January 13, 2016

Re: Notice of Filing: Transportation Environmental Study Report
Queen Elizabeth Way Improvements from Evans Avenue to Cawthra Road
Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study
W.O. 09-20003

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has completed a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for improvements to the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) from Evans Avenue to Cawthra Road. The study limits extend approximately 3.5 km through the City of Mississauga (Region of Peel) and the City of Toronto.

The key features of the Recommended Plan include the following:

- Rehabilitation of The West Mall ramp bridges over the Etobicoke Creek and QEW;
- Replacement of the Dixie Road and Etobicoke Creek Bridges, and the Ogden Avenue Pedestrian Bridge;
- Reconfiguration of the Dixie Road Interchange;
- Realignment of local service roads;
- New auxiliary lanes on the QEW from Highway 427 westbound to Cawthra Road off-ramp and from Cawthra Road eastbound to a new Dixie Road off-ramp; and
- Localized QEW widening to maintain six basic lanes of traffic during construction.

The study has followed the approved environmental planning process for Group “B” projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). External agency and public consultation has taken place throughout the study.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared to document the study findings. The TESR is available for a 30-day public review period beginning January 18, 2016 at the following locations and on the project website (www.qewdixieea.ca):

- Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
  Central Region Office
  5775 Yonge Street, 8th Floor
  North York, ON M2M 4J1

- Ministry of Transportation
  Central Region
  159 Sir William Hearst Avenue
  3rd Floor
  Toronto, ON M3M 0B7

- City of Toronto
  City Clerk’s Office
  100 Queen Street West
  13th Floor
  Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

- Regional Municipality of Peel
  Regional Clerk’s Office
  10 Peel Centre Drive
  Suite A
  Brampton, ON L6T 4B9

- City of Mississauga
  Office of the City Clerk
  300 City Centre Drive
  Mississauga, ON L5B 3C1

- City of Mississauga
  Lakeview Library
  110 Atwater Avenue
  Mississauga, ON L5E 1M9

- City of Mississauga
  Burnhamthorpe Library
  3650 Dixie Road, Suite 101
  Mississauga, ON L4Y 3V9

- City of Mississauga
  Alderwood Branch
  2 Orianna Drive
  Toronto, ON M8W 4Y1

- Toronto Public Library
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  2 Orianna Drive
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Any comments should be provided by **February 16, 2016**. If, after consulting with the Ministry’s consultant and staff, you have serious unresolved concerns, you have the right to request that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (77 Wellesley Street West, 11th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2T5) issue a Part II Order (bump-up) for this project. This may lead to the preparation of an Individual EA. A copy of the Part II Order request should be forwarded to MTO and MMM Group Limited at the addresses below. If there are no outstanding concerns after **February 16, 2016**, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA.

Should you require further information about this study, please feel free to contact either of the Project Team members listed below.

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