

Hunt Street Extension – Environmental Study Report Addendum

The Town of Ajax has completed an Addendum to the Hunt Street and Finley Avenue Improvements Project Environmental Study Report (ESR), previously approved in 2016 in accordance with Schedule C of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process.

The 2016 ESR recommended extending Hunt Street westerly from the existing Hunt Street and MacKenzie Avenue intersection to the intersection with Westney Road in the vicinity of O’Brien Court, including a below grade crossing of the existing Canadian National Railways (CNR) tracks.

In 2022, WSP Canada Inc. (WSP) was retained by the Town of Ajax to complete a Feasibility Study which identified a recommended alternative that differs from that approved in the 2016 ESR.

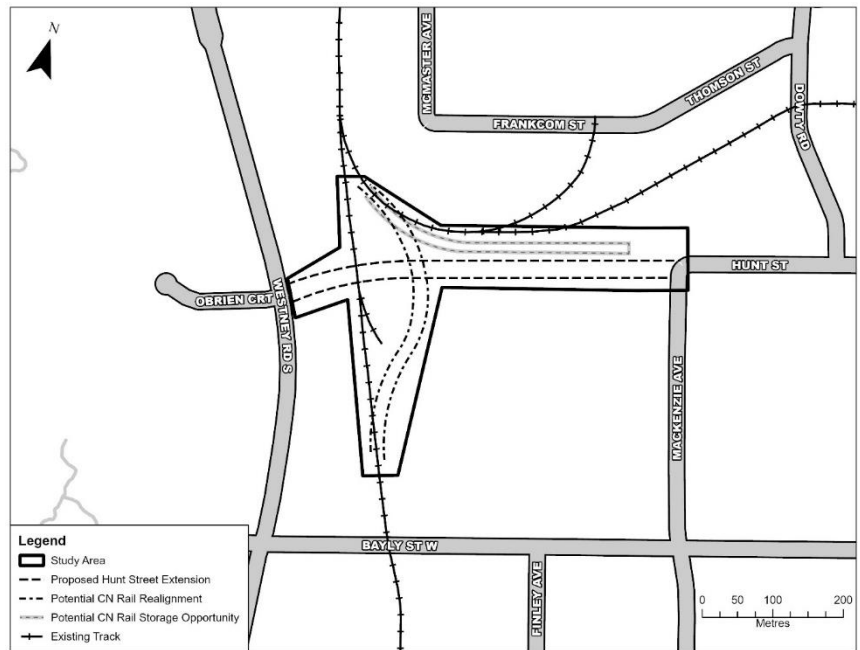


Figure 1: Study Area Map of ESR Addendum

The Feasibility Study recommended an at-grade crossing of the CNR corridor, rather than the below grade crossing as recommended in the 2016 ESR. An at-grade crossing is recommended as it will allow for easier removal of the rail infrastructure and repurposing of the land, should the rail line no longer be required in the future. The crossing also provides larger parcel sizes and better potential for parcel development near Westney Road and has less impact on the community’s urban fabric and sight lines in addition to lower anticipated financial costs compared to the 2016 ESR recommended alternative.

As a result, an Addendum to the 2016 ESR has been prepared to document the proposed changes to the recommended alternative for the extension of Hunt Street, and to update the associated environmental effects and mitigating measures to address environmental impacts. The Addendum also provides a summary of changes to the existing environmental conditions within the study area and identifies any changes to conditions that have occurred since the original 2016 ESR was completed. As such, the Addendum also serves to address the lapse of time between the issuance of the Notice of Completion in 2016 and commencement of construction, anticipated in the next 5-10 years.

Process

This project is following the approved environmental planning process for Schedule ‘C’ projects under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2023).



Notice of Addendum

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the ESR Addendum has been filed and will be available from **February 8, 2024** to **March 9, 2024**, for a 30-day comment period. The ESR Addendum documents the Class EA process followed, including a description of the changes to the 2016 ESR, the existing conditions, the environmental effects and the mitigating measures. The ESR Addendum is available for review on the project website at imo.ajax.ca/huntstreet

Comments

Interested persons are encouraged to review the ESR Addendum and provide comments by **March 9, 2024**. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to a Project Team member listed below.

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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

**Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and
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777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

**Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
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135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
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Requests should also be sent to the Town of Ajax by mail or by e-mail.

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record. If you have accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.