

Welcome

Public Information Centre No. 2

Town of Halton Hills Transportation Master Plan

June 22, 2011 Acton Arena and Community Centre







Purpose of PIC No. 2

- Provide an update on the study progress
- Identify a transportation vision for the community
- Present alternative solutions to address these challenges
- Discuss a preliminary assessment of these solutions
- Obtain your ideas on what your transportation system should look like
- Get your thoughts on polices that should guide its development

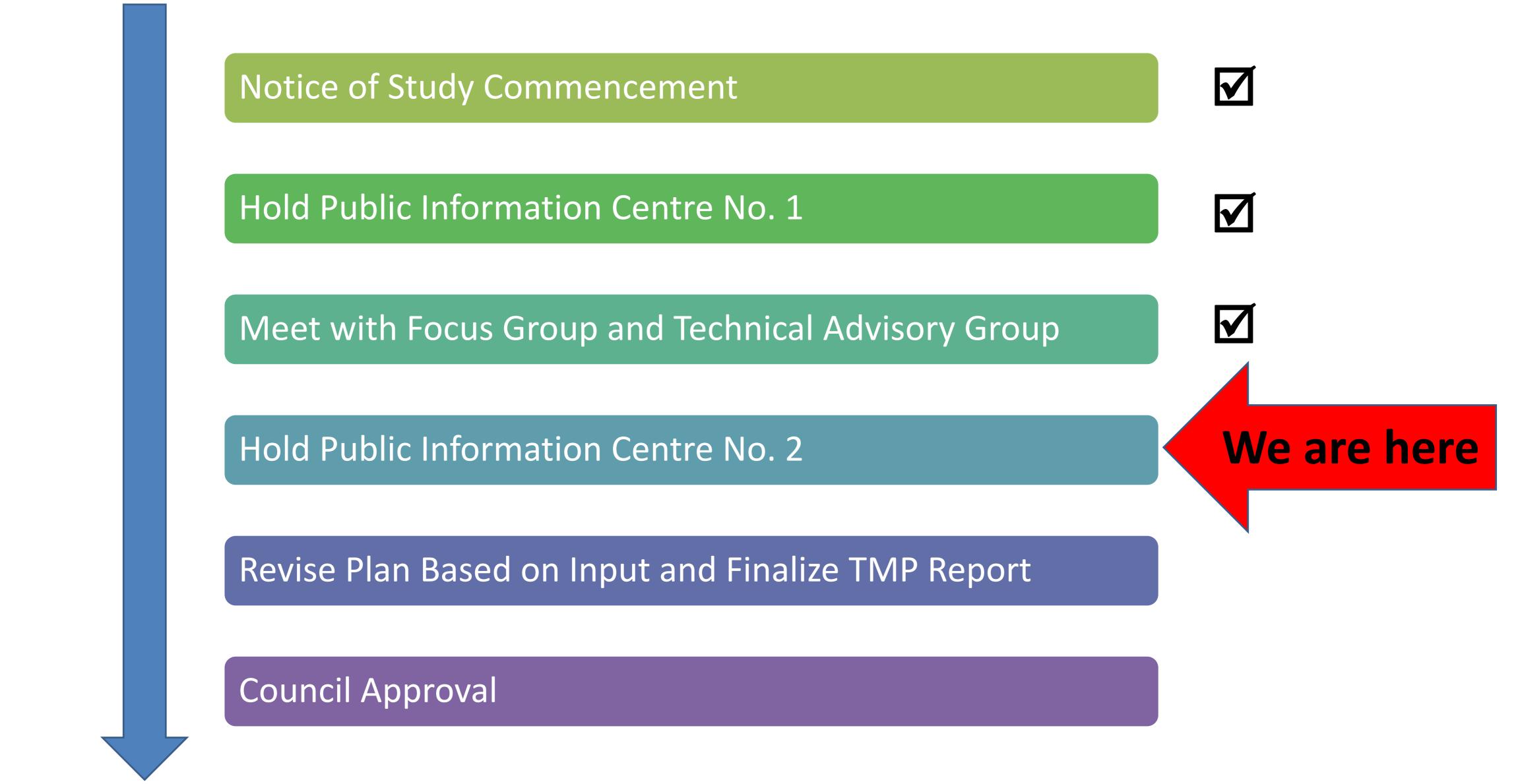






Study Schedule

October 2010



October 2011





Public Consultation Review

Public Comments

- 1. Sharing the road is dangerous
- 2. Concern regarding adding bike lanes without widening roads
- 3. What about agricultural vehicles on rural roads?
- 4. Sideroads in the rural area are residential roads and should be protected
- 5. Safety is a big concern
- 6. Transportation network improvements should be paid for by developers
- 7. Pollution and safety concerns related to use of Mountainview Road by trucks. Widening would bring road closer to homes
- 8. Recommend removing GTA West Corridor from the Official Plan
- 9. North-south transit service (intermunicipal)
- 10.New GO Transit stops do not provide shelter
- 11.GO Station in Georgetown is too isolated

