

**Victoria Street (Regional Road No.55) Improvements**  
**Fischer-Hallman Road to Lawrence Avenue,**  
**City of Kitchener**  
**Information Sheet**

**Study/Project Scope (What & Why)**

The Region of Waterloo is planning road improvements on Victoria Street from Fischer-Hallman Road to Lawrence Avenue, in the City of Kitchener. Victoria Street is a fully urbanized, four-lane roadway with a combination of residential, commercial and public uses, including access to Monarch Woods Park and Filsinger Park / Henry Sturm Greenway. Victoria Street is identified in the Region's Transportation Corridor Design Guidelines as "Neighborhood Connectors (Avenue)" and is to be supportive of active transportation / transit. There is a total of nine (9) transit stops (Route 20) along Victoria Street between Fischer-Hallman Road and Lawrence Avenue.

The existing asphalt roadway is in poor condition and in need of rehabilitation and replacement. The proposed improvements on Victoria Street include reconstruction of the roadway, sidewalk replacement, storm sewers, traffic signal modernizations, illumination upgrades, pedestrian refuge islands and the installation of active transportation facilities. Existing underground infrastructure along Victoria Street includes a Regional 600mm diameter trunk watermain, storm sewers and local sanitary sewers / watermains. Storms sewers require replacement, and upsizing, and the City of Kitchener has requested the sanitary sewer / watermain to be replaced between Paulander Drive and Lawrence Avenue.

The planning of these improvements commenced in 2017 has been conducted in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) requirements for Schedule A+ projects. The design for this project was approved under Report TES-DCS-18-04 includes installation of multiuse trails on Victoria Street from Fischer-Hallman Road to Westmount Road, as well as, the Westmount Road intersection from Victoria Street to the Henry Sturm Greenway. Additionally, on-road buffered bike lanes were planned at that time on Victoria Street from Westmount Road to Lawrence Avenue.

A more comprehensive review was completed while advancing the detailed design for Victoria Street and it was determined that property impacts / construction costs could be reduced with a refined design alternative. A revised design alternative has been developed which maintains the existing sidewalk / hydro poles on Westmount Road and includes one-way cycling facilities in the boulevard adjacent to the roadway. On Victoria Street, the recommended design includes reducing the width of travel lanes and boulevard space to permit the conversion of on-road buffered bike lanes to raised cycling facilities separated from traffic.

**Preliminary Cost Estimate (Budget):** \$12,000,000

### **Preliminary Schedule**

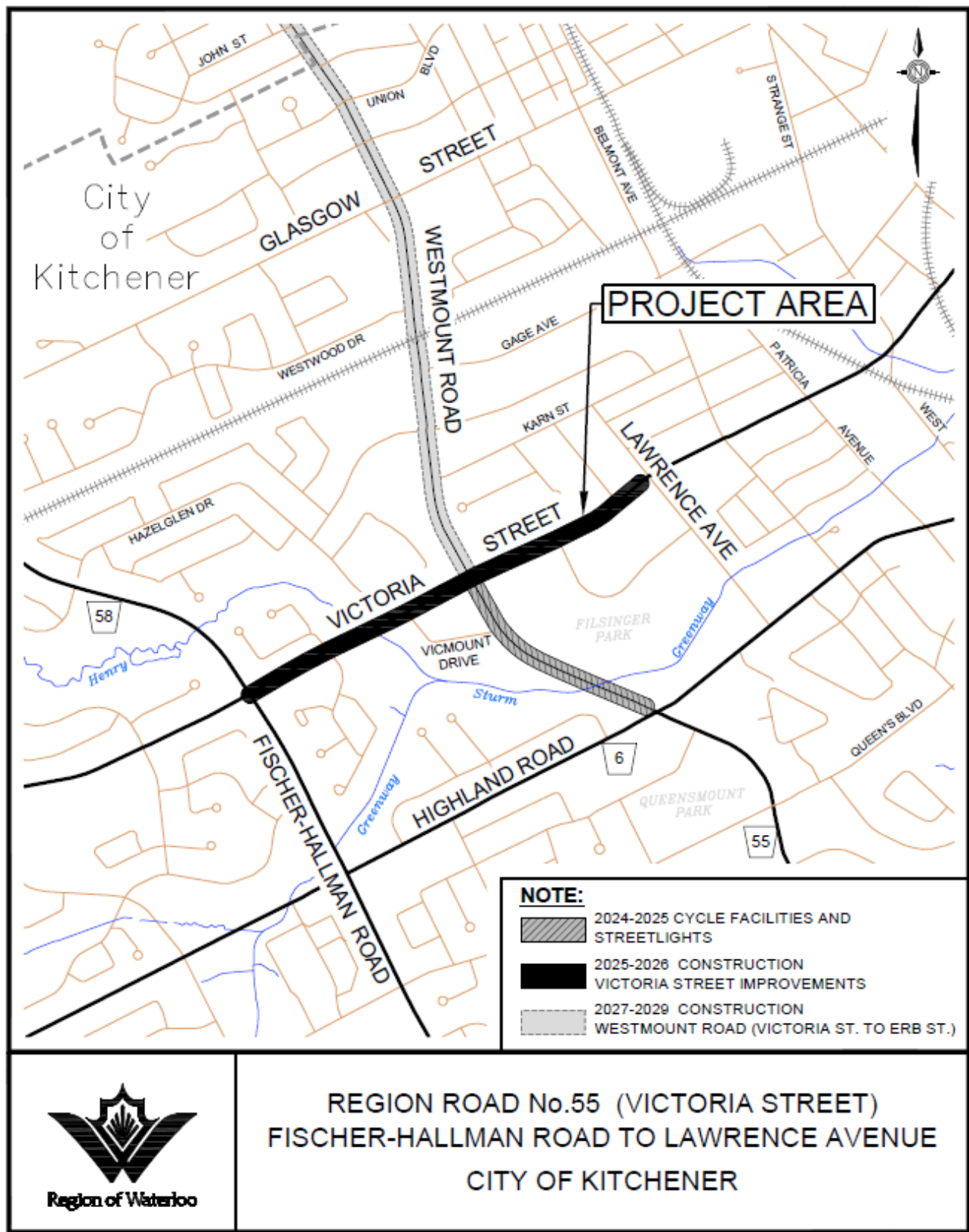
Planning Approvals:	Winter 2018
Public Consultation:	Spring 2024
Detailed Design:	Summer 2024
Tendering:	Fall 2024
Contract Commencement:	Fall 2024
Completion of Construction:	Summer 2027

### **Project Information**

<a href="#">Public Correspondence</a>	March 22, 2024
Project Update Report	

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