Province will widen Hwy. 401 from Credit River to Milton

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The provincial government says it has taken the first step toward widening 18 km of Hwy. 401 from the Credit River in Missis-

sauga to Regional Rd. 25 in Milton.

The expansion project will include adding HOV lanes in each direction and widening the existing sixlane configuration, but no date has been set for construction to begin.

It says Hwy. 401 will be widened to 12 lanes from the Credit River to Winston Churchill Blvd., 10 lanes from there to the Hwy. 407-Hwy. 401 interchange, 12 lanes from that point to

James Snow Pkwy., and 10 lanes from there to Regional Rd. 25.

The government says widening the highway will relieve congestion, allow for a more efficient transportation and flow of goods, and help accommodate continued population and employment growth.

The province has issued a request for

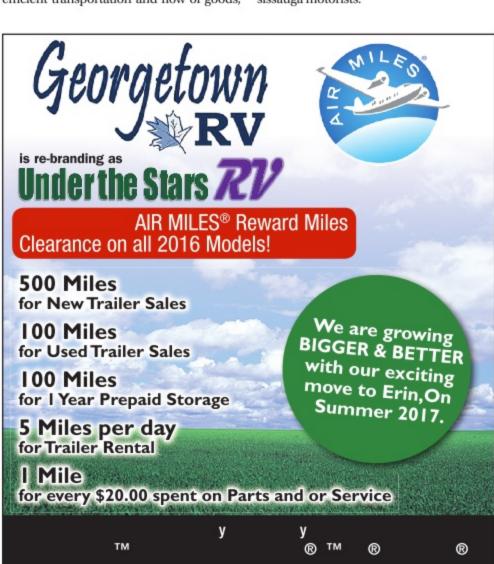
qualifications to design, build and finance the expansion project the first step in getting construction underway.

Officials say Hwy. 401 carries between 108,000 and 188,000 vehicles per day in the Peel and Halton region west of Toronto.

Highway 401 is a critical highway for commuters and commercial traffic travelling throughout Ontario and the United States, Transportation Minister Steven Del

Duca said Monday in a release.

Mississauga-Streetsville MPP Bob Delaney said morning and evening gridlock are the constant companion to western Mississauga motorists.





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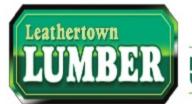
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