

**AN INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
FOR THE PROPOSED  
HIGHWAY 400-HIGHWAY 404 EXTENSION LINK (BRADFORD BYPASS)  
THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT SECTION 7.1  
NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF MINISTRY REVIEW**

An environmental assessment (EA) has been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment by the Ministry of Transportation for the Highway 400-Highway 404 Extension Link from Highway 400 east of Bradford in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury (County of Simcoe) through the Township of King to the proposed extension of Highway 404 in the Town of East Gwillimbury (Region of York). Approval under the Environmental Assessment Act (The Act) is being sought for a four lane freeway to be constructed in stages corresponding to existing and future traffic demands.

Amendments to the *Environmental Assessment Act* came into force January 1, 1997. Under subsection 12.4(1) of the amended Act, this EA will be processed under the former Part II of the Act. The Ministry may, however, direct that certain new provisions of the Act apply to this EA under new subsection 12.4(3) of the Act.

By Notice of Submission dated October 18, 1998, the public were invited to comment on the environmental assessment and the application of provisions under the new Part II of the Act with respect to this EA. Approximately 35 submissions were received, 1 of which noted concerns with the application of new provisions to this EA.

After considering the submissions, the Ministry directs that the new provisions in section 7.1 and 7.2 regarding this Notice of Completion apply. The Ministry directs that the provisions in section 9 apply, so that the Minister may approve this undertaking without first accepting the environmental assessment. This will give you only one opportunity, after this Notice of Completion of Ministry Review is published, to make submissions. The Ministry also directs that sections 9.1-9.3, 11-11.3 and 12.2 of the amended Act (except for references to terms of reference in the aforementioned sections) apply with respect to this environmental assessment. Under these provisions, you may request the Minister to refer either the whole environmental assessment or only certain matters to the Environmental Review Tribunal for a hearing, and certain activities are permitted prior to approval with respect to the environmental assessment.

**You can submit comments on the undertaking, the environmental assessment, and the Ministry review. You can also request that a matter be referred to mediation. You may also request a hearing by the Environmental Review Tribunal. If you request a hearing you must state in your submission, whether you are requesting a hearing on the whole application or on only specified matters related to the application.**

**HOW TO GET THE INFORMATION YOU NEED**

You can inspect the EA and the Ministry review during normal business hours at the following offices:

Ministry of the Environment  
Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch  
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A  
Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1L5  
416-314-8001

Ministry of the Environment  
Central Region Office  
8th Floor, 5775 Yonge Street  
North York, Ontario, M2M 4J1  
416-326-6700

Ministry of Transportation  
Planning and Environmental Office  
Central Region, 3rd Floor, Atrium Tower  
1201 Wilson Avenue  
Downsview, Ontario, M3M 1J8  
416-235-5485

Copies are also available for viewing at offices of:

- The Regional Municipality of York
- The Corporation of the County of Simcoe
- The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
- The Corporation of the Town of East Gwillimbury
- The Corporation of the Township of King

Copies are also available for viewing at the following public libraries: Bradford West Gwillimbury, East Gwillimbury-Holland Landing Branch & Mount Albert Branch, and the Township of King Library.

**Please ensure your written comments are received by: July 23, 2001**

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Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch  
Ministry of the Environment  
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A  
Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1L5

Re: Highway 400-Highway 404 Extension Link (Bradford Bypass) EA

**BE SURE TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS**

If you make a submission or require a hearing before the above date, you will be notified of any decisions about this environmental assessment. Otherwise, the undertaking may proceed without further notice to you.

If no submissions or requirements for a hearing are received, the undertaking may be approved with no further public notice. This will allow the undertaking to proceed.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in all submissions become part of the public record files for this matter and can be released, if requested, to any person.

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