Future Transportation Vision Considerations

- Need to consider ways to mitigate danger of sharing road, especially on rural roads where large groups of cyclists are common
- 2. The Town needs more off-road bike paths and better education for all users
- 3. Consider existing 10th Line for truck usage
- 4. Trucks should be rerouted outside residential areas
- 5. Need more off-road paths joined with sidewalks
- 6. Improve traffic flow in Georgetown
- 7. Safe walking routes to school

Public Consultation Review

TMP Response to Issues/Visions

| Issue / Vision | TMP Response |
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| Trucks on Mountainview Road | Trucks on Mountainview Road cannot be avoided or redirected until other roads are upgraded to encourage traffic to take those new routes. |
| Transit in Halton Hills | Currently there is not enough ridership to support public transportation, however intermunicipal transit will be discussed across the Region. |
| Georgetown and Acton Alternate Route | Identify need for further detailed study by others. |
| Maple Avenue | Trucks on Maple Avenue cannot be avoided or redirected until other roads are upgraded to encourage traffic to take those new routes. Monitor and evaluate traffic calming. Implement improvements to provide alternate truck routes. |
| Guelph Street | Implement access management in corridor. Improve directional / information signage. |
| Widen / add shoulders to rural roads | Incorporate paved shoulder treatments into road design standards. |
| More off-road bike paths & network of multi-use trails | Provide off-road facilities on all higher-order roadways. |

Public Consultation Review

TMP Response to Issues/Visions

| Issue / Vision | TMP Response |
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| Sidewalks on all streets | Incorporate sidewalks into proposed street design guidelines. Undertake systematic review of prioritization of existing sidewalk needs on current streets. |
| | Improve sidewalk connectivity. Implement traffic calming measures near schools. |
| Educate users on sharing road (cyclists and vehicles) and improve signage | Conduct cycling workshops (with Police support). Improve training/education in schools. Conduct cycling boot camps and implement "Share the Road Signage." |
| | Improve safety awareness, publicity campaigns. Implement "Share the road signage," treatment of safety hazards and traffic calming treatments. |
| | Incorporate design treatments into road classes to accommodate agricultural traffic. Improve signage through agricultural areas. |
| Residential roads (sideroads) should be protected | Ensure availability of hierarchical road system. Improve network connectivity. |

