



# County Road 27 Widening & Improvements

## County Road 21 (Innisfil Beach Road) to County Road 90 Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

### Notice of Study Commencement

#### Background

The County of Simcoe's *Transportation Master Plan Update Final Report* (October 2014) identifies the need to widen County Road 27 from County Road 21 (Innisfil Beach Road) to County Road 90 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes. Improvements were also identified for the intersection of County Road 27 with County Road 90 to mitigate the delays to northbound left turn traffic. These improvements are necessary to support the arterial function of this primary travel corridor and accommodate planned growth in immediately adjacent areas in both the City of Barrie and Town of Innisfil.

The County is proceeding with the engineering and design of these improvements, which are expected to include a widening and resurfacing of the road to improve traffic operations, upgrades to the roadside drainage features and watercourse crossings, and a review of illumination and roadside safety needs. Intersection configurations and/or controls will be reviewed and possibly improved at County Road 90, Ardagh Road, Essa Road and County Road 21 (and other intersections as deemed appropriate).

The study area is shown on the map provided on the reverse of this notice.

#### Study Process

The County is proceeding with a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider the impacts associated with the proposed upgrades. The Class EA process will address the following:

- existing traffic operations and conditions on County Road 27, including operations at key intersections and access points;
- alternative design concepts for implementing the improvements as identified in the *Transportation Master Plan Update* and addressing the identified future needs;
- alternative design concepts for intersection configurations and control at Ardagh Road and Essa Road;
- the location, extent and sensitivity of the existing environments within the area;
- the potential impacts of each alternative design concept on the noted environments and possible mitigating measures;
- public and agency consultation and participation; and
- an assessment and evaluation of the alternatives culminating in a preferred solution.

#### Purpose of Notice

The purpose of this notice is to invite public/agency input and comment early in the study such that they can be incorporated into the planning and overall study design. Comments should be directed to the County and/or Consultant as noted below. A further opportunity for public input and comment will be provided at a Public Information Centre (open house) to be held in the upcoming months, during which time the various alternative solutions and assessment of each will be presented. Further details with respect to the Public Information Centre will be provided closer to the date.

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