



**Presentation by  
Oshawa Mayor John Henry:**

**Proposed Phasing of  
Highway 407 East Extension**



- Quick facts about Oshawa
- Overview Hwy 407 East Extension and related EA
- Overview recent Provincial phasing decision and implications
- Request your support for the expedited construction of the Hwy 407 East Extension from Pickering to Hwy 35/115 in one phase





# **Quick Facts about Oshawa**



- Largest municipality in Durham Region
- Urban areas, greenbelt/Oak Ridges Moraine and waterfront
- 152,000 population
- GM headquarters and Autoplex
- 2 university campuses (UOIT & Trent)
- Durham College campus



- Queen's University and Seneca College presence
- Major health care/cancer care centre
- Economy in transition





**Why am I here?**



- Future prosperity of Oshawa, Durham Region and Southern Ontario depends on infrastructure
- Expansion of Hwy 407 East from Pickering to Hwy 35/115 is a key part of that infrastructure
- Province has now decided to phase the Hwy 407 East Extension and terminate it in the middle of Oshawa
- This will have dire consequences for all of us!



- I need your support to convince the Province to abandon the proposed phasing and immediately extend Hwy 407 east to Hwy 35/115 in one phase as promised in the FLOW Agreement
  - FLOW is a legal term that references a contractual obligation where one party provides funds in exchange for a certain obligation or commitment from the other party







# **The Hwy 407 East Project and the Related Provincial Environmental Assessment**



- Between 2005 and 2010, the Province conducted an EA on extending Hwy 407 East through Durham Region to Hwy 35/115



Exhibit ES.3: Technically Preferred Route



- Provincial EA documents state that:
  - International trade and goods movement through Durham Region is critical to the GTA and the Greater Golden Horseshoe
  - Durham Region is an eastern gateway for international/national tourist trips
  - There are existing and anticipated capacity constraints between Durham Region and the Greater Golden Horseshoe
  - No alternative exists to Hwy 401 for commercial traffic



- Congestion on Hwy 401 has a large influence on Provincial, national and international trade
- Current and anticipated congestion levels severely impact existing and future industry, trade, tourism and economic growth









# **Proposed Phasing**



- Commenting agencies supported the EA but consistently indicated that the Hwy 407 extension to Hwy 35/115 must be completed in one phase
- In June 2010 the Provincial government approved the EA
- A few days later, without any notice or prior consultation with the affiliated municipalities, MPP Leal (City of Peterborough) issued a media release confirming that the Hwy 407 extension would in fact be phased, with Phase 1 terminating on Simcoe Street in the middle of Oshawa





- The phasing was never considered as part of the EA, it is inconsistent with a Federal/Provincial FLOW agreement and will have devastating impacts on Oshawa, Durham Region and the economy of Southern Ontario





# Rationale for Opposition to Phasing



- Unfair and misleading EA process
- Inconsistent with Federal/Provincial FLOW Agreements
- Loss of GTA by-pass benefits
- GTA congestion, quality of life, safety and environmental concerns not addressed
- Southern Ontario's potential for economic growth, tourism and job creation negatively impacted



- According to North America transportation experts, the 401 and 400 area is the busiest highway in the WORLD, often called a "linear warehouse" full of goods destined for millions of consumers world wide, seven days a week
- The Toronto Board of Trade estimates that congestion in the GTA is responsible for an annual \$6 billion loss of productivity
- Also, we face the longest commute times worldwide: GTA (79 mins), New York (77mins) and LA (57 mins)  
(source: Toronto Board of Trade: Scorecard on Prosperity 2010)



- Ultimately greater costs for the taxpayers of Ontario
- Inappropriate “dumping” of Provincial highway traffic onto Regional and City roads will cost residents approximately+\$329M in capital plus ongoing operation and maintenance costs
- Legacy of overbuilt infrastructure and throwaway costs





# Support for Full Extension to Hwy 35/115



- The following oppose the Province's recently announced phasing and support the full extension of Hwy 407 to Hwy 35/115 in one phase as a priority:
  - Region of Durham Chair Roger Anderson and Council
  - Municipality of Clarington Mayor Adrian Foster and Council
  - Municipality of Scugog Mayor Chuck Mercier and Council
  - City of Oshawa Mayor John Henry and Council
  - City of Peterborough Mayor Daryl Bennett and Council
  - City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Ric McGee and Council
  - Township of Cavan Monaghan Deputy Reeve Scott McFadden and Councillor Jim Chaplin
  - City of St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMullan and Council
  - Municipality of Port Hope (pending Committee approval)
  - Township of Uxbridge Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor and Council
  - Ontario Chamber of Commerce
  - Keller Williams Energy Realtors
  - Oshawa Generals Hockey Club
  - Durham Real Estate Board



- MP Jim Flaherty
- MP Bev Oda
- MP Colin Carrie
- MP Dean Del Mastro
- MPP Christine Elliott
- MPP Jerry Ouellette
- MPP John O'Toole
- MPP Tim Hudak, Ontario PC Leader
- MPP Joyce Savoline
- MPP Norm Miller
- MPP Frank Klees
- Residents and stakeholder groups in Durham and Peterborough
- We hope to add the Town of Markham to the growing list







# **My Request**



- The Province has not yet issued the RFP for the construction of Phase 1
  - Infrastructure Ontario is in the process of qualifying project teams who will design, build, finance and maintain Hwy 407 East from Brock Rd in Pickering to Simcoe St in Oshawa
  - The Province will retain control and ownership of the Hwy 407 East Extension
  - The Hwy 407 East Extension will be tolled in order to free up funds for transit investment and to facilitate construction and maintenance
- There is still time to get the Province to change its decision on phasing
- But, I need your help!
- The Hwy 407 East Extension to Hwy 35/115 is critical to all of Southern Ontario



- I respectfully request that this Council adopt the following resolution:  
“That the Provincial Government rescind its decision to phase the Highway 407 East Extension with termination in Oshawa and commit, consistent with the Federal Provincial funding agreements, to build the Highway 407 East Extension from Brock Road in Pickering to Highway 35/115 in one phase as a priority;  
And that this resolution be sent to Premier McGuinty, Minister of Transportation Wynne and Minister of Infrastructure Chiarelli.”



- I also respectfully request that the Town of Markham join in our campaign advocating for the Province to honour its commitment
- Consider distributing email messages and petition postcards and submit petition business letters
- For additional information and online petition [www.oshawa.ca/407](http://www.oshawa.ca/407)





**Thank you**

