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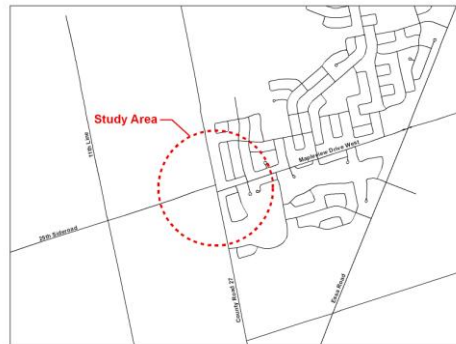


NOTICE

Notice of Completion County Road 27, Mapleview Drive and 25th Sideroad Realignment/Intersection Improvements Class Environmental Assessment Study

The Study

The County of Simcoe has finalized a Class Environmental Assessment for road intersection improvements to the intersection of County Road 27 and Mapleview Drive/25th Sideroad on the boundary of the City of Barrie and Essa Township to improve traffic flow and safety in this area. See map.



The map above shows the approximate location of the study area.

The Process

The study was conducted in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule 'B' projects as outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. A notice of study commencement inviting initial input was first published on April 16th 2009.

Taking into consideration the comments received from the public and regulatory agencies, the preferred solution is the realignment of 25th Sideroad to create a single 4-leg intersection at County Road 27 and Mapleview Drive with the installation of traffic signals. The intersection will be designed and constructed as a four lane highway through the intersection to accommodate the planned future widening of County Road 27. Left-turn lanes are to be proposed on all approaches, and right-turn lanes are proposed for the northbound and westbound approaches. Most of the proposed improvements can be accommodated within the existing ROW. However, to accommodate the proposed improvements to County Road 27, the expansion of the ROW along the west side of the road is required.

The widening of County Road 27 to four lanes beyond the proposed intersection is outside the scope of the proposed project /EA.

Project File Report

A copy of the Project File Report ("PFR") is available for public review for a 30 day period beginning September 9, 2010 (ending October 12, 2010). The PFR is available for viewing at the Clerks Office, County of Simcoe Administration office (address below) and has been placed on the County's website: [http:// www.simcoe.ca](http://www.simcoe.ca).

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8:30 am – 4:30 pm

During this 30-day review period, anyone who has any outstanding concerns with the project which cannot be resolved in discussions with the County may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order). Requests for a Part II Order must be received by the Minister in writing at the address below by 4:30 pm Monday October 12, 2010. A copy of the request must also be sent to the County of Simcoe (see below).

If no Part II Order (bump-up) requests are received within the thirty (30) day review period (by October 12, 2010, at 4:30 pm), the project will proceed through design and construction as outlined in the PFR.

Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. This Notice was first issued on Thursday September 9, 2010.

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