

# 407 East Extension

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Planning studies conducted in the 1950s and 1960s indicated a need for an east-west transportation corridor north of Toronto, connecting Highway 401 in Milton to Highway 35/115 in Clarington. The central section, the current Highway 407, was constructed in the 1990s. Highway 407 today extends from the QEW/Highway 403 interchange in Burlington to Brock Road in Pickering.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) initiated Environmental Assessment (EA) studies in the early 1990s that developed a technically preferred route for the extension of Highway 407 from Brock Road to Clarington. However, these studies were not submitted to the Minister of Environment for approval and currently have no status.

In 2002, in accordance with new legislation, MTO commenced a new individual EA study for 407 East. Under the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (OEAA), an EA Terms of Reference (ToR) was completed as the first step in the preparation of the individual EA. The ToR was approved by the Minister of Environment on January 17, 2005.

The ToR document sets out the proposed work plan for the preparation of the EA Report and provides appropriate commitments to consultation, process and technical requirements during the EA study.

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