

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 18, 2007**

### **TESTON ROAD LINK, KEELE STREET TO DUFFERIN STREET YORK REGION 10 YEAR CAPITAL ROADS PROGRAM**

#### **Recommendation**

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri and Local Councillor Peter Meffe recommends:

1. That the Region of York be requested to include the Teston Road link between Keele Street and Dufferin Street as a priority project in the Region's 10 Year Capital Roads Program; and
2. That a copy of this report be forwarded to the Region of York.

#### **Economic Impact**

There are no immediate budgetary impacts resulting from the adoption of this report.

#### **Communications Plan**

N/A

#### **Purpose**

To request the Region of York to include the Teston Road link between Keele Street and Dufferin Street as a priority project in the Region's 10 Year Capital Roads Program.

#### **Background – Analysis and Options**

Approximately 5 years ago, the Region of York proceeded to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Teston Road between Pine Valley Drive and Bathurst Street. The EA was completed in February of 2003. It was identified that Teston Road is a key east-west arterial road with capacity deficiencies for future traffic and is discontinuous as a direct connection between Keele Street and Dufferin Street. However, due to significant financial and environmental concerns the 'Do Nothing' option was the preferable option for the Teston Road link from Keele Street to Dufferin Street. It was further concluded that an Individual Environmental Assessment would be required to support any future construction of this portion of Teston Road in order to ensure that all alternatives are not limited. From a transportation planning perspective, completion of this link is an important undertaking.

The Teston Road interchange with Highway 400 is currently under construction and the City's urban boundaries will be evaluated and expanded to the City limits under the City's on-going Growth Management Strategy and Official Plan Review. As well, there has been considerable advancement of development activity in the vicinity of Teston Road (Blocks 33 and 12) over the past few years.

Teston Road is currently within the City's ownership between Keele Street and Bathurst Street. However, it is anticipated that Teston Road will be a significant arterial road in the near future connecting to Elgin Mills Road east of Bathurst Street through Richmond Hill. It is therefore recommended that this portion of Teston Road (between Keele Street and Dufferin Street) be re-evaluated under an Individual Environmental Assessment Study by the Region of York and be included as a priority project in the Region's 10 Year Capital Roads Program.

### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

In consideration of the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2007, the recommendations of this report will assist in ensuring:

- Effective and efficient delivery of services;
- The implementation of OPA 600;
- Effective political leadership; and
- Stronger relationships with other government authorities and agencies.

### **Regional Implications**

Modifications to York Region's 10 Year Capital Roads Program may be realized as a result of on-going transportation related issues surrounding the Teston Road link between Keele Street and Dufferin Street within the City of Vaughan.

### **Conclusion**

Teston Road will be a key east-west arterial road across the Region; however, it is discontinuous as a direct connection between Keele Street and Dufferin Street currently does not exist. Ongoing and future development activity both south and north of Teston Road will continually add to the traffic concerns associated with Teston Road. It is therefore, recommended that the Region of York be requested to re-initiate the appropriate EA Study in order to address the Teston Road link between Keele Street and Dufferin Street and to include this as a priority project in the Region's 10 Year Capital Roads Program.

### **Attachments**

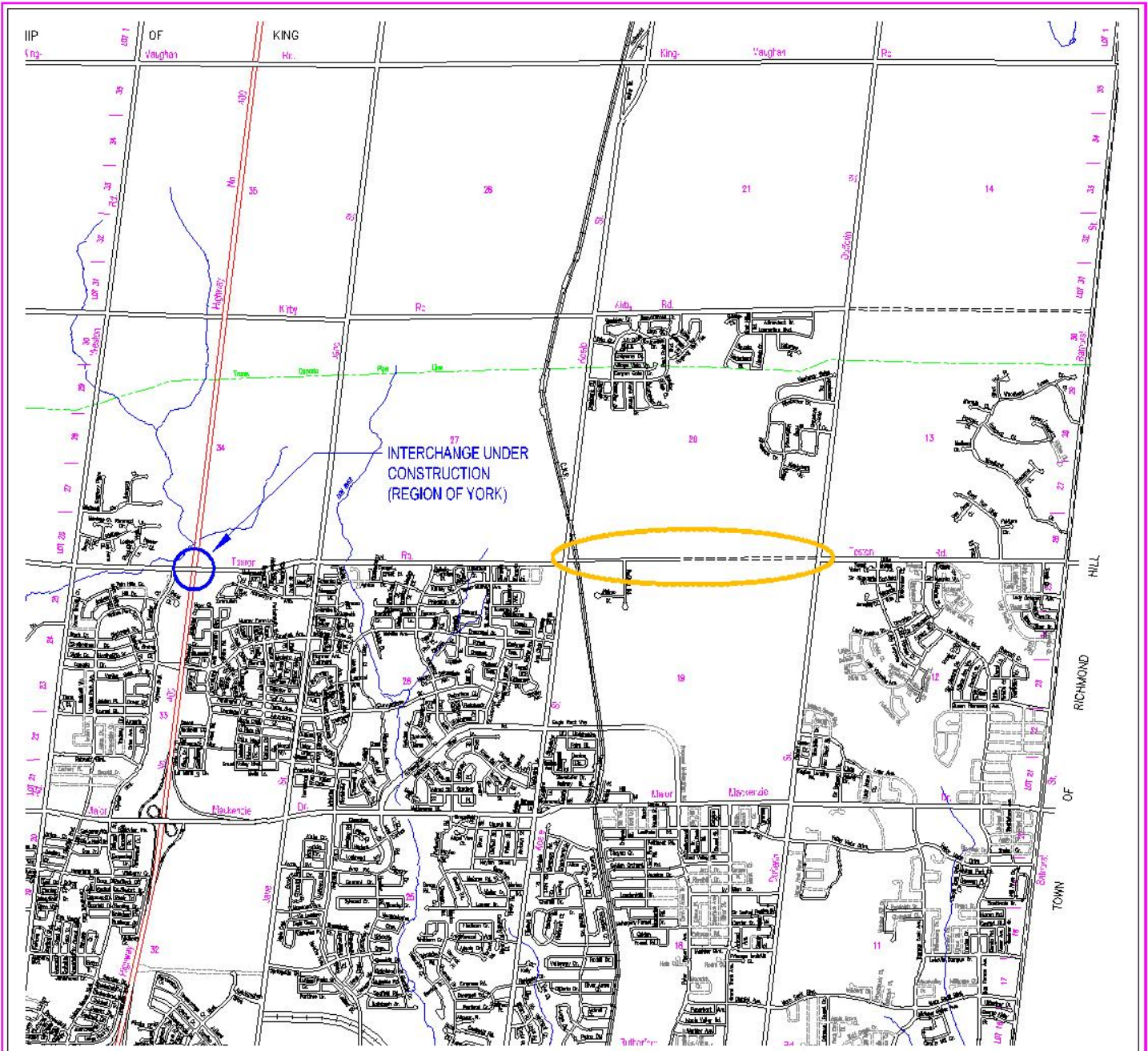
1. Location Map

Respectfully submitted,

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# ATTACHMENT No. 1



## TESTON ROAD CONNECTION

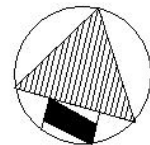
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