Short Term Improvements

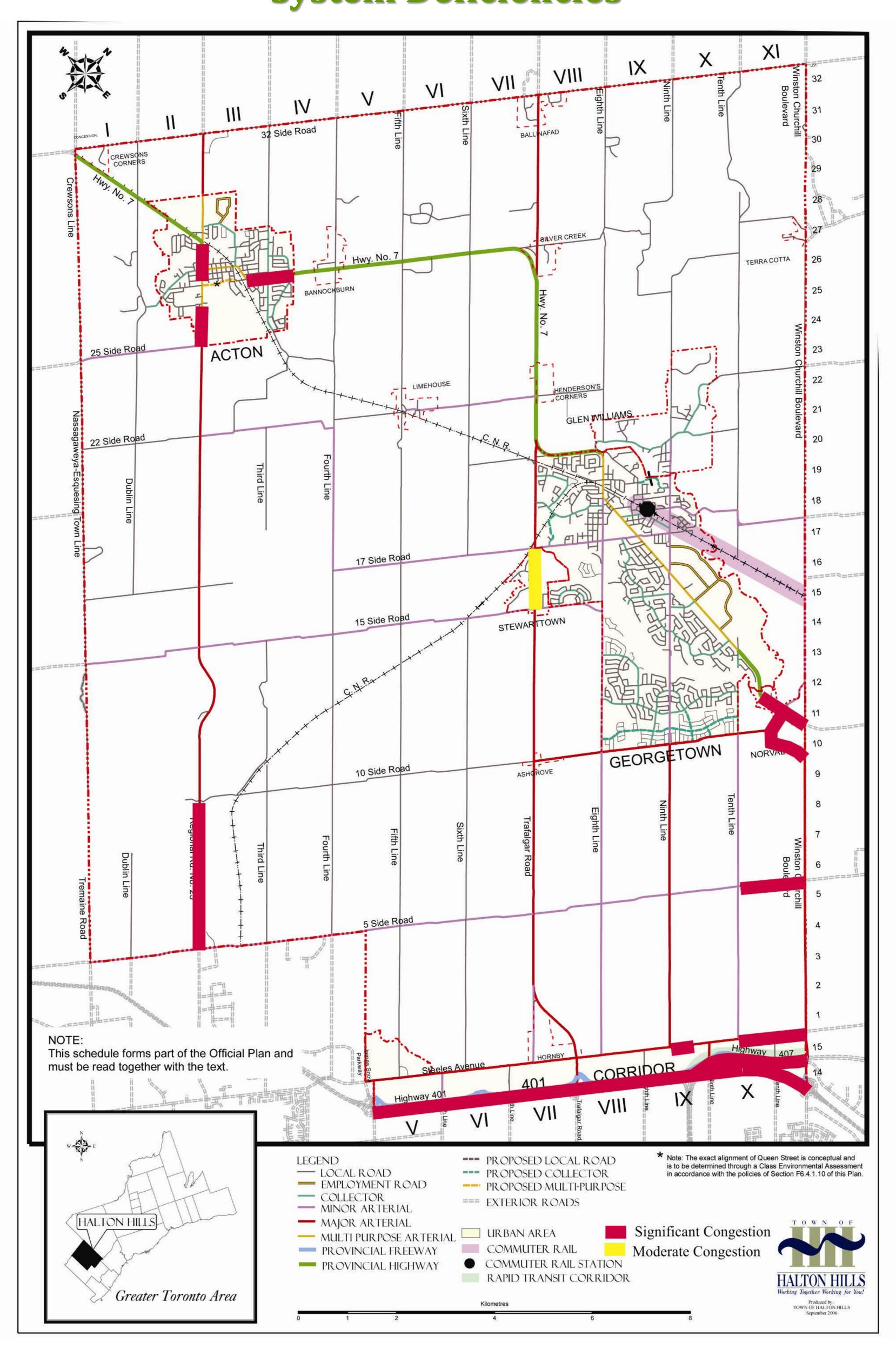


| ID | Intersections | Critical Movements/Operational Issues | Improvements Needed |
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| 1 | School Lane and Main Street North | Safety and Pedestrians Movements | Pedestrian crossing signal |
| 2 | Mill Street and Main Street | Significant delays at westbound and northbound approaches | Geometric improvements not feasible/Acton Alternate Route |
| 3 | Guelph Street and Albert Street | Significant delays at westbound left turn and eastbound thru lanes | Separate eastbound right turn lane and westbound thru lane |
| 4 | Maple Avenue and Guelph Street | Eastbound thru, westbound left, northbound left and right turn lanes | Southbound right turn lane |
| 5 | Maple Avenue and Main Street South | Southbound left turn lane | Northbound right turn lane |
