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New highway options to be studied

By **LISA TALLYN**
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A new four-lane highway cutting through rural Halton Hills running from Milton to north of Vaughan is closer to being a real possibility after the first stage of an Environmental Assessment for the GTA West Corridor Study.

During the fourth round of consultation in the Study two alternatives for a future highway in the area were recommended to be carried forward for more detailed analysis. Both options include a new transportation corridor running through south Halton Hills between Hwy. 400 and Hwy. 401— one terminates at Hwy. 401 and Hwy. 407, and the other at Hwy. 401 west of Milton.

The EA has determined that elements of both those alternatives will be required resulting in a combination of a new transportation corridor to Hwy. 401 west of Milton, and a north-south link to Hwy. 401 at the 407 ETR.

The study proposes the new transportation corridor that spans across south Halton Hills be protected in the short term, and the MTO designate the lands for the corridor following the completion of Environmental Assessment.

The location of the exact alignment of the corridor will be determined through the next stage of the EA process— a route planning study, following the finalization of the Transportation Development Strategy, said Ministry of Transportation spokesperson Emna Dhahak.

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