



**The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains  
Notice Of Commencement  
Intersection Improvements  
Highway 26 Corridor From Grey Road 19 To Grey Road 21  
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study**



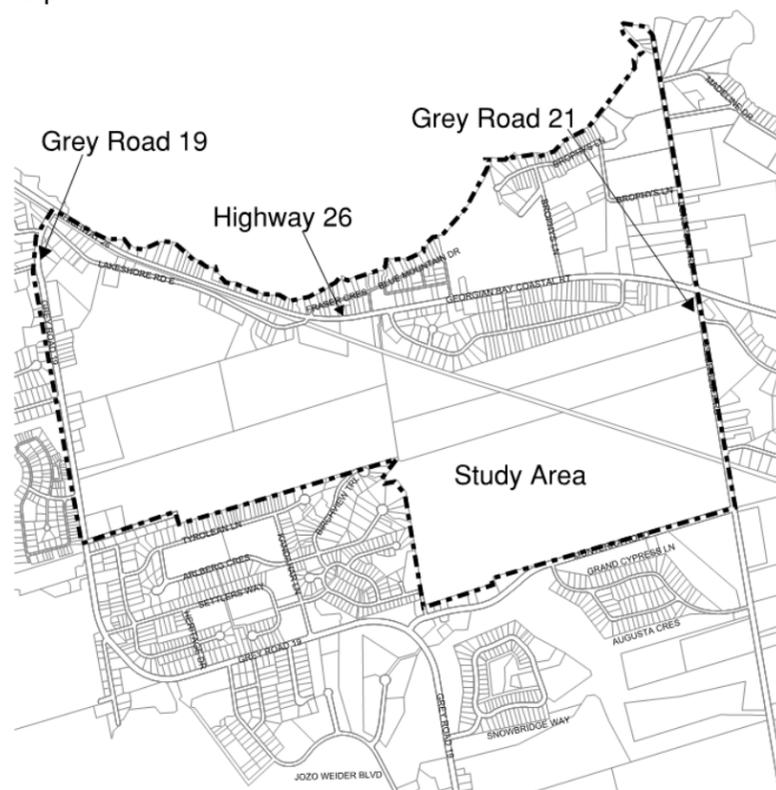
**The Study**

Following the Comprehensive Transportation Strategic Plan, March 2010 (Strategic Plan), The Town of The Blue Mountains, in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation and County of Grey (“road authorities”), has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider potential transportation issues and solutions relating to the development in the area of Highway 26 between Grey Road 19 and Grey Road 21. Alternative Solutions will be developed to consider improvements to the transportation network that meet projected increases in transportation demands (pedestrian, cyclist, vehicle) and address traffic congestion and safety concerns in the area.

Included in this study are possible improvements, enhancements or closures of existing intersections at Highway 26 and Grey Road 21/Long Point Road, Lakeshore Road East/Fraser Crescent, Brophy’s Lane, Hope Street, Blue Mountain Drive and Timmons Street. Redirection of existing local streets to facilitate consolidation of intersections will be considered. Other considerations include connections to proposed developments, the alignment of the Georgian Trail and pedestrian traffic crossing Highway 26.

The study will define the problem, identify and evaluate alternative solutions with consideration for the natural, cultural, technical and economic environment, and determine a preferred solution in consultation with regulatory agencies and the public.

The approximate Study Area for this project is shown on the Map.



**The Process**

The study is being planned as a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment following the process described in the Municipal Engineer's Association Guide for Municipal Class EAs (2000, as amended in 2007 & 2011).

**Public & Agency Input Invited**

Public consultation is vital to this study. The road authorities would like to ensure that anyone interested in this study has the opportunity to get involved and provide input on the project’s implementation. As such, the road authorities are interested in receiving comments on local experience with transportation issues in the study area and possible solutions. We invite your comments and input on the planning and design of this project. Please provide your comments to us by July 31, 2015.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is planned for a later stage in the study and will provide an opportunity for the Road Authorities and Consultant Project Team to share the project status, present the alternative solutions and receive comments and feedback from the general public, neighbourhood residents, community members, agencies and other interested parties. The date and details of the public meeting will be advertised at a future date.

Information about this project can be found at <http://www.thebluemoorntains.ca/highway26ea.cfm>. To provide comments, request additional information, or to be added to the mailing list to receive future project notices, please email [HWY26CraigleithEA@rjburnside.com](mailto:HWY26CraigleithEA@rjburnside.com) or contact one of the following Project Team members:

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The road authorities intend to proceed with the planning of this project with consideration of agency and public input. Solution(s) to projected traffic demands, as determined through the EA process, will be implemented as warranted and depending on annual capital budget scheduling.

Project and notice information will be made accessible upon request in accordance with the Accessibility Standard for Information and Communication under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will become part of the public record. This Notice first issued on July 3, 2015