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Public gets first chance to share views on \$2B transportation plan

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A transportation master plan outlining how, when and where more than \$2 billion will be spent in Halton over the next 20 years will be the subject of public meetings over the next week, including tomorrow (Thursday) in Georgetown.

Dubbed "The Road to Change", the master plan will ultimately be a list of the necessary road expansions, bridges, underpasses, bike paths and dedicated bus lanes that will be needed to accommodate the 300,000 more people that are expected to call the region home by 2031.

The Road to Change will build on the already existing transportation master plan developed in 2004, and updated in 2007. That plan lists major roads projects to the year 2021 and is available online at www.halton.ca/transportation.

A public information centre is set for tomorrow (Thursday) at Mold-Masters Sportsplex (The Hall), 221 Guelph Street. The drop-in opens at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation at 7 p.m.

As of December 31, the Region had already set aside \$446.1 million for roads projects that are currently underway. This year's budget includes another \$109 million, and \$980 million more is included in the capital budget forecast for 2011-19. About \$800 million will likely be needed for the 2020-2031 time period, according to Region information.

While the vast majority of that money will be spent on roads, the Region intends to examine how to increase the use of transit, bicycling and walking by Halton residents.

Council has set non-binding targets for 20 per cent of all peak period trips to be

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Butterflies are free

Hiccup the Clown of Toronto presented Jenna Innes, 8, with a balloon butterfly as he created balloon sculptures for the kids during March Break activities at Georgetown Market Place last week. For more photos see page 11.

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