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The City of London
Western Road and Sarnia Road/Philip Aziz Avenue Improvements
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

NOTICE OF STUDY RESTART

August 16, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

Project Restart

In January 2015, the City of London, through its consultant AECOM, initiated the Western Road and Sarnia Road/Philip Aziz Avenue Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) for improvements to Western Road from Platts Lane to Huron University College and Sarnia Road/Philip Aziz Avenue from Coombs Avenue east to the Thames River (See Map). An initial Public Information Centre (PIC) was held in June 2015.

In 2016, the project was put on hold when alternatives for transit routes through the study area were being considered as they related to Rapid Transit (RT). As it is related to this project, the northern routes for RT have been deferred and the City has decided to restart this project.

Background

Western Road between Huron College and Platts Lane is part of a primary transportation corridor that services Western University and other local institutions in addition to some residential and commercial uses. Within this corridor, the Western Road and Sarnia Road/Philip Aziz Avenue intersection supports a large volume of vehicle traffic making turning movements, high pedestrian/cycling traffic and frequent transit services. This type of traffic is expected to increase in the future.

The City of London Transportation Master Plan suggests the Western Road and Sarnia Road/Philip Aziz Avenue intersection be improved to accommodate increased traffic, address safety, and improve road width constraints along Philip Aziz Avenue.

Planning for the Future

This study will be completed in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act and will follow the MCEA (Schedule C) process. The project team will examine a full range of alternatives and improvements. Future university expansion plans, recent and or planned municipal infrastructure (e.g. watermains and stormwater management), walking and cycling features, effective movement of traffic and environmental impacts will be considered.

Your Involvement is Important

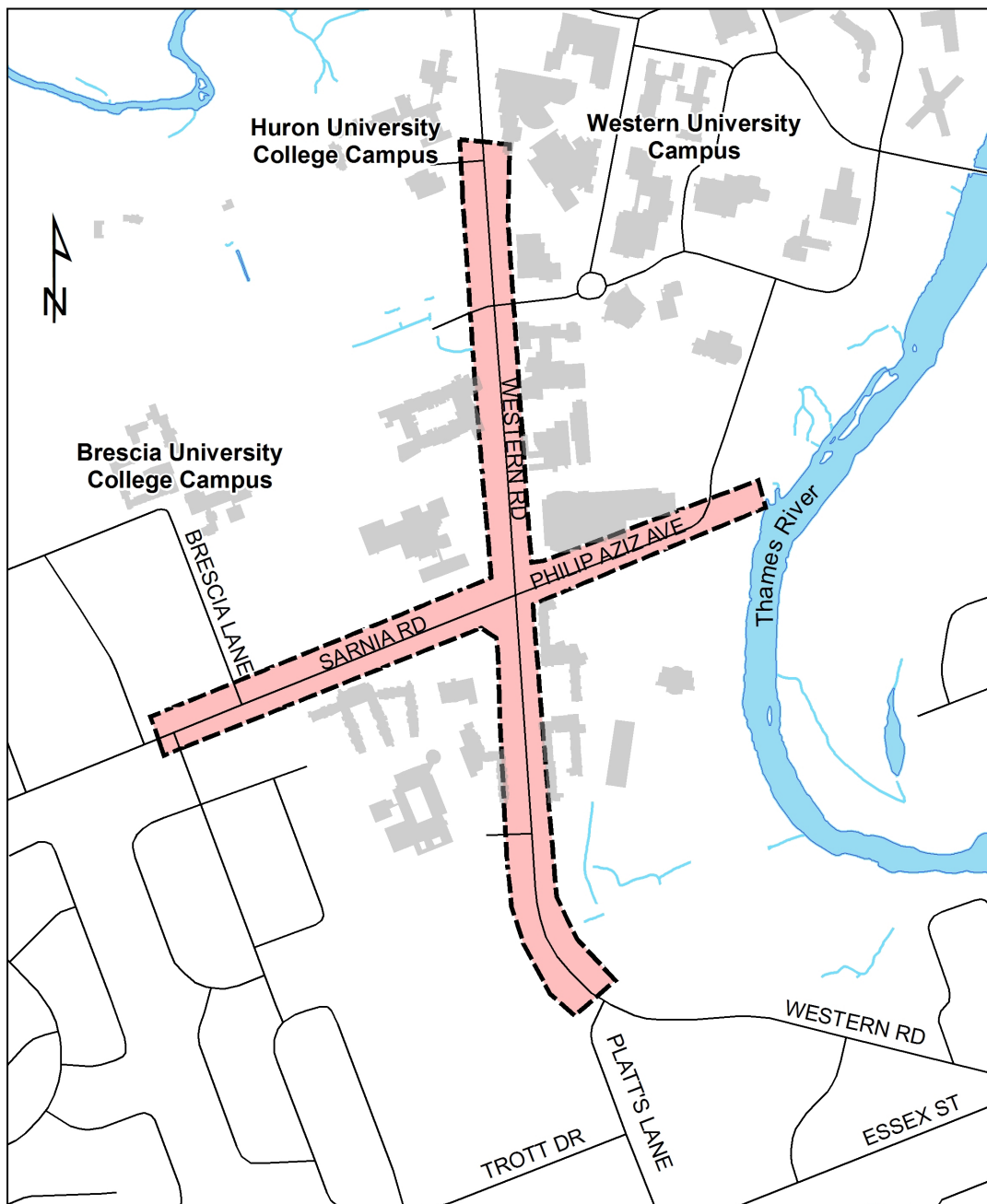
You will be consulted throughout this study and asked to help shape the future of the community. A PIC will be held in the fall of 2021 to present the updated problem/opportunity statement, a review of the study progress, the evaluation of the alternative solutions and project timeline. Another PIC will be held in the spring of 2022 to present the evaluation of alternative design concepts for the preferred solution, in addition to proposed mitigation measures and next steps. Advanced notification of the PICs will be advertised on the City of London website and in the Londoner newspaper, in addition to regular mail. Comments from review agencies and members of the public are encouraged now and throughout the study. To learn more, visit the project website:

<https://london.ca/projects/western-road-sarnia-road-philip-aziz-avenue-environmental-assessment>.

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With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the study. The study is being conducted according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is a planning process approved under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act.