

**GTA West Study, Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is currently undertaking Stage 2 of the GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study. Building on the recommendations of Stage 1, the EA will identify the route, determine interchange locations and complete the preliminary design for the new transportation corridor. The new multimodal transportation corridor will include: a 400-series highway, transitway and potential goods movement priority features.

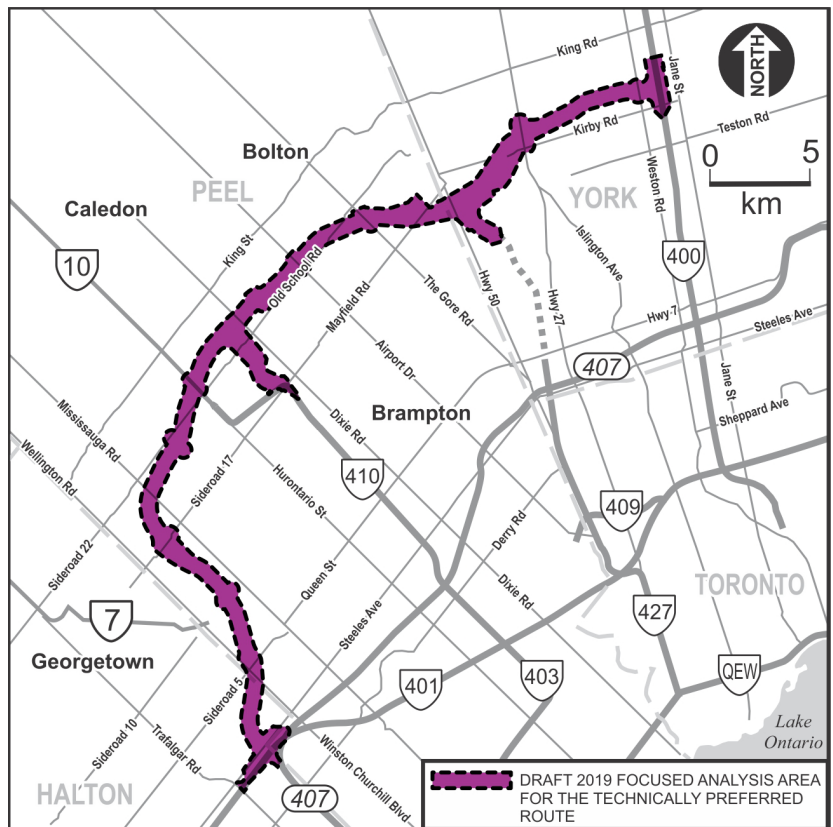
***This fact sheet has been prepared to provide general information regarding the Permission to Enter (PTE) process for the GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and EA Study.***

**Draft 2019 Focused Analysis Area**

The Draft 2019 Focused Analysis Area (FAA) is a zone surrounding the technically preferred route. Properties located within the FAA could be directly impacted by the GTA West transportation corridor, ancillary uses, or if refinements are made to the technically preferred route. The Draft 2019 FAA will be confirmed in Spring 2020.

**What is Permission to Enter (PTE) and how will it be used?**

PTE grants the Project Team temporary access to private property at the consent of the property owner(s) in order to conduct field investigations. Information collected will be used to document existing environmental and engineering conditions within the GTA West Study Draft 2019 FAA. This is an important step in the EA process, so that we may identify existing conditions, confirm impacts and develop appropriate mitigation measures.



**Non-Intrusive Fieldwork vs. Physical Fieldwork**

**Non-Intrusive Fieldwork (Phase 1 PTE) March 2020 - December 2020:** Phase 1 PTE investigations will not require any physical disturbance to a property. These investigations will consist of field staff documenting observations, taking photos, and mapping existing conditions.

**Physical Fieldwork (Phase 2 PTE) Spring 2021- Fall 2021:** ***Phase 2 investigation requirements will be determined once Phase 1 PTE fieldwork is complete.*** Phase 2 PTE investigations will include non-intrusive and/or physical fieldwork which may require some temporary alteration to your property. Any physical disturbance or alteration to your property will be returned to the property's original condition at no cost to the property owner, once the investigation is complete.

## PTE vs. Property Acquisition?

The PTE process is not affiliated with the property acquisition process. PTE will be used only to establish environmental conditions and assess the engineering feasibility of the new multimodal transportation corridor within the Draft 2019 FAA. If your property is subject to a PTE requirement, this does not confirm a property acquisition requirement. Property acquisition requirements will be confirmed following EA approval.

## What type of Investigations may occur on my property?



Natural Resources



Groundwater & Drainage; Erosion & Sediment Control (Phase 2 only)



Contamination & Waste Management



Vegetation & Wetlands



Land Use



Agriculture



Archaeology (Phase 2 only)



Cultural & Built Heritage



Engineering Surveys

## Permission to Enter Process - How to submit your PTE Form

### Step 1 Receiving your Notice of PTE Form

Property owners will be notified by letter and/or email and will receive a "Permission to Enter Form"

### Step 2 Review and Sign the PTE Form

Property owners are requested to review and sign the "Permission to Enter Form". Please complete the Owner(s) name, address and phone number section

### Step 3 Submit the PTE Form to the Project Team

Return a signed copy to the Project Team using the provided self-addressed stamped mailing envelope or by email to [PTE@gta-west.com](mailto:PTE@gta-west.com)

### Step 4 Property Access

Property owners will be notified by a member of the Project Team 3-5 business days prior to field staff entering your property

## Questions?

For more information regarding the PTE process, please visit our project website: [www.gta-west.com/pte](http://www.gta-west.com/pte)

If you would like to speak with someone directly regarding a specific question, concern or clarification related to the PTE process or form, please contact:

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