

Ministry report outlines plans for 401 between Halton Hills and Milton

The Ministry of Transportation has released its transportation and environmental study report detailing a recommended plan to widen and improve Hwy. 401 from Trafalgar Road in Halton Hills to Regional Road 25 in Milton over the next 18 years.

- It includes:
- Widening Highway 401 from six lanes to 12 lanes from Trafalgar Road to James Snow Parkway by building to the outside of existing lanes;
 - Widening Highway 401 from six lanes to 10 lanes from James Snow Parkway to Regional Road 25 by building to the outside of existing lanes;

- Replacing bridges along Highway 401 at Trafalgar Road, Sixth Line, Oakville Creek West, Canadian National Railway and Regional Road 25;
- Relocating the carpool lot located at the northeast quadrant of the Highway 401 and Trafalgar Road interchange to the northwest quadrant of the interchange; and
- Other associated improvements like interchange ramp modification, drainage, illumination, and overhead signing.



More short-term improvements that could be designed and implemented by 2021 include widening Highway 401 from six lanes to 10 lanes Trafalgar Road to James Snow Parkway and widening Highway 401 from six lanes eight lanes from the James Snow Parkway to Regional Road 25.

Residents are encouraged to review the 266-page report, available until April 5, by downloading a copy online at <http://highway401milton.com>. Along with a recom-

mendation plan, it includes assessments and evaluations of alternatives, a summary of environmental issues and potential mitigation measures, and a summary of consultation held throughout the study.

A hard copy is also available at the Milton Public Library on Main Street East, Milton Town Hall on Mary Street, Halton Regional Centre on Bronte Road and Halton Hills Town Hall at Halton Halls Drive. The Ontario Ministry of the Environment at 4145 North Service Rd. in Burlington and Ontario Ministry of Transportation at 1201 Wilson Ave. in Downsview will also have copies.

Police blotter

Georgetown men facing drug charges after police raid Weber Drive home

Two Georgetown men are facing drug charges after Halton Police raided a Weber Drive home in Georgetown Wednesday.

Members of the One District Criminal Investigations Bureau executed a search warrant and seized cocaine, ketamine, psilocybin (magic mushrooms) and marijuana with a street value of approximately \$2,000 along with a quantity of cash.

TJ Norrie, 29, of Weber Drive, is charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, possession for the purpose of trafficking and two counts of possession of a controlled substance.

John Schira, 30, of Dominion Gardens Drive was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Both men were released on bail. Schira will appear in court on April 9 and Norrie will appear on April 16 at the Milton Court House.

Halton Regional Police recovered a pickup truck and trailer last Wednesday that was reported stolen by Caledon OPP.

The 1993 Ford truck, 2004 Float King trailer and a mini-excavator were found parked at a gravel pit on 22 Sideroad. The lock for the front gates to the gravel pit had been broken and the vehicles were left on the premises.

A teenager reported to police that her iPad and a cell phone were stolen when left unattended at the Open Door youth drop-in centre on Guelph

St. on Tuesday, March 5. The approximate value of the Apple iPad Touch and LG Android cell phone is \$500. No suspects have been identified.

A Georgetown man was charged after police pulled over a vehicle in a routine traffic stop on Guelph St.

about 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Police report the man identified himself verbally, but did not provide a driver's licence. Investigation confirmed the man was not who he said he was.

Charged with obstruct police and driving while suspended is Steven Collins, 33.

Cash was stolen from an employee's purse at Global Pet Foods in Georgetown Market Place Saturday afternoon.

The employee put her purse behind the counter about 1:30 p.m. and when she looked at it at 4 p.m. she found the wallet wide open with \$160 cash missing.



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