| 6 | Guelph Street and Mountainview Road | Westbound thru, northbound and southbound left turn lanes | Dual left turn lanes at north and south approaches and optimized signal timing |
| 7 | Guelph Street and Sinclair Avenue | Eastbound, westbound and southbound left turn lanes | Northbound right turn lane |
| 8 | Guelph Street and Winston Churchill Boulevard | Eastbound, westbound and northbound approaches | Norval Alternative Route |

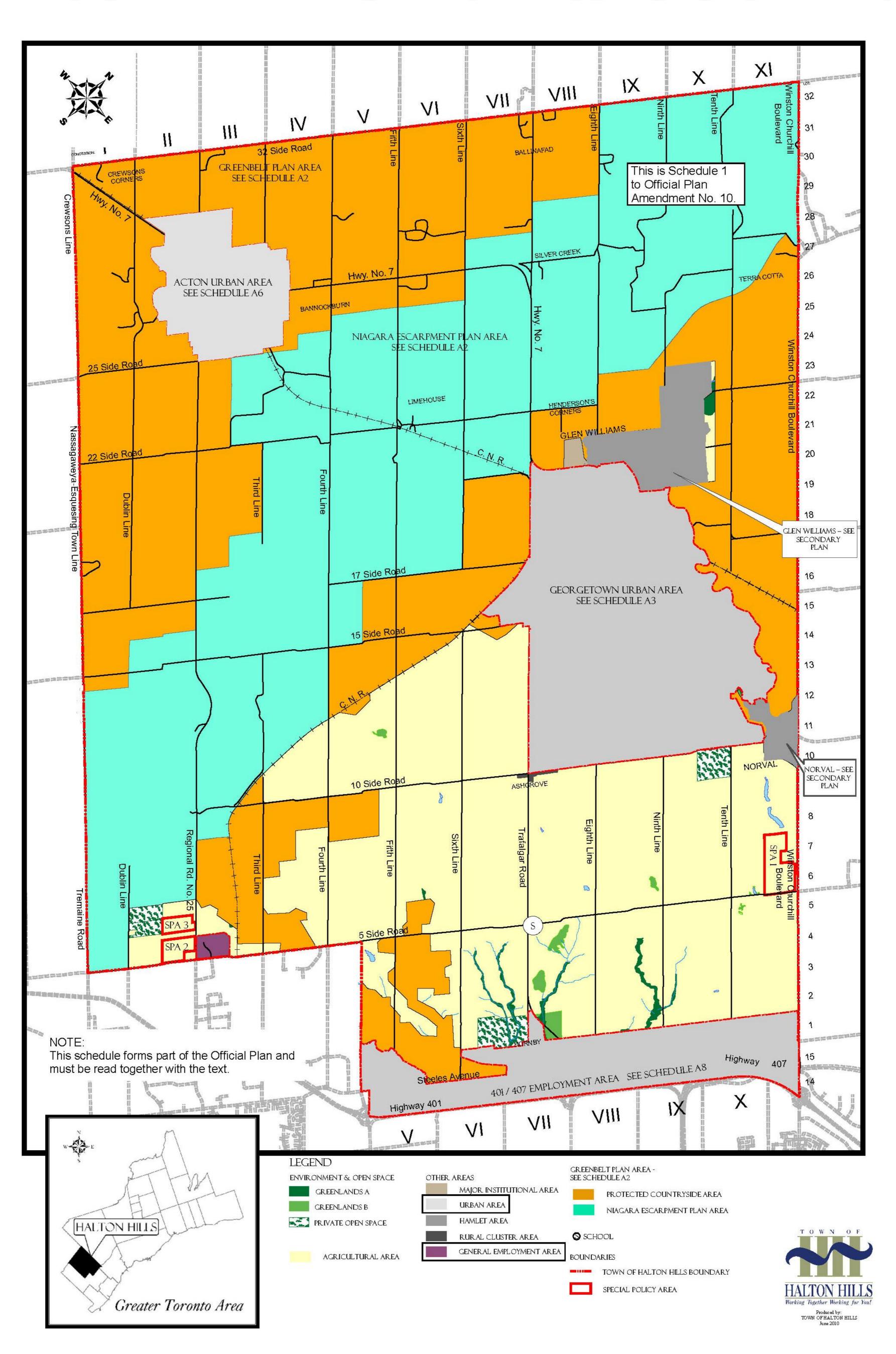
| Road Section | Operational and Functional Problems | Improvement Needed |
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| Guelph Street from Main Street to Maple Avenue | ICONDESTION DELAYS AND DEOMETRIC CONSTRAINTS | Optimize school site operations and add a thru lane on both sides of Guelph Street |

