

# NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT & PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

## MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS FOR:

### CASABLANCA BOULEVARD (RR10) NORTH SERVICE ROAD TO MAIN STREET (RR81) AND GO STATION ACCESS AND LIVINGSTON AVENUE EXTENSION (RR512) WEST OF EMILY STREET TO MAIN STREET (RR81)

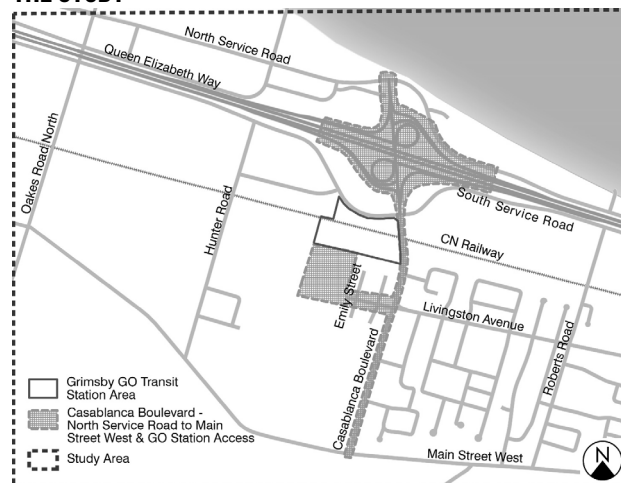
The Regional Municipality of Niagara (Niagara Region) is initiating two Municipal Class Environmental Assessments (EAs) for:

- the reconstruction of Casablanca Boulevard between the North Service Road and Main Street including the Livingston Avenue new GO Station access,
- and the extension of Livingston Avenue west of Emily Street to Main Street. Additional information on each study is provided below.

#### 1. CASABLANCA BOULEVARD – NORTH SERVICE ROAD TO MAIN STREET (RR81) AND GO STATION ACCESS: BACKGROUND

Situated in the Town of Grimsby, Casablanca Boulevard (RR10) is a two lane arterial road with rural and urban segments. This north-south road provides access to commercial and residential land uses and the QEW. The Niagara Region Transportation Master Plan, approved in 2017, as well as a Secondary Plan for the Grimsby GO Transit Station, recommended a series of short to long term capacity and safety improvements, including intersection and interchange modifications, sight line improvements and improvements to the CN railway crossing.

#### THE STUDY



The study will confirm the need for upgrades and identify and evaluate alternatives to improve traffic operations, capacity and safety along Casablanca Boulevard (RR10) from North Service Road to Main Street and the portion of Livingston Avenue (RR512) required to access the GO station. Alternatives could include a combination of the following:

- Roadway widening
- Intersection and entrance modifications
- Interchange improvements
- Addition of curbs and gutters
- Improvements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Improvements to adjacent roadways
- Improvements to the CN railway crossing;

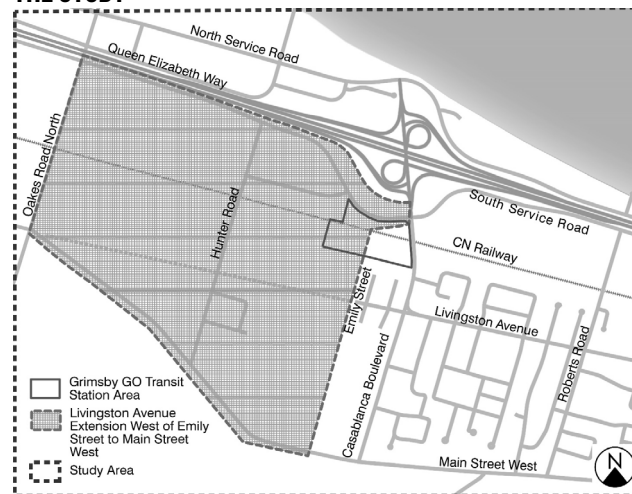
In addition to potential road improvements, the study will identify and address other engineering aspects of the study area including drainage, pavement condition,

utilities, and services. The delivery of the Casablanca Boulevard – GO Station Access project is time sensitive in order that the required transportation infrastructure is designed and constructed for the scheduled opening day of the new Grimsby GO Station planned for mid-2021.

#### 2. LIVINGSTON AVENUE EXTENSION (RR512)- WEST OF EMILY STREET TO MAIN STREET (RR81): BACKGROUND

Livingston Avenue (Regional Road 512) presently terminates approximately 200m west of Casablanca Boulevard. Previous traffic and transportation planning studies have identified the extension of Livingston Avenue between Casablanca Boulevard and Oakes Road North. The need for a Livingston Avenue extension to Main Street (RR81) was identified in the Niagara Region Transportation Master Plan approved in 2017 and the recently approved Town of Grimsby Go Transit Station Secondary Plan

#### THE STUDY



The study will confirm the need for the extension, and identify and evaluate alternatives to improve and extend existing Livingston Avenue to RR81, potentially including a combination of the following:

- Route alternatives to provide required long term road system capacity,
- Intersection and entrance modifications
- Improvements to adjacent roadways
- Possible pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and
- Intersection control upgrades

#### THE PROCESS

This notice signals the commencement of the Class EAs for both studies, which will define the opportunities, consider alternatives, and determine the preferred improvements in consultation with the Town of Grimsby, regulatory agencies, and the public. The studies are being conducted in compliance with Schedule C of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. Public and review agency consultation is a key element of the Class EA process and input will be sought from various parties throughout both studies. At this time, it is anticipated that two (2) Public Information Centres (PICs) will be conducted to solicit public input. The PICs for the two studies will be held jointly with PIC#1 scheduled for:

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

June 20, 2018 | 5 pm to 8 pm

Casablanca Winery Inn & Spa

4 Windward Drive, Grimsby, ON L3M 4E8

Upon completion, a comprehensive Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be prepared for each study for public review and comment. The ESR for each study will detail the planning process and the preferred alternative, including how public and agency input was incorporated. A Notice of Completion for each study will be issued at that stage.

#### COMMENTS

The public will be notified through advertisement in the local newspapers and mail outs regarding the PICs. The PICs will provide an opportunity for the public to review and comment on project materials and discuss concerns and issues with representatives from the project team. Comments received from the public will be considered in the preparation of the ESR documents. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record. For further information, please contact one of the project team members identified below:

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