

**CITY OF BARRIE
BELL FARM ROAD AND
ROSS STREET / COLLIER STREET / BAYFIELD STREET
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS
PHASE 3 & 4 MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS**

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Project Scope

The Corporation of the City of Barrie is undertaking Municipal Class Environmental Assessments (Class EA's) for the proposed improvements identified in the Multi-Modal Active Transportation Master Plan (MMATMP, www.barrie.ca/masterplans) on Bell Farm Road from St. Vincent Street to Duckworth Street and on Ross/Collier/Bayfield Streets from Toronto Street to Clapperton Street including intersection improvements.

The purpose of the Class EA Studies is to develop and assess various alternative design concepts for the implementation of the improvements ensuring that the physical, social, economic, heritage and environmental effects are considered.

The MMATMP recommended the following improvements:

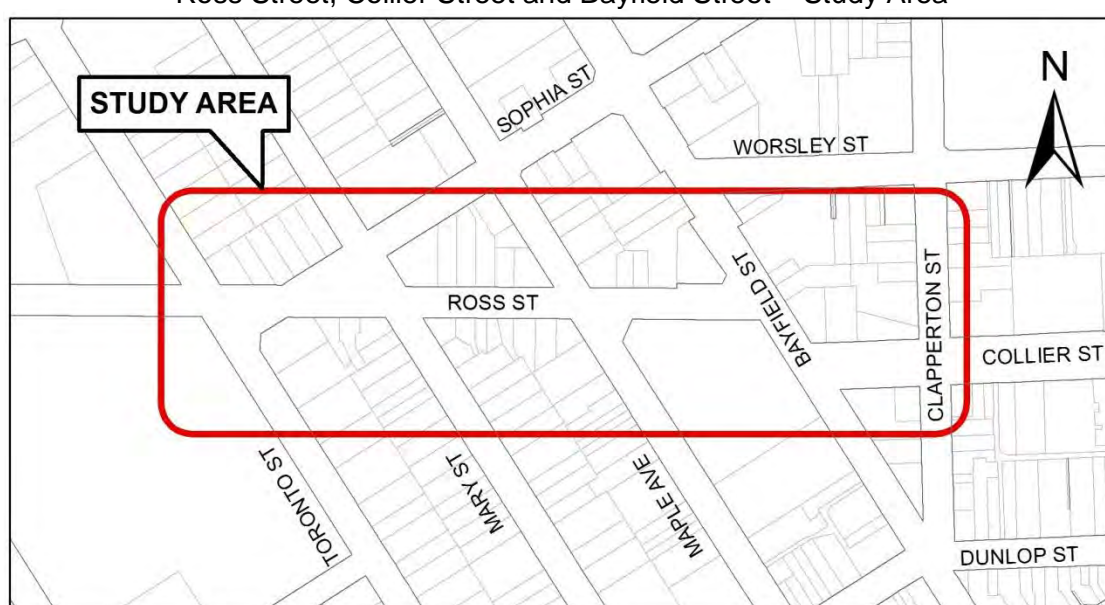
- Bell Farm Road (west section) – widen to three lanes with regular bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides;
- Bell Farm Road (east section) – widen to include buffered bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides;

Bell Farm Road – Study Area



- Ross Street (Toronto Street to Bayfield Street) – widen to three lanes with buffered bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides;
- Ross Street, Collier Street, Bayfield Street – intersection realignment to improve east-west traffic movement (improvements may extend on Collier Street to Clapperton Street) including the consideration of a roundabout at this intersection; this study includes the assessment of operational improvements in the downtown core; and
- Collier Street (Bayfield Street to Clapperton Street) – widen to three lanes with buffered bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides.

Ross Street, Collier Street and Bayfield Street – Study Area



Infrastructure Improvements

In conjunction with the transportation improvements, existing municipal infrastructure will be assessed and, if required, included in the overall project scope. The City is also examining options to improve stormwater management infrastructure as part of the City's commitment to enhancing the health of Lake Simcoe and its tributaries.

Study Process

The Class EA studies will follow the planning and design process for Schedule C projects and complete Phases 3 & 4 as described in the Municipal Class EA document for Municipal Road Projects (2000), published by the Municipal Engineers Association (revised in 2007, 2011 and 2015). This study will complement the Phase 1 & 2 requirements that were addressed as part of the MMATMP.

Draft Study Designs

Draft Study Design reports describing the study process, alternatives and consultation program for each project will be available on the City's web site in early fall 2016 at: www.barrie.ca/eastudies.

Purpose of Notice

The purpose of this notice is to invite public/agency input and comment early in the Class EA process so as to inform of the development of the design alternatives. Further opportunity for public input and comment will be provided at a Public Information Centre (PIC) during which time the various alternative design solutions will be presented. Notice for the PIC will be provided in advance.

Should additional information be required or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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