



Subject: Update on the Regional Road Projects in Aurora

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Executive Summary

York Region has no current plans to complete the Wellington Street East road widening project from Yonge Street to the railway corridor within the next 10 years. It is not identified in their current or previous 10-year Capital Plans.

Background

An article in the York Region News in early October identified a number of Regional road projects that will be delayed due to funding constraints.

The projects within the Town of Aurora included:

- Widen to four lanes Wellington Street – Yonge Street to Rail Grade Separation

The Transportation Master Plan (2016) provides a 25-year outlook to deliver transportation projects and programs that will continue to improve mobility and provide options for residents and businesses in York Region.

Analysis

Funding Constraints could impact Road Improvement projects in Aurora.

The projects listed in the article are included in the Regional Transportation Master Plan as being needed by 2031. The Transportation Master Plan however is a document that

defines the “ideal” scenario without the constraint of funding.

The Region of York uses their annual budget process, which includes their 10-year capital plan to define major infrastructure needs. So, while the project is included in the Transportation Master Plan, it is not included in the Regional 10-year plan and has not been included previously.

Potential Grade Separation of Wellington Street at the rail corridor is a separate project led by Metrolinx

The Region is currently working with Metrolinx for a potential grade separation of Wellington Street at the rail corridor. This is a separate project which is not expected to include any widening on Wellington Street, just grade separations and possible turn lane modifications. This would be a Metrolinx led project as part of the Barrie Rail Corridor Expansions.

Future Interchange – Highway 404 at St. John’s Sideroad

The interchange is also included in the Transportation Master Plan as being needed by 2031, however, it is not identified within the Region’s current 10-year plan.

Aurora Council has previously identified the need for the interchange and passed resolutions requesting that the Region of York advance the timing of the new interchange to be included in the Region’s 10-year construction program.

Advisory Committee Review

Not applicable

Financial Implications

The Region has indicated that there are funding constraints that will impact the timing of certain road current projects within the 10 year capital construction program.

Communications Considerations

Not applicable

Link to Strategic Plan

Not applicable

Alternative(s) to the Recommendation

Not applicable

Conclusions

The proposed widening of Wellington Street, Yonge to rail grade separation, is included in the Region's Transportation Master Plan as being needed by 2031; however the project has not been included in the Region's current 10-year capital plan.

Attachments

Not applicable

Previous Reports

Not applicable

Pre-submission Review

Reviewed by the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Planning and Building Services

Departmental Approval



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