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Mass transit study planned

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

The process to establish a corridor for major public transportation through Halton Region is moving forward again.

Wednesday the regional planning and public works committee approved spending \$50,000 to begin the study of the Trafalgar Road corridor. It is expected the Ministry of Transportation will also help fund the work.

According to a report by regional planning commissioner Rash Mohammed, public transit would be linked through Halton by a network running along Trafalgar Road, the completed Highway 403, Appleby

Lipe and Highway 5.

The Highway 5 area has in the past been the focus of plans for long-term residential development and mass transit improvements.

"Initially this network would be the focus for increased levels of transit service," Mr. Mohammed's report says. "And then could evolve to include high occupancy vehicle lanes, exclusive bus lanes, and in the longer term a busway on its own right of way."

Trafalgar Road and Appleby Line were chosen as north-south links primarily because of their access to GO transit services.

Trafalgar Road was further mentioned due to the proximity of government offices, Oakville Place

Mall, Sheridan College and the proposed uptown core at Highway 5. In addition, Trafalgar Road provides links to three major freeways, Highway 401, Highway 403 and the QEW.

Initially a profile of the Trafalgar Road area will be done which should identify several development choices and ultimately lead to a decision on how public transit links will be implemented.

According to Mr. Mohammed this project is long term, with a phased-in approach through 2011. In addition to Halton the plan contemplates possible links with other municipalities within the Greater Toronto Area.

The committee's decision to approve the study and funding must go before full council next Wednesday (Feb. 16) for approval.

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Reform coming to planning

A reform of Ontario's planning and development system is in the works.

A commission on reform was set up in 1991 and headed by former Toronto Mayor John Sewell. Its report was issued in June.

"The commission did an outstanding job of examining and making recommendations for fundamental change to Ontario's land use planning system," provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs Ed Philip said. "The government intends to implement the framework of the report."

The province said reforms include three key points; streamlining, environmental protection and greater local control.

Refinements to the government proposal will be accepted during a 90 day consultation period, with legislation being introduced in this spring.

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MOMMY
Will you be
My VALENTINE
LOVE SEBASTIAN
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I Love You
and in 7 month s
the Orioles clinch
the pennant!
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Tld You
Lately
That
I Love You!



Daddy
Sending you
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'Cause
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Roses are red
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or husband
As loving as you
We love you very much
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Day
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Fooled You!



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I can't imagine life
without you.
We're stronger
as one!
Let's set the date!
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Will you
be
My
Valentine
All my love
M.

Darrell:
To my one & only
Valentine
Happy Valentine's Day
Snookums!

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Some people think your fine
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That you're my valentine!
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