Existing Transportation System Issues

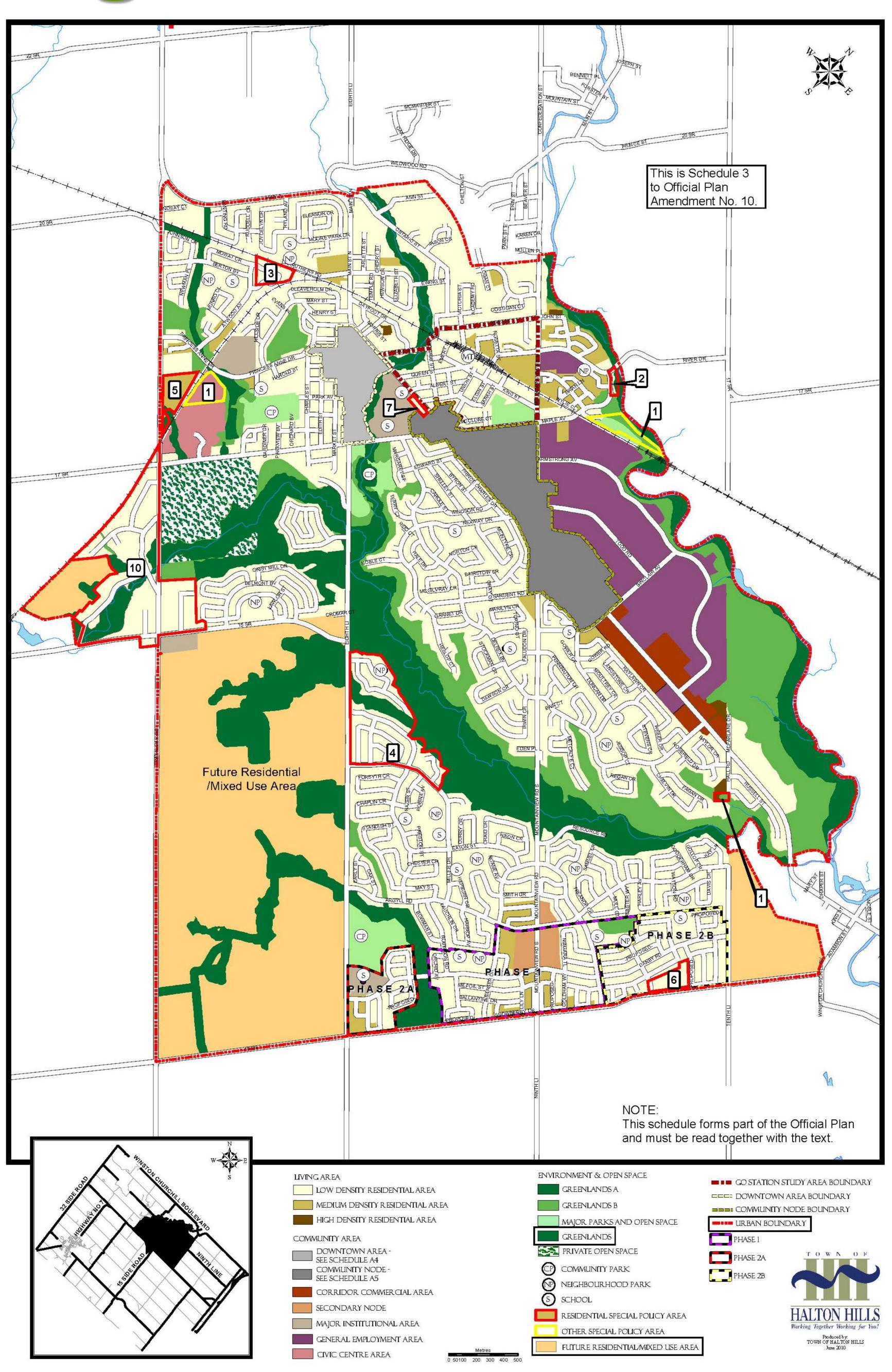
System Deficiencies



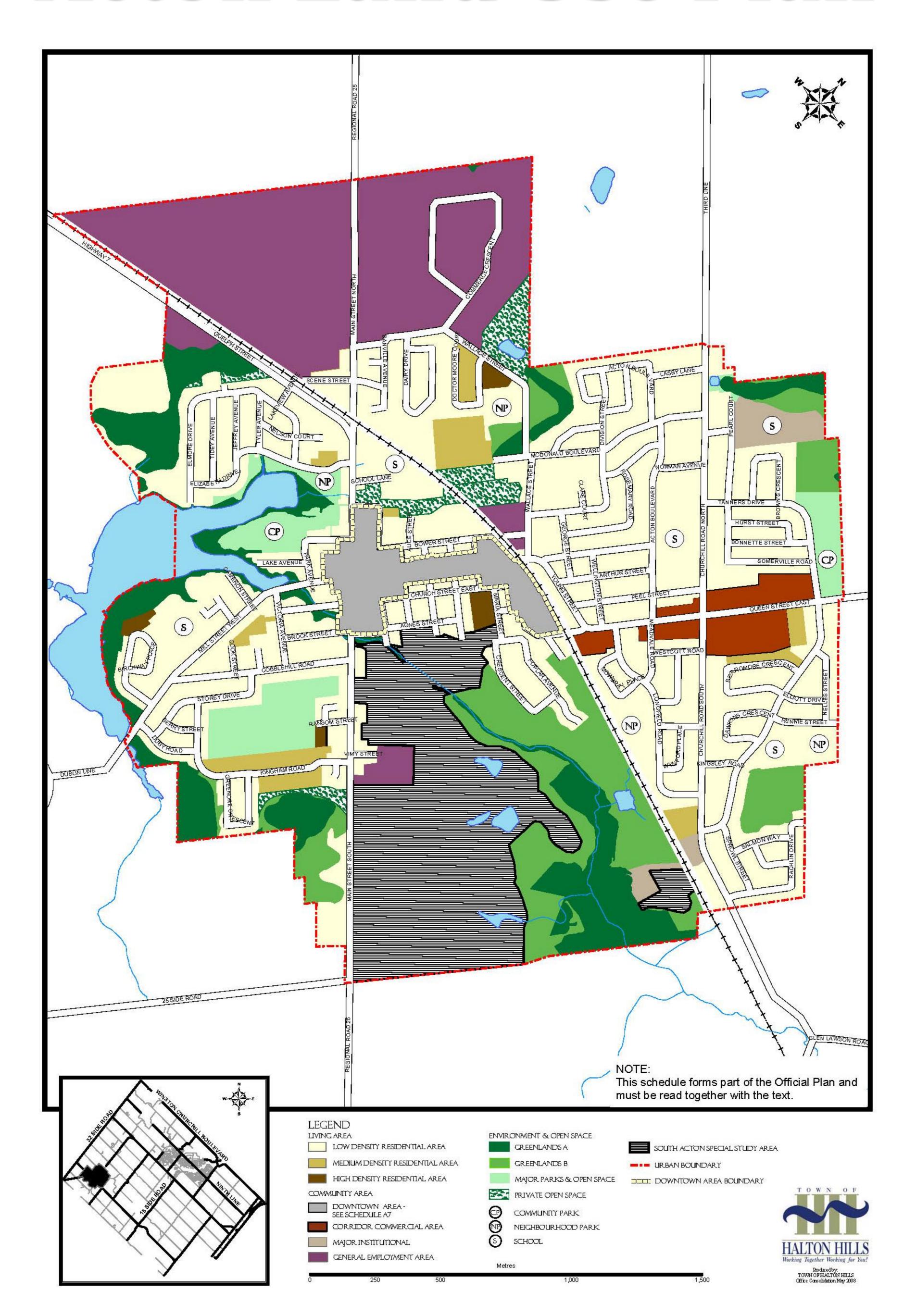
Halton Hills Land Use Plan



Georgetown Land Use Plan



