

MTC plans truck lane on Highway 25 slope

by Eric Elstone
Highway 25 will never be the same again. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communications revealed plans last week to change the section of highway running the 9.6 miles south of Acton to Highway 401.

Ministry officials conducted an information meeting at Speyside School last Tuesday. Plans call for a general widening of the road by two feet of pavement on both sides. There are two main exceptions to the two-foot addition: there is to be an extra lane for trucks climbing the escarpment

and there will be four lanes instead of two from Highway 401 to the flashing light at Five Sideroad (Regional Road 9). The project today is in what ministry officials called the preliminary design stage. The final stage, called the detailed design stage, takes at least a year to complete on

a typical job, according to Soren Pedersen of the ministry's planning and design department. The \$2.2 million job is in the ministry's five-year program, said project manager Jack Desrocher.

Heading north from Highway 401, drivers, if all the proposals are completed, will notice many improvements especially at intersections. From Highway 401 north of Five Sideroad (Regional Road 9) and the flashing light, the proposals call for four lanes of highway. Today the highway has two lanes, one in each direction. At the intersection there will be a left turn lane east and a left turn lane west.

Again heading north, the ministry hopes to flatten Highway 25 by a foot and a half at most. At Ten Sideroad there are to be right hand tapers in both directions. About a half mile north of the sideroad drivers will see the start of the new truck climbing lane. The lane is an 11-foot ad-

dition to the highway's eastern rim. The new lane will run just more than two miles north and taper out away south of Speyside School. The ministry is also proposing some smoothing of the highway on the curves up the escarpment. At the intersection with the gas service station, Regional Road 15, there are proposed some changes in the vicinity of the station. Southbound cars will have a right turn taper onto the road west.

Prior to reaching Esquesing Road 17 the truck lane will end. At the intersection, three of the four corners are to be made gentler. Right turn lanes are featured at the intersection with Esquesing Road 22 and Regional Road 43. Sideroad 25 (Regional Road 12) will have a left turn lane off the highway for northbound autos and a right hand lane for southbound vehicles. The ministry has identified about 50 trees

for possible removal, according to Pedersen. Most of the vegetation is scrub, he said. "All attempts are being made to save as many trees as possible," said Pedersen. He noted one tree, estimates vary concerning its age—100-300 years—on the east side of the highway north of Sideroad 10, is to be saved. That old oak contributed to the shifting of the start of the truck lane to north of where the ministry would like it to begin. The lane is 1,800

feet short of the ministry's ideal. Under the ministry's hazard criteria said MTC official Michael Chamberlain any trees within 13 feet of pavement will have to be removed and also anything within the limits of construction. During the afternoon information session 16 people came to the school and four of them left written recommendations for the ministry to consider. One feature of highway reconstruction which, according to Desrocher, is new to this area, is the recycling of pavement. Chunks of the road which are taken up will be melted, blended with new road material and used again. The estimated saving is \$300,000. In addition to the work on Highway 25, the ministry plans to alter its interchange with Highway 401. The northwest and southeast leaves of the cloverleaf will be removed and new spurs added to the existing exits. By changing the leaf's shape the ministry plans to stop the weaving in and out of vehicles on the Highway 25 bridge over the east-west route, and on Highway 401 under the bridge.



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Hwy. 25 improvements get committee blessing

"Approval in principle" has been given to a plan to install a truck climbing lane along with widening of Highway 25 north of Highway 401 to Acton.

Regional Public Works Department has recommended an Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communication proposal be approved by council today. It will take five years to complete. The first stage will be from Regional Rd. 9 to Regional Rd. 15, to be followed in the second stage from Regional Rd. 15 to the Acton town limits.

MTC representative Jack Desrocher told committee the most

ambitious part of the highway rebuilding will be a truck climbing lane which will allow large vehicles to climb the escarpment without holding up the flow of traffic.

He said the widening of the highway for the climbing lane will mean about 42 trees will be lost. But he said the Ministry has set aside \$12,000 for replanting and general landscaping.

Councillor Russ Miller said he is concerned about problems which might be made for school buses turning into the Speyside School but was told the Ministry would look into adding some

form of merging lane. Another problem is a small store-gasoline station at the top of the escarpment. Although the Ministry does not have to aid the owner, as the property is far enough back to allow the road to be expanded, Mr. Miller said something in the form of an island or turning lane should be built to protect the small businessman.

Stating the Ministry and Region does not have to help the owner, he said "I think we should be doing something to protect him."

The committee recommendation goes to council today for approval.

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