

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT FOR DETAIL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Highway 427 Expansion

THE PROJECT

LINK427 has been selected by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and Infrastructure Ontario (IO) to undertake the design, build, finance and maintenance of the Highway 427 Expansion project within the City of Vaughan and the City of Toronto. The *Highway 427 Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment (EA)* received approval from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) in November 2010. The project was updated through completion of a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) in 2016 to add additional lanes to the proposed Highway 427 extension. A separate TESR was completed in 2013 for the widening of existing Highway 427 between Albion Road to Highway 7.

The Highway 427 Expansion project includes the design and construction of the following:

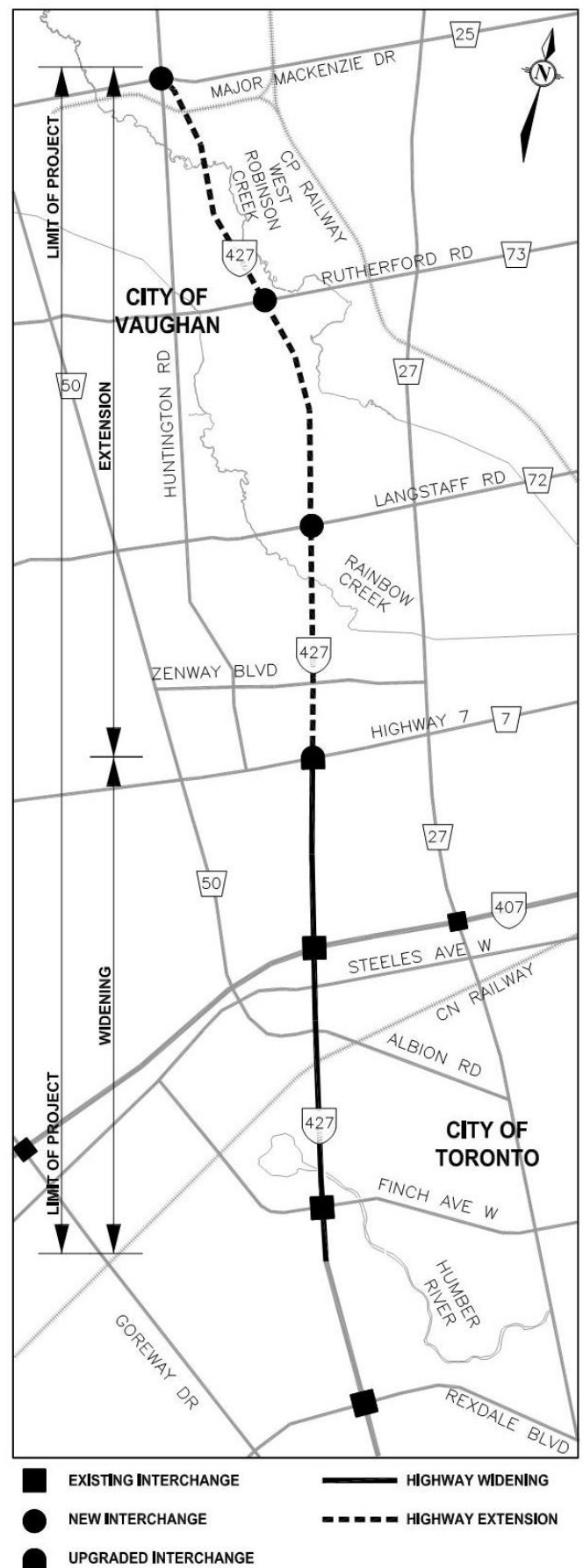
- A new 6.6 km extension from Highway 7 to Major Mackenzie Drive with:
 - eight lanes from Highway 7 to Rutherford Road;
 - six lanes from Rutherford Road to Major Mackenzie Drive;
 - three new interchanges (Langstaff Road, Rutherford Road and Major Mackenzie Drive);
 - new median High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes.
- A 4.0 km road widening from Finch Avenue to Highway 7:
 - from six to eight lanes between Finch Avenue to south of Steeles Avenue;
 - from four to eight lanes, from south of Steeles Avenue to Highway 7;
 - new median High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes.

THE PROCESS

This project is being carried out in accordance with the approved environmental planning process for projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) and has now progressed to Detail Design.

Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held throughout the detailed design process to allow the public an opportunity to review and comment on project details.

Design and Construction Reports (DCRs) will be prepared to document the Detail Design process, including environmental investigations, potential environmental effects, proposed mitigation measures, commitments to future work and monitoring. The DCRs will each be made available for a 30-day public and agency review period and notices will be published in local newspapers, on the Project website www.427expansion.ca and



distributed by mail to those on the project contact list advising of the start of each review period and locations where each DCR will be available for review.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have regarding this project. If you wish to obtain additional information, provide comments or sign up for the project mailing list please contact those listed below, or visit the project website at www.427expansion.ca.

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project please contact one of the Project Team members listed below.

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

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