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NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for Second Line West Pedestrian/Cyclist Crossing of Highway 401

The City of Mississauga has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the Second Line West Pedestrian/Cyclist Crossing of Highway 401.

BACKGROUND

The Second Line West vehicular crossing of Highway 401 is being removed to accommodate the widening of Highway 401. The need to remove the bridge 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 completed a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study 'Schedule C', including preliminary design, to pursue recommendations for a north-south pedestrian/cyclist connection across Highway 401 at Second Line West, upon removal of the existing bridge. As part of a separate process, the City has completed a 'Transportation Operation Study' to review the existing and future operation conditions in the vicinity of the study area and to identify mitigating measures for enhanced traffic management. A copy can be found at: http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/secondlinewest.

THE EA PROCESS

The study was 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*. Public and external agency consultation was a key component of this study. Details regarding the project were presented at two Public Information Centres (April 16, 2014 and June 5, 2014) to provide interested stakeholders with opportunities to meet the Project Team and to discuss alternative solutions, environmental impacts, evaluation criteria and design options.

The Class EA study determined that the preferred solution for the pedestrian/cyclist connection is the construction of an overpass and a multi-use trail from Sombrero Way to Donway Drive, within the existing Second Line West right of way. As required by the Municipal Class EA, the study is documented in an Environmental Study Report (ESR). All project information, including the ESR, can be reviewed on the project website: www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/secondlinewest.

The filing of this ESR completes the planning and preliminary design stage of the project. By way of this notice, the ESR is placed on record for a 45-day public review period starting December 1, 2014 and ending on January 16, 2015 during regular business hours at the following locations:

Mississauga City Hall Clerk's Department 300 City Centre Drive Mississauga ON, L5B 2T4

Tel: (905) 615-3200

Courtneypark Public Library

730 Courtneypark Drive West Mississauga, ON L5W 1L9 Tel: (905) 615-4745

Please contact one of the following project team members if you have any comments or concerns regarding the study within 45 calendar days from the date of this Notice:

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Anyone with an interest in the study is encouraged to review the ESR and provide comments to the City of Mississauga. If any concerns cannot be resolved, a request may be made to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change for the project to comply with Part II of the *EA Act* (referred to as a Part II Order). This request must be made in writing to the Minister at the address below and copied to the City of Mississauga before the end of the 45 calendar-day review period. If there are no outstanding Part II Order requests received by January 16, 2015, the City may proceed to design and construction, as presented in the ESR.

The Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

77 Wellesley Street West 11th Floor, Ferguson Block Toronto, ON M7A 2T5

Please note that the information related to this study will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record.

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