

Steeles Avenue: Introduction Video – Text Description

The following provides a text version of the audio that is included in the Introduction video.

Slide 1 (Introduction)

Hello and welcome to the second Public Information Centre, or “PIC” for short, for the Steeles Avenue Transportation Corridor Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study (MCEA), which we will refer to as “the study” in these videos.

In this video, we will review the purpose of this PIC, the study area and existing conditions, as well as the study process and schedule.

This study is being carried out to assess and confirm the transportation demand and need for improvements on Steeles Avenue, between Tremaine Road and Industrial Drive in the Town of Milton.

The first PIC was held on November 21, 2019. If you did not attend that event, you can view the display materials by visiting the Steeles Avenue Corridor Study webpage on halton.ca.

Thank you for taking the time to watch this presentation and learn more about this study! Your input is valuable to us.

Slide 2 (Purpose of Public Information Centre 2)

This is the second PIC in the study. During this PIC, we will:

- review the study area and study process;
- provide an overview of existing conditions;
- summarize key materials presented at the first PIC and public feedback received;
- review the design components and evaluation process;
- present the preliminary preferred design;
- identify next steps in the study; and
- obtain community feedback.

Slide 3 (Study Area)

Steeles Avenue is a Halton Region major arterial road and a key link in the transportation network, being planned to meet multi-modal needs to 2031. In the future, Steeles Avenue will help motorists reach Highway 401 via the new Tremaine Road extension and interchange.

Our study area extends from Tremaine Road to Industrial Drive, in the northwest corner of the Town of Milton. This portion of Steeles Avenue is adjacent to future development lands in the Sherwood Survey Secondary Plan area.

Steeles Avenue was recently widened to 4 lanes between Industrial Drive and Martin Street, just east of our study area.

Slide 4 (Existing Conditions)

This map illustrates the various elements within the study area. Even though the study area limits are only 1.3 kilometres, there are many features that need to be considered in the planning process.

The neighbourhood of Peru is identified by the Town of Milton as a Character Area. Heritage properties are highlighted in orange. Other businesses and residential properties are highlighted in yellow. The Industrial Drive business park is highlighted in blue.

Steeles Avenue has an at-grade crossing with the Canadian Pacific (or CP) Rail line, just west of Peru Road.

Sixteen Mile Creek is the most prominent natural feature in the study area. The creek has an extensive floodplain that will be an important consideration in the design of the future Steeles Avenue.

The study area straddles the Niagara Escarpment Plan area and the Plan's policies will be important considerations in the planning and design of the future Steeles Avenue.

Slide 5 (Study Process and Schedule)

This slide depicts the general study process and schedule. The Steeles Avenue MCEA study started in 2017.

Phase 1 of the study identified problems and opportunities. Phase 2 looked at alternative planning solutions, which are different strategies to address the identified problems and opportunities. These were presented at the first PIC on November 21, 2019.

We are currently near the end of Phase 3 of the study, which included the development and evaluation of design alternatives for the future Steeles Avenue. At this PIC, we are presenting our findings from Phase 3 and asking for public feedback.

Following this PIC, the preliminary preferred design will be confirmed and an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be prepared. The report will document the entire decision-making process, as well as the consultation record. We anticipate that it will be available for public review in late 2021 or early winter 2022.