

Preferred option to double roadway: Derry roadwork

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Traffic congestion along Derry Road may see some relief with the proposed doubling of the roadway between Fifth and Ninth lines.

As an environmental assessment for the section of road winds down, Regional staff presented the road width doubling as their preferred alternative for road improvements during an open house last Tuesday.

"We've heard lots of good feedback. People are telling us they want to see this project go ahead," commented Nick Zervous, project manager for Halton Region.

Studies show between 8,200 and 10,700 vehicles use the road each day — with 80 per cent of traffic heading east in the morning and west in the evening.

By 2016, traffic volumes are

expected to reach 25,000 vehicles per day.

Following a review of comments gathered during the public session at Milton District High School, Regional staff will finalize their recommendation for regional council. The report is slated for presentation to council in September.

Should council approve the recommendation and allocate appropriate funding in future budget years, the section of road will see improvements made between 2005 and 2006.

"We'll probably be looking at two construction seasons. Most of the work will be complete during one season and the following year we'll be looking at the final lift of asphalt and landscaping," said Mr. Zervous.

But before a recommendation is taken to council, there's still one outstanding issue to be considered

— in which direction will the road be expanded?

Four options have been prepared and are currently under consideration. The work will either be expanded equally on the north and south sides, completely on the north side, completely on the south side or varying distances on either side.

"If we do unequal widening on both sides, it reduces the impact for a lot of the concerned property owners," transportation engineer Rick Gritter said, explaining the preferred option includes varying distance on either side.

A previously conducted environmental assessment for Derry Road, between Bronte Street and Fifth Line, resulted in plans to double that section of road. Detailed design is currently underway and construction is expected to begin in 2004.

Bauer gets millennium scholarship

Miltonian Megan Bauer was one of 383 Ontario students to receive a grant this year from the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation.

The E.C. Drury High School student received a one-time bursary of \$4,000 from the foundation to be

used toward post-secondary education.

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During her high school years, Ms Bauer was president of the school's student government, creator of the school newspaper and wrote columns for The Champion and played on the school tennis, hockey and basketball teams.

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