

June 4, 2024

Southwest Agincourt Transportation Connections Study

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment: Notice of Completion

The City of Toronto has completed the Southwest Agincourt Transportation Connections Study and Environmental Study Report (ESR), which fulfills the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA). The study Focus Area is bound by Kennedy Road to the west, Dowry Street to the north, the Stouffville GO Train Line to the east, and Village Green Square to the south.

Based on the study findings and input from technical agencies and the public, the study identifies the need for a new north-south 'complete street' to provide an alternate street connection from Sheppard Avenue East to Village Green Square by extending Gordon Avenue southward under the existing CP Rail corridor. This new street will address some of the needed transportation improvements in the area. The street will improve connectivity for all travel modes and provide additional emergency access, and is anticipated to improve traffic flow along Kennedy Road and Sheppard Avenue East.



The study and the ESR have met the requirements of Schedule 'C' of the MCEA for the new complete street by completing Phases 1 through 4 of the MCEA process.

As part of the study, other opportunities were identified to better connect intensifying mixed-use areas to transit through active transportation network improvements. The following transportation improvements recommended in the study are pre-approved/exempt projects under the Municipal Class EA process:

- A north-south multi-use trail on the east side of Village Green Square to Sheppard Avenue East, parallel to West Highland Creek under an existing CP Rail bridge, connecting to key destinations, including Agincourt GO station and Collingwood Park;
- New sidewalk on both sides of Collingwood Street to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility along with on-street parking on one side of the street;
- Interim cycle tracks along Sheppard Avenue East between Gordon Avenue and the Agincourt GO station driveway;
- Pedestrian and cycling safety enhancements at the intersection of Sheppard Avenue East and the Agincourt GO driveway; and
- On-street parking and advisory bike lanes on Reidmount Avenue; and new advisory bike lanes on a segment of Dowry Street and the permanent closure of a segment of Dowry Street to vehicular traffic with expanded public realm to enhance pedestrian and cycling connections to the Agincourt GO station.



Opportunities for Review

The Environmental Study Report has been placed on the public record for a 30-day review period starting June 4, 2024, and ending July 3, 2024. It is available for review on the project web page at toronto.ca/ConnectingSWAgincourt and in person at the following branch of the Toronto Public Library:

Agincourt Branch, Toronto Public Library
155 Bonis Avenue
Toronto, ON M1T 3W6

Interested persons may provide written comments to the City contact below by July 3, 2024.

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A request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study, or that conditions be imposed, 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 must include your contact information and be received by July 3, 2024.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, 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 both:

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

AND

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

Requests should also be copied to the City of Toronto by mail or e-mail. For more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order>

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. All comments will become part of the public record. Unless you request that your personal information remain confidential, all personal information included in a request for an order, may be made available to the general public by the Ministry under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act and/or s.37 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.