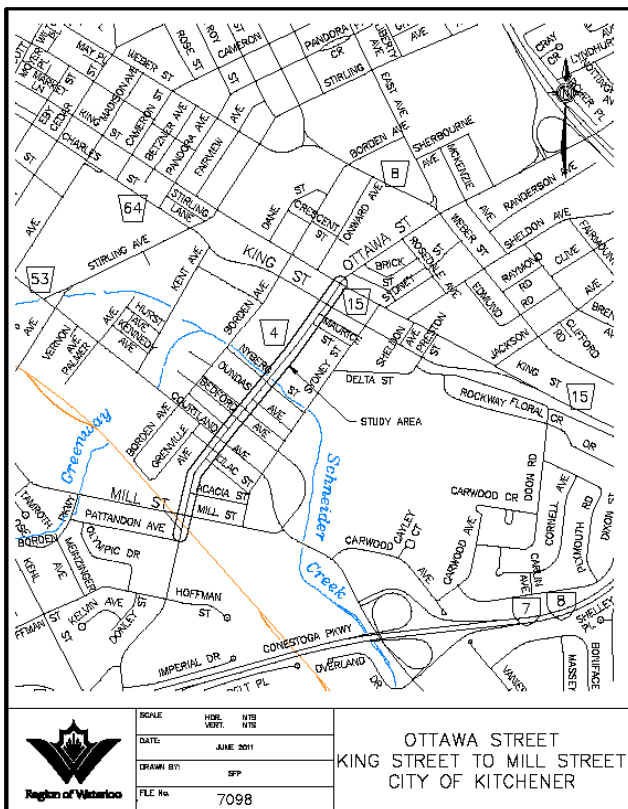




NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
SCHEDULE C CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
OTTAWA STREET, KING STREET TO MILL STREET,
CITY OF KITCHENER

The Regional Municipality of Waterloo is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to examine alternatives for widening Ottawa Street between King Street and Mill Street in the City of Kitchener. Improvements are required to resolve capacity and operational issues as recommended in the Regional Transportation Master Plan. This EA study is being carried out in accordance with the planning and design process for "Schedule C" projects as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Associations Municipal Class Environmental Assessment and the direction of the Ministry of the Environment. The Study will consider various alternatives for road improvements including pedestrian and cycling facilities. Consideration will also be made for the proposed implementation of Rapid Transit facilities within the corridor. Construction is currently expected to start in 2014, subject to the findings of this study and receipt of necessary approvals.



Opportunities for Public Input

The Class EA process includes public and review agency consultation as a critical component in defining the problem, identifying and evaluating alternative solutions and determining a preferred solution. Details regarding the project will be presented at Public Consultation Centres to provide interested stakeholders with an opportunity to discuss alternative solutions, environmental considerations and impacts, evaluation criteria and design options. Each Centre will provide opportunities for interactive discussions with the Region's Study Team to solicit input from the participants. Notice of these Centres will be advertised in the local newspaper as the Study progresses. Information regarding the EA Study will be posted on the Region's website as it becomes available www.regionofwaterloo.ca

If you have any initial comments or concerns regarding this study, or would like to ensure you are on the mailing list to receive future notices, please contact the Region's Project Manager:

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All comments and information received from individuals, stakeholder groups and agencies regarding this project are being collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act* to assist the Region of Waterloo in making a decision. Under the *Municipal Act*, personal information such as name, address, telephone number, and property location that may be included in a submission becomes part of the public record. Questions regarding the collection of this information should be referred to Peter Linn.