

COMMENCEMENT NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

**Part A: Portage Parkway Widening from Applewood Crescent to Jane Street and
Part B: Portage Parkway Extension from Jane Street to Creditstone Road**

THE STUDY

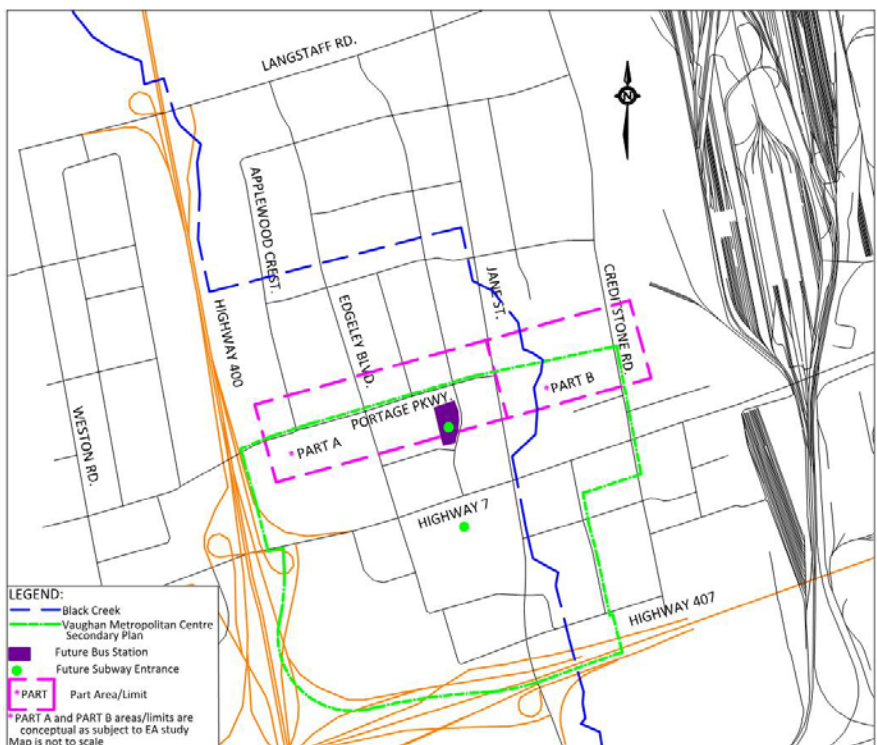
The City of Vaughan Transportation Master Plan (TMP) – A New Path (2013) – identified the need to widen Portage Parkway from Applewood Crescent to Jane Street (Part A) and extend Portage Parkway from Jane Street to Creditstone Road (Part B) as a strategic network improvement and in support of the development in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre.

THE PROCESS

The TMP – A New Path, having completed Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class EA process, has identified projects which will improve connections to local and regional infrastructure, provide access to future developments, support transit-oriented nodes and corridors, and enhance transit ridership, cycling and walking.

The TMP identified the need to widen Portage Parkway to four lanes from Applewood Crescent to Jane Street and establish a new four lane road from Jane Street to Creditstone Road and recommended the project be carried forward to Phases 3 and 4 of the Class Environmental Assessment process.

The City has initiated the Class EA Study, which will establish the preferred alternative design for the widening, extension and improvements for:



- Portage Parkway Widening from Applewood Crescent to Jane Street (*Part A)
- Portage Parkway Extension from Jane Street crossing the Black Creek channel to Creditstone Road (*Part B)

The Study will consider the technical, environmental, socio-economic and financial criteria as the basis for the assessment. The Study, proceeding for two interrelated parts, is being undertaken in accordance with “Schedule C” of the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007 & 2011). Separate Environmental Study Reports (ESRs) for Part A and B will be prepared and available for public review and comment on study completion.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with interested stakeholders (public and agencies) is a key component of the study. Public Information Centres (PIC) will be held to present the study, review the scope and discuss issues related to the project including alternative solutions and designs, evaluation criteria, and environmental impacts and mitigation measures. Public Information Centre details will be advertised closer to consultation dates.

For information on study progress and updates, please visit:

http://www.vaughan.ca/projects/projects_and_studies/environmental_assessment_studies/Pages/Class-EA-Study-for-Portage-Parkway.aspx

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