Acton Land Use Plan

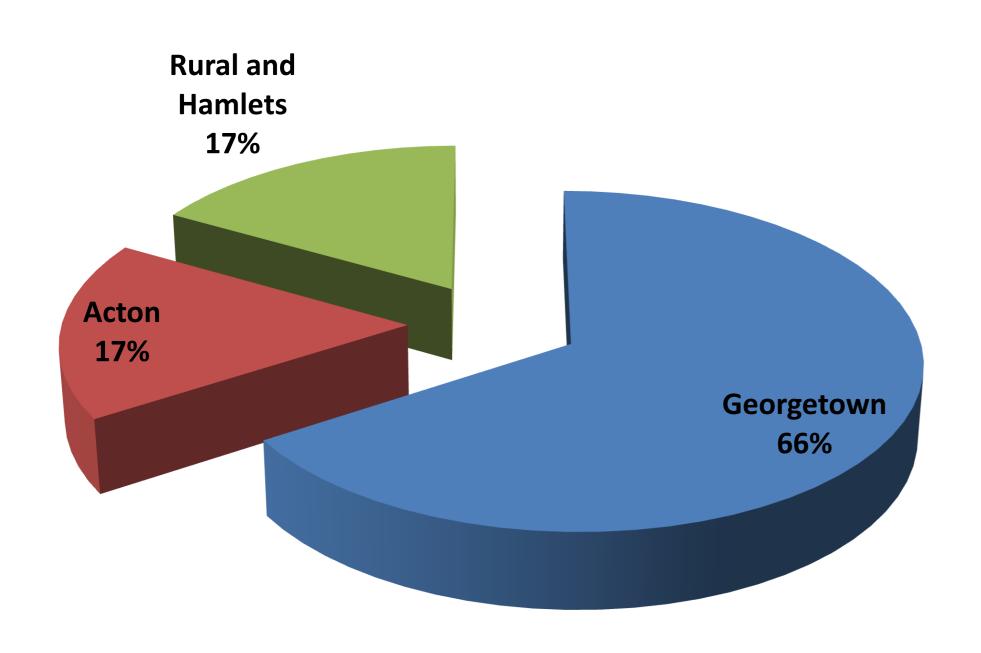


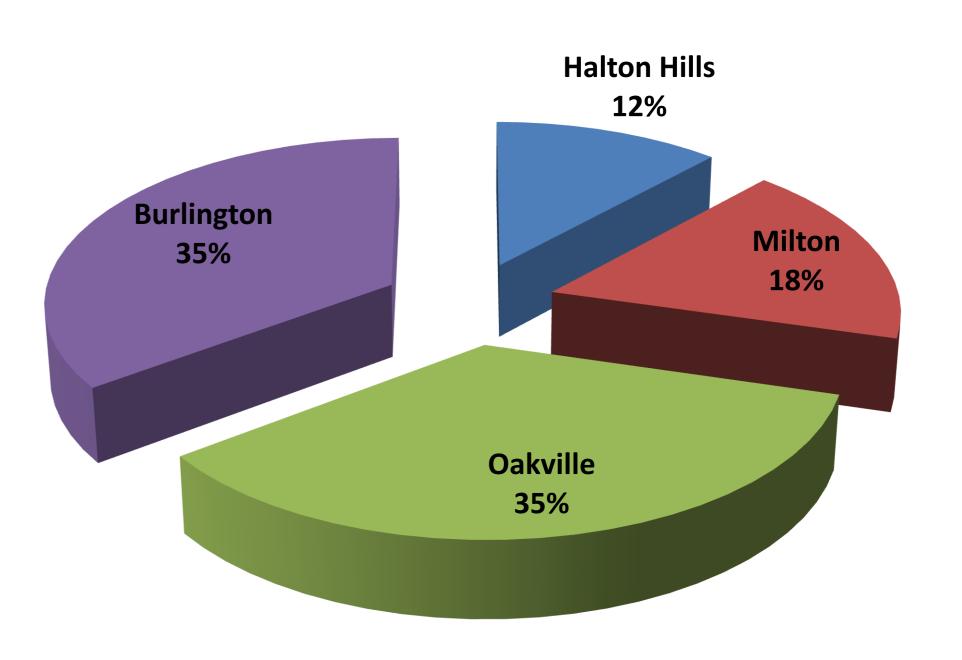
Anticipated Growth

Population Forecasts

Halton Hills Population 2011 (58,400)

