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**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS IN YORK REGION ALONG THE:**

- YONGE STREET CORRIDOR
- HIGHWAY 7 CORRIDOR (Incl. Vaughan N-S Link)
- MARKHAM N-S LINK CORRIDOR

Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act, requires York Region to submit to the Ministry of the Environment, proposed Terms of Reference for preparation of Individual Environmental Assessments (IEAs) for public transit improvements in the above corridors.

The Act stipulates that Terms of Reference may either:

- Indicate that the IEAs will be prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the Act (illustrated as Option A below), or
- Set out in detail the requirements for preparation of the IEA (Option B)

OPTION A
Prepare IEA Terms of Reference covering all EA Act Phases
Obtain Minister's approval
Assess Need and Justification
Analyze and evaluate alternative transportation solutions
Select preferred solution
Analyze and evaluate alternative designs for preferred solution
Select preferred design and mitigate adverse environmental effects
Document findings in IEA Report
Obtain Minister's approval

OPTION B
Assess Need and Justification
Analyze and evaluate alternative transportation solutions
Select preferred solution
Prepare Terms of Reference for IEA of preferred solution
Obtain Minister's approval
Analyze and evaluate alternative designs for preferred solution
Select preferred design and mitigate adverse environmental effects
Document findings in IEA Report
Obtain Minister's approval

In 2001 and 2002, York Region initiated studies of the Need and Justification of public transit improvements in the Yonge Street and Highway 7 Corridors (including Vaughan N-S link). These studies enabled the Region to prepare IEA Terms of Reference using the Option B approach. During 2003, the Minister of the Environment approved these Terms of Reference.

Last fall, the Ministry of the Environment informed all proponents conducting IEAs that, due to a Divisional Court ruling on an Eastern Ontario IEA, it was unable to review and approve IEA Reports prepared under Option B. Consequently, the Region is re-submitting the IEA Terms of Reference for public transit improvements in all corridors. They will now indicate that the IEAs are being prepared as required under Option A. These revised documents describe how the information assembled during the studies carried out to date will be incorporated to fulfill the requirements of the EA Act. Following approval of the Terms of Reference, the IEAs will be completed and submitted for review and approval.

The revised Terms of Reference are available for review on the York Rapid Transit Plan web site [www.yorkinmotion.com](http://www.yorkinmotion.com) and at the Rapid Transit offices at 1 West Pearce Street, 6th Floor, Richmond Hill, ON, L4B 3K3. Your input to the revised Terms of Reference is important to us. Comments will be reviewed until March 15th, 2004 and should be directed to Lynton Erskine at the above address or tel: 905-886-6767, fax: 905-886-6969, email [l.erskine@delcan.com](mailto:l.erskine@delcan.com).



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