THE STUDY:
The Second Line West bridge structure over Highway 401 is being removed to accommodate the widening of Highway 401. The need for the removal of the structure was documented by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation in a Transportation Environmental Study Report for the ultimate widening of Highway 401 from the Highway 403/410 interchange to the Credit River with environmental approval in 2007. In 2010, City of Mississauga’s Cycling Master Plan identified a plan for a form of pedestrian/cyclist connection for Second Line West across Highway 401.

In response, the City of Mississauga has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study ‘Schedule C’, including preliminary design, for Second Line West across Highway 401 to enhance the sensitive natural landscape, investigate needs and opportunities and pursue recommendations for a north-south pedestrian/cyclist connection crossing Highway 401, upon removal of the existing structure. The City is also undertaking an analysis to investigate public concerns and to identify mitigating measures for enhanced traffic management in the vicinity of the study area.

PROCESS:
The study will be conducted in accordance with the planning and design process for ‘Schedule C’ projects, as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association "Municipal Class Environmental Assessment," (October 2000, as amended in 2011), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The Class EA process includes public/external agency consultation, an evaluation of alternative solutions and alternative design concepts, an assessment of potential impacts associated with proposed improvements and development of measures to mitigate identified impacts. Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be prepared and made available for public review and comment.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:
Public consultation is a vital component of the Class EA process. As such, the first of two Public Information Centres (PIC) is being held to receive your input, comments and concerns on the study. The PIC will have an open house format where information about the study and the preliminary planning alternatives will be displayed. Representatives from the City of Mississauga and the consulting team will be available to answer questions and discuss the details of the study.

Date: Wednesday April 16, 2014
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Meadowvale Village Hall - 6970 Second Line West, Mississauga, ON

COMMENTS INVITED:
If you would like to provide us with your comments, require additional information, or would like to be placed on the study mailing list to be notified about future public meetings, please contact:

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Comments and information are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments shall become part of the public record.