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<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 17, 2013</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>JOHN BRAAM, P. ENG. MANAGING DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; ENGINEERING SERVICES &amp; CITY ENGINEER</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>HIGHWAY 401 / WONDERLAND ROAD INTERCHANGE LAND TRANSFER BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONDON AND THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental & Engineering Services & City Engineer, the following actions **BE TAKEN** with respect to land transfers with the Ministry of Transportation for the proposed Highway 401 / Wonderland Road South Interchange:

- (a) That all City-owned parcels of land identified on the Location Map in Appendix 'A' **BE DEDICATED AS PUBLIC HIGHWAY** as necessary; and,
- (b) The parcels of land identified on the Location Map in Appendix 'A' which are to be dedicated from the City to the Ministry of Transportation **BE DECLARED SURPLUS** to the needs of the City and **BE TRANSFERRED** to the Ministry of Transportation.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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- Environment and Transportation Committee – December 9, 2002 – Wonderland Road South / Highway 401 Interchange: Planning Study Completion
- Environment and Transportation Committee – October 18, 2010 – Wonderland Road South / Highway 401 Interchange: Environmental Study Report Addendum
- Built and Natural Environment Committee – November 2, 2011 – Wonderland Road Interchange: Appointment of a Consulting Engineer
- Civic Works Committee – April 23, 2012 – Highway 401/Wonderland Road Interchange Provincial Class Environmental Assessment
- Civic Works Committee – February 4, 2013 – Highway 401 Interchange Projects Agreement with Ministry of Transportation

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the transfer of lands between the City of London and Ministry of Transportation (MTO) as identified on the Location Map in Appendix 'A'. These transfers are required for the construction of the Highway 401 / Wonderland Road South Interchange.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
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The need for an interchange at Highway 401 and Wonderland Road South is identified in City of London Official Plan and the project has received environmental assessment approval. A project delivery agreement with MTO was executed in March 2013 and Civic Administration have been working with MTO on the delivery of the project. MTO procurement of a design-build contract is underway for the construction of the interchange. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2014.

The Highway 401 / Wonderland Interchange project introduces the need to acquire land and establish new ownership / designation limits between the two road authorities. The project delivery agreement defines responsibilities and obligates MTO to acquire the private land required for the project. The agreement also stipulates that the transfer of City-owned lands

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required for the project will be for nil consideration.

Acquisition of private property by MTO is complete. MTO now needs to assume the City-owned lands required for the interchange as shown in Appendix A. The City owned lands are predominantly portions of the Wonderland Road and Morrison Road rights-of-way, and a narrow strip of agricultural land in the southeast quadrant. This transaction will complete the land assembly for the project.

Staff recommends approval of this transfer of ownership to MTO. Transfer of responsibilities has a beneficial impact on future capital and operating costs; in the future, MTO would be responsible for maintenance and rehabilitation costs of the interchange. The proposed interchange limits are consistent with MTO policies and similar to the limits established at other interchanges in London.

In accordance with the City's Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy (By-Law A-6151-17) it is necessary to declare the portions of land to be transferred, surplus to the needs of the City. The Provincial Lieutenant Governor in Council has the authority to designate a highway as a Kings Highway under the Provincial Transportation and Highway Improvements Act.

Lands adjacent to Decker Drive and Manning Road that have been purchased by MTO for the project are not part of the future interchange limits. These lands will be transferred from MTO to the City. These parcels are also illustrated on the map in Appendix 'A'.

<b>SUMMARY</b>
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MTO has been assembling the land required for the Highway 401 / Wonderland Road Interchange project. The transfer of lands between the two road authorities will complete the land assembly for the project. Transfer of required lands at zero consideration is an obligation of the project delivery legal agreement. Staff recommends approval of these transfers to keep the interchange project on schedule.

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Attachment: Appendix 'A' – Location Map

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## Appendix 'A' Location Map

