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Mr. Wayne Emmerson
York Region Chairman and CEO
York Regional Council
17250 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Emmerson:

**Re: Notice of Commencement of Detail Design
New Commuter Carpool Lot (CCL) at Highway 404 and Major Mackenzie Drive East
Interchange, including Realignment of the West to South Ramp
Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment
G.W.P. 2227-09-00, Ministry of Transportation**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained AECOM to undertake Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for a new Commuter Carpool Lot (CCL) at Highway 404 and Major Mackenzie Drive East in the Town of Richmond Hill in the Regional Municipality of York.

The project builds upon the completed "*Highway 404 Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design Study from the 407 Express Toll Route (ETR) to Green Lane Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR), June 2016*". A detailed conditions survey of the project area and the development of a preferred plan for the configuration of the CCL must now be completed. The project will also include realignment of the southbound access ramp to Highway 404. Construction staging and traffic management measures will be identified as part of the preferred plan.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the commencement of this Detail Design and Class EA. The project will follow the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* with opportunities for the public and interested parties to discuss the project with the project team.

Upon completion of Detail Design, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be placed in the public record to document the Class EA process, the design for the recommended improvements, potential environmental impacts and prescribed mitigation measures, and the consultation undertaken. The release of the DCR for review will be the subject of a future Notice of Submission.

If you would like to provide comments or if you require further information, please feel free to contact me at (416) 235-4336 or by email at sandra.sadek@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,
Ministry of Transportation



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