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Background + Purpose

Background

Highway 26 is the backbone that supports the economic vitality of the Georgian Triangle area. It is the key east-west inter-regional roadway that connects the various communities and destinations in the area, and connects the area to adjacent communities, the 400 series highway network, and the Greater Toronto Area.

The transportation system in the Georgian Triangle area must support the significant land development that has occurred over the last two decades, provide access to the growing tourism industry that is so important to the local economy, and service the traveling population of Ontario.

Past studies have indicated that the heavy reliance on auto travel in the Highway 26 Georgian Triangle area will continue in the future, making a good network of highways and municipal roads critical. Alternative transportation modes within the area, and connecting to Barrie and the Greater Toronto Area may also become increasingly viable given the pattern of local land development, the concentration of tourist destinations in the area, and the investments that are being made in transit and other modes of transportation by the province and municipal governments.

There have been a number of provincial and municipal studies that have examined the transportation needs in the Georgian Triangle area. These are summarized below.

- The MTO Georgian Triangle Transportation Study (2001) recommended that additional transportation capacity would be required in or around the Town of Collingwood, and suggested that a new transportation corridor to the south of Collingwood and The Town of the Blue Mountains should be considered to by-pass these communities. The study did not undertake any detailed assessments of the potential impacts associated with a new provincial highway corridor crossing the Niagara Escarpment.
- The MTO Simcoe Area Transportation Needs Assessment Study(2002) also recommended consideration of new Highway 26 corridor around Collingwood, but did not identify the extent of this corridor, potential routing options, or a study area for future EA studies.
- The recently completed Simcoe County Transportation Master Plan (TMP) produced a multi-modal transportation strategy for the region aimed at "*beginning the process of change*" from an auto dominated culture, to one that provides transportation choices for residents and visitors to the area. The TMP also recognized that auto travel will continue to increase over time, and recommended that MTO consider implementation of a longer term by-pass for the Stayner area and Collingwood, in addition to the current Highway 26 bypass being constructed between Wasaga Beach and Collingwood.
- Joint planning work undertaken by the local municipalities in 2007 recommended improving local roads in the Stayner area and in Collingwood as an interim measure to address concerns about increased traffic through their downtown areas.
- The MTO Study Design Report, originally initiated in 2004, is being replaced by the current Highway 26 Transportation Study in the Georgian Triangle Area.

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Purpose

The purpose of the study is to:

- Provide an up-to-date assessment of current travel activities and future travel demands in the study area;
- Identify current and future road network deficiencies;
- Propose transportation improvements to address identified deficiencies;
- Recommend future engineering and environmental assessment studies necessary to obtain approvals for and to implement the recommended improvements.

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Study Process + Schedule

Summary Overview of Study Process

The Highway 26 Transportation Study is composed of four key stages.

1. Data Collection:

- Undertake winter and summer travel surveys and traffic counts to provide an up-to-date assessment of travel patterns in the analysis area;
- Prepare an inventory of environmental features and constraints, land use information/forecasts for the analysis area.

2. Transportation Analysis and Assessment:

- Develop and calibrate enhanced travel demand forecasting and micro-simulation models for the analysis area;
- Carry out a market based approach to examining the factors that will influence future travel demands, such as tourism, land use forecasts, and commercial goods movement considerations;
- Examine future forecasts of travel demands, summarizing current and future conditions and constraints, and identify transportation deficiencies in the analysis area.

3. Develop and Assess Potential Transportation Improvements:

- Identify measures to reduce roadway traffic demand (transportation demand management, TDM) or improvements to support other modes of transportation, such as rail, transit, air, and marine;
- Consider alternative transportation infrastructure improvements, including, but not restricted to improvements to the existing Highway 26 corridor, enhanced municipal arterial roads, and/or a new transportation corridor;
- Determine the benefit each improvement would have in addressing future demands; and
- Consult with municipalities, the public and other stakeholders regarding findings of the Transportation Study.

4. Preparation of "Highway 26 Transportation Study Needs Assessment Report":

- Document study findings.
- Recommend scope, location and priorities of future engineering and environmental assessment studies necessary to obtain approvals for and to implement the recommended improvements.

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Reports to be Prepared during the Study

There are a number of reports that will be prepared for this study. These will be posted to this website as they are prepared.

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What's New | What's Next

What's New

- Spring 2013
 - MTO is consulting with Municipalities on Draft Study Recommendations. [Click here to view Hwy 26 Council Presentation.](#)

- Fall 2010
 - Travel Survey Summary Reports are now available:
 - [Summer Travel Survey](#) (10.5mb)
 - [Winter Travel Survey](#) (1.6mb)

- Winter 2009/2010
 - Analysis of Travel Survey Data is ongoing. About 28, 000 roadside interviews were completed during the survey and this data has provided a wealth of information on travel patterns in the analysis areas.

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- Summer 2009
 - Summer Roadside Travel Surveys completed.
 - [Highway 26 Summer Travel Survey Notice](#) (PDF/517kb)
 - [Highway 26 - Survey Fact Sheet](#) (PDF/19kb)
 - [Map of Survey Sites](#) (PDF/639kb)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions - Summer Travel Survey](#) (PDF/40kb)

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- February 23, 2009
 - [Notice of Study Commencement](#) (PDF/79kb)
 - [Study Analysis Area](#) (PDF/1.5mb)
 - [Highway 26 Transportation Study – Winter Survey Design](#) (PDF/874kb)
 - [Highway 26 Transportation Study – Winter Travel Pattern Survey Fact Sheet](#) (PDF/10kb)
 - [Highway 26 Travel Pattern Survey Form](#) (PDF/27kb)

What's Next

- Spring 2013
 - The results of the current Highway 26 Transportation Study have been documented in a Needs Assessment Report. A copy of the report will be available on the website once it is finalized.

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Consultation

Public Notices

- [Notice of Commencement](#) (PDF/79kb)

Presentation to Municipalities

The Ministry is currently meeting with Municipalities in the study area to share preliminary findings and draft recommendations from the study. [A copy of the presentation material can be downloaded here.](#) (PDF/2.5mb)

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- AECOM: www.aecom.com
- County of Grey: <http://www.greycounty.ca/>
- The Town of the Blue Mountains: <http://www.thebluemountains.ca/>
- Municipality of Meaford: <http://www.meaford.ca/>
- Township of Grey Highlands: <http://www.grehighlands.ca/>
- County of Simcoe: <http://www.county.simcoe.on.ca/index.htm>
- Clearview Township: <http://www.clearviewtp.on.ca/>
- Town of Collingwood: <http://www.collingwood.ca/>
- Town of Wasaga Beach: <http://www.wasagabeach.com/>

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