

**Update – Reconstruction of Fourth Avenue from Highway 406 to Third Street Louth**  
**And**  
**Martindale Road from Fourth Avenue to Elderwood Drive in the City of St. Catharines**

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The Regional Municipality of Niagara will make various alterations to Regional Road 77 (Fourth Avenue) in anticipation of the new Niagara Health System Complex. On July 17, 2007, a public information meeting was held at the Seymour – Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre. This session was followed up with a private meeting between the chamber policy co-ordinator and the project management team.

**Present:**

John Rizzo – Project Manager Transportation and Engineering – Regional Municipality of Niagara

Steve B. Brant – Design and Construction Manager Transportation Division - Delcan

Kithio Mwanzia – Policy Co-ordinator St. Catharines – Thorold Chamber of Commerce

**What design alternatives are being considered?**

**Highway 406 to Vansickle Road**

Additional eastbound lane on Fourth Avenue from west of the WalMart entrance connecting to the exclusive right turn lane at the Highway 406 on-ramp. Additional westbound lane on Fourth Avenue from the Highway 406 off-ramp to Martindale Road.

**Martindale Road from Fourth Avenue to Elderwood Drive**

Extension of the existing 4 lane cross-section and the introduction of a continuous raised median from Fourth Avenue north to Elderwood Drive and the extension of the southbound left turn lane to north of Highway 406.

**Vansickle Road to Third Street Louth**

Design Alternative 1 – Five lanes (4 thru lanes and turn lanes at intersections) from Vansickle Road tapering to 2 lanes at Third Street Louth with a roundabout at the Fourth Avenue/Third Street Intersection.

Design Alternative 2 – Five lanes (4 thru lanes and turn lanes at intersections) from Vansickle Road tapering to 3 lanes (2 thru and 1 turn lane) at Third Street Louth with the provision for future traffic signals at the Fourth Avenue/Third Street intersection.

Design Alternative 3 – Five lanes (4 thru lanes and turn lanes at intersections) from Vansickle Road to west of Third Street Louth with traffic signals at the Fourth Avenue/Third Street intersection.

Design Alternative 4 – Five lanes (4 thru lanes and turn lanes at intersections) from Vansickle Road to Third Street Louth with traffic signals at the Fourth Avenue/Third Street intersection.

### **What are the common elements to each of the alternatives?**

- Roadway improvements on Fourth Avenue from Highway 406 to Vansickle Road and on Martindale Road from Fourth Avenue to Elderwood Drive.
- Extension of City water-main, sanitary sewer and storm sewer on Fourth Avenue from First Street Louth to Third Street Louth.
- Extension of City street lighting and sidewalk on Fourth Avenue from Vansickle Road to Third Street Louth.
- Introduction of 1.5 metre on-road bicycle lanes along Martindale Road and Fourth Avenue.

### **What are the next steps in the project?**

Following the public information meeting, the Region of Niagara and its consultant, Delcan will:

- ❖ Review all comments submitted by the Public Information Session
- ❖ Re-assess the recommended design concept based on comments received
- ❖ Incorporate recommendations of the noise assessment into the recommended design
- ❖ File Environmental Study Report in September 2007 (tentative)
- ❖ Proceed to detail design and preparation of construction drawings and specifications (barring any unforeseen circumstances)
- ❖ Start construction in spring 2008
- ❖ Complete construction of Fourth Avenue from First Street Louth to Third Street Louth prior to hospital opening (2011)

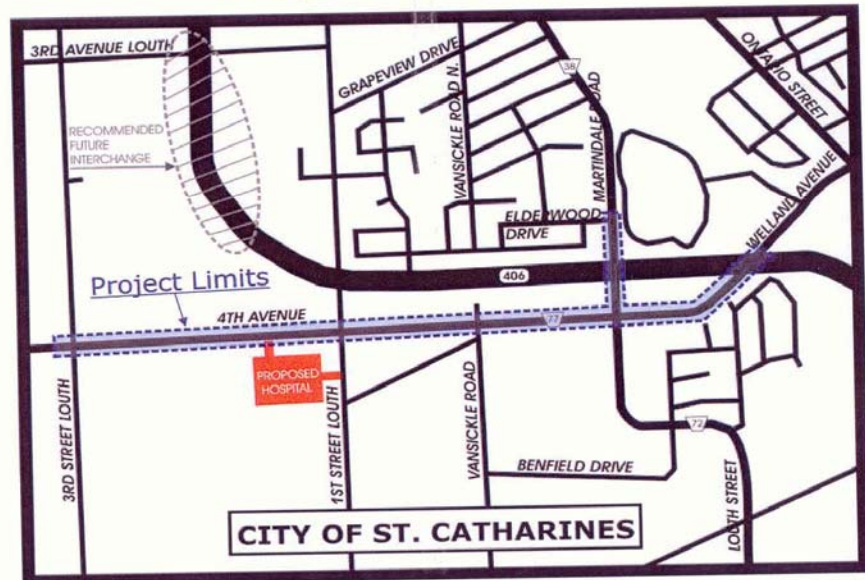
### **How can people voice their comments at this stage of the project?**

People can email John Rizzo – Project Manager Transportation and Engineering Regional Municipality of Niagara – [john.rizzo@regional.niagara.on.ca](mailto:john.rizzo@regional.niagara.on.ca)

Q and A between Kithio Mwanzia (SCT Policy Coordinator) and John Rizzo (Project Manager – Regional Municipality of Niagara)

1. Where exactly will construction be taking place in anticipation of the new hospital complex?
  - Fourth Avenue (Regional Road 77) from Highway 406 to Third Street Louth and Regional Road 38 (Martindale Road) from Fourth Avenue (Regional Road 77) to Elderwood Drive.
2. What will the phases of construction be?
  - The highest priority is the Vansickle West to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue which will be phases 1 and 2 of construction and need to be in place in order to facilitate the flow of traffic that will come as a result of the new hospital complex.
3. What is the possibility and what will be the cost of building only in the night time more specifically after 9pm?
  - Night time building could come with certain noise By-law violations; however exemptions can be sought in this regard.
  - Nonetheless the Regional project team will do its best to ensure that area businesses are aware of any blockages of driveways or major disruptions.
4. Can construction be 24hrs in order to reduce the length of the total project?
  - This would be the contractors decision, however this could drastically increase the total cost of the project. Vansickle will be open to 2 way traffic throughout the project.
5. What communication steps have you taken to inform local businesses in the area that will be inconvenienced?
  - Presentation to Chamber Regional Affairs Committee and regular contact between project team and business owners

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