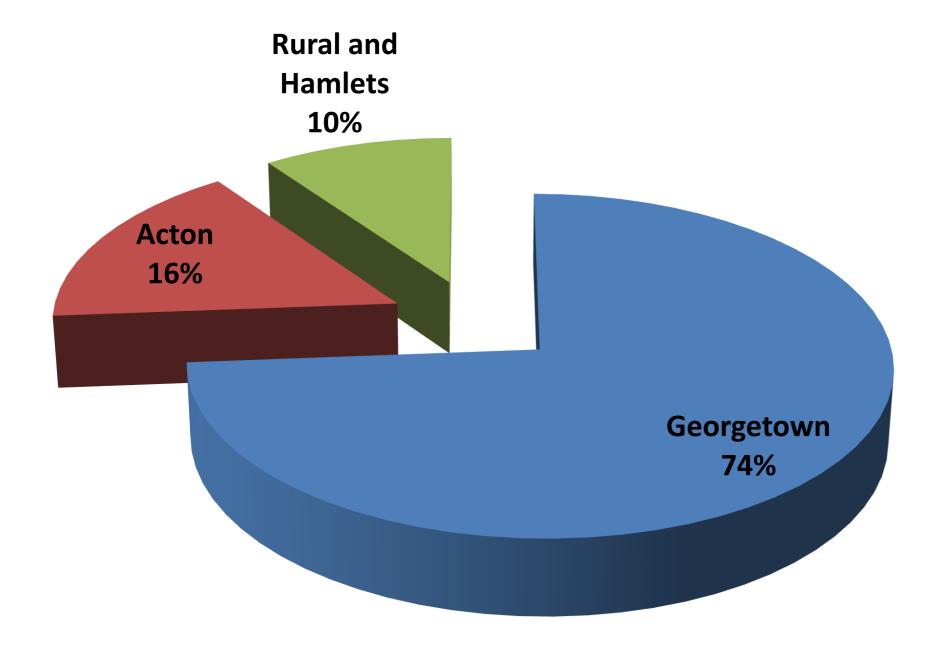


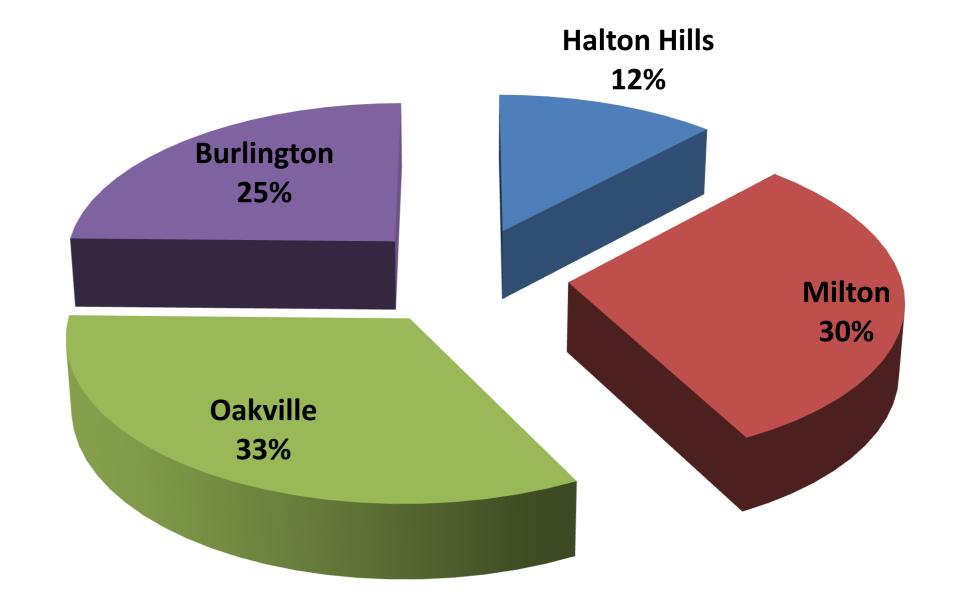




Halton Hills Population 2031 (90,100)

Region of Halton Population 2031 (750,800)





