of Highway 403 in the City of Hamilton. The second PIC is scheduled for April 11. We have prepared a draft set of display boards, plus a roll plan of the preliminary preferred alternative. Both can be found at the link below:

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Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thanks.

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Subject: RE: Notice of Study Commencement - Mohawk Road (McNiven Road to Hwy 403) - Union Gas

Lorissa, Phil,

Sending this email today to introduce myself as your primary contact from Union Gas for this work and also provide you with some general information on where Union Gas currently has natural gas pipe in this area.

Please let me know should you have any additional questions or concerns after reviewing.

NOTE: The attached information is for planning purposes only, detailed information on depts., etc. will need to be obtained via Ontario one call. Dig safe guidelines as laid out in Ontario Regulation 210/01 – Oil and Gas Pipeline Systems – made under the Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000 are required when working around Union Gas natural gas plant

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