

Westmount Road (Regional Road 50) Improvements

Erb Street (Regional Road 9) to Glasgow Street

Kitchener and Waterloo

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

Information Sheet for Schedule “C” Projects

Study/Project Scope (What & Why)

The Region of Waterloo is planning roadway improvements to Westmount Road from Victoria Street to Erb Street, in Kitchener and Waterloo. Westmount Road is a 4-lane roadway with existing sidewalks and land uses vary along the corridor from open parks, commercial, institutional to residential properties. The existing pavement is in need of rehabilitation, and other improvements are being considered at the same time to upgrade underground municipal infrastructure, improve transportation safety, prioritize alternate modes of travel, and improve active transportation by considering enhanced facilities for transit, cyclists and pedestrians. Westmount Road is the primary transportation corridor in the area, provides access for many residents in the adjacent neighborhoods and accommodates approximately 20,000 people on a daily basis.

The Region’s Transportation Capital Program (TCP) includes funding for improvements to Westmount Road including road / sidewalk replacement, traffic signal modernizations, streetlighting upgrades, as well as replacement of sections of underground watermain / sewers on behalf of the cities of Kitchener and Waterloo. These improvements are scheduled to be completed in a series of phases and two projects are tentatively planned on Westmount Road between Highland Road to Glasgow Street; and Glasgow Street to Erb Street. The Highland Road to Glasgow Street project was tentatively scheduled for construction in 2022-23 and has been rescheduled in the Region’s TCP to allow more time to review the Westmount Road corridor in greater detail, and ensure the design north of Glasgow Street to Erb Street is coordinated.

The planning of this project is underway and is tentatively scheduled for final approvals in the spring of 2023 following the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process. Initially, this work was planned as a Class EA Schedule “A+” project based on the need to resurface the road and improve traffic signals. However, the scope of the project has increased to include underground sewer / water infrastructure replacement and additional needs for active transportation improvements. As a result of these increasing needs, Westmount Road is now planned as a complete street / road reconstruction project and is being administered as Class EA Schedule “C” study. The Class EA “C” project includes a comprehensive review of existing conditions, an evaluation of alternative designs, an assessment of potential impacts and improvements to enhance the corridor for all users. This Class EA “C” study will build on feedback received from previous public consultations and consider solutions to problems identified by members of the public.

Preliminary Cost Estimate (Budget): \$6,000,000.00

Preliminary Schedule

Class EA Planning:	Fall 2022
Public Consultation:	Winter 2023
Preliminary Design:	Spring 2023
Project Approvals:	Summer 2023
Detailed Design:	Fall 2023 – Spring 2024
Commencement of Construction:	Summer 2024
Completion of Construction:	Fall 2025

Project Information

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