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**RE: Oxford County Transportation Master Plan Update and OR 4 Corridor Study
Notice of Study Commencement**

Dear Kyle Pratt:

Oxford County (the County) has retained Parsons Inc. (Parsons) to complete a 2024 update of the current 2019 Transportation Master Plan (TMP). This TMP Update will assess the existing transportation network conditions and performance, identify the needs of the transportation system, and develop policies to address them.

The Master Plan will be prepared as per Master Plan Approach #1 in accordance with the Municipal Engineers Association *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015), approved under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Oxford Road 4 (OR 4) Corridor Study will also be completed concurrently and included in the TMP Update. The study will examine opportunities to improve safety, implement active transportation infrastructure, increase access to the Highway 401 and Highway 403 corridors, and identify opportunities for intersection improvements.

The key outcomes of the Master Plan include:

- Assessment of existing and future transportation network conditions and performance to the year 2046, with consideration to travel demand and patterns;
- Identification of the needs of the transportation system and develop policies to address them; and
- Development of a safe, effective and financially viable integrated transportation system implementation plan which maximizes the use of existing infrastructure and promotes regional connectivity.

The purpose of this letter and the attached Notice of Study Commencement is to notify you of the TMP Update, provide project team contact information, and to request your input and participation in the study.

Specifically, we are seeking input on:

- Identification of appropriate individuals representing your agency or group and their contact information that we should include as a primary contact throughout the study progress;
- Description of existing conditions, sensitivities, or interests within the study as they relate to your agency or group's interests; and
- Specific issues, concerns and/or expectations that your agency or group may have.

For project updates, please visit Speak Up Oxford at www.oxfordcounty.ca/2024tmp.

Thank you for your participation. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the undersigned by phone at 519-539-9800 ext. 3023 or email at rvink@oxfordcounty.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Notice of Study Commencement

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Notice of Study Commencement

Oxford County Transportation Master Plan Update

Oxford County has initiated a 2024 update of its current 2019 Transportation Master Plan (TMP).

What is the Transportation Master Plan?

The TMP is a long-term strategic transportation planning document that lays out the County's vision and goals for its transportation system over the next 20 years. The TMP will consider:

- Population and employment growth in the County;
- Accommodation of future transportation conditions while also considering sustainable and multi-modal transportation solutions (e.g., promoting active transportation, transportation demand strategies, and public transportation over single-occupant vehicle trips); and
- Specific needs of the County, including people and goods movement, along with agricultural mobility.

Parsons Inc. has been retained by Oxford County to complete the TMP Update. Key objectives of the TMP Update include:

- Assess existing and future transportation network conditions and performance, with consideration to travel demand and patterns;
- Identify needs of the transportation system and develop policies to address them; and
- Develop a safe, effective and financially viable integrated transportation system implementation plan which maximizes the use of existing infrastructure and promotes regional connectivity.

As part of the TMP Update, a corridor study of Oxford Road 4 will be completed. This corridor is a key transportation link between Highways 401/403 and the northern part of the County. Findings of this study will be incorporated into the TMP.

The TMP Update is being conducted in accordance with the Master Plan requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015), approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

We want to hear from you

As the Project Team reviews and updates the TMP, it is important to engage with the public to identify the community's transportation needs and priorities. Those interested in this study are invited to participate by:

- Visiting the study website at www.oxfordcounty.ca/2024tmp
- Subscribing to the study mailing list to receive notices of future consultation opportunities. To be added to the mailing list, contact one of the key contacts below.
- Attend future Public Consultation Centres (PCC). PCCs will be held at various locations around the County. More details about the PCCs will be provided as they become available
- Provide your comments through the study website on *Speak Up, Oxford!* at www.oxfordcounty.ca/2024tmp, or submit to the key study contacts listed below.

Near the end of this Study, a draft TMP Study Report will be prepared and made available for public review and comment prior to its finalization.

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal 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 issued March 21, 2022