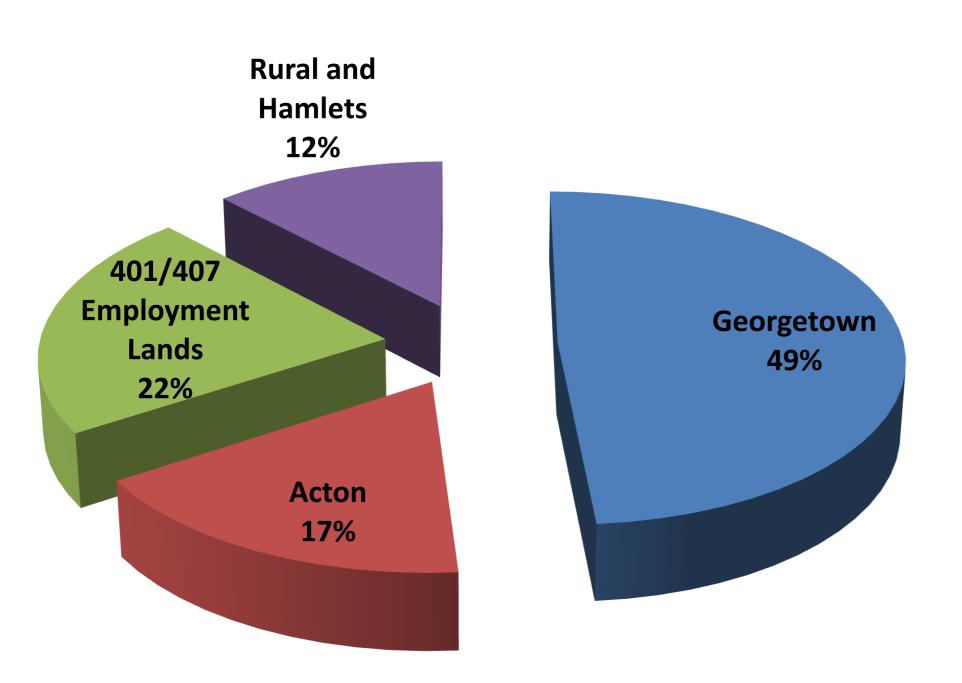




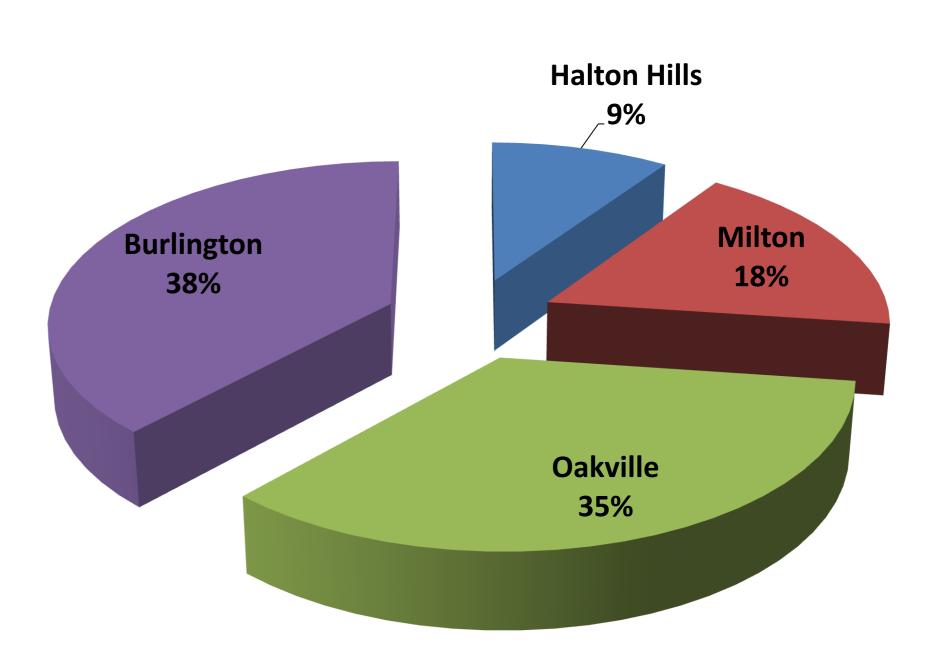
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Employment Forecasts

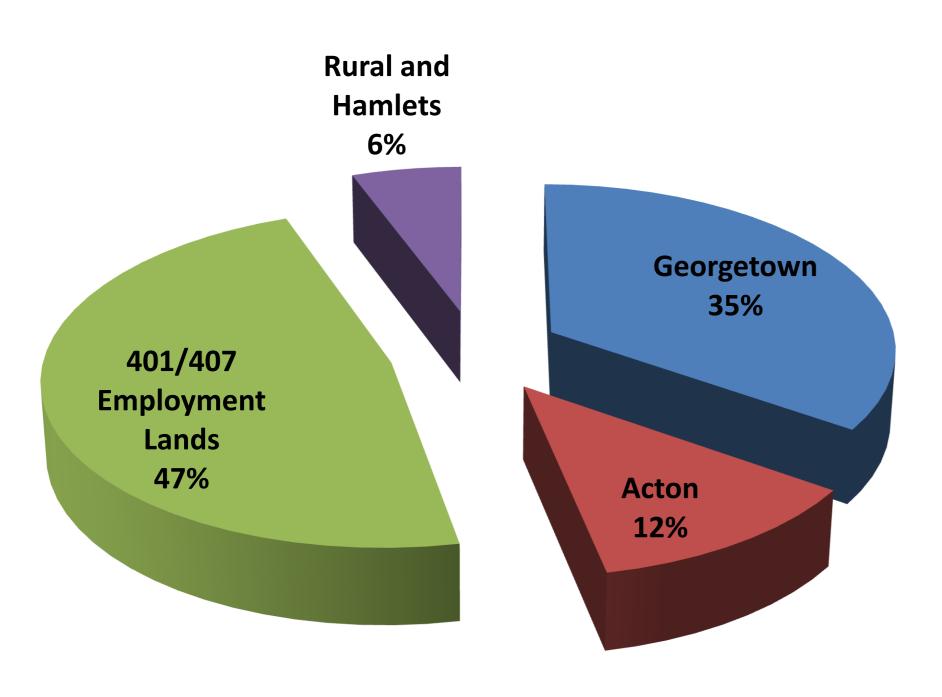
Halton Hills Employment 2011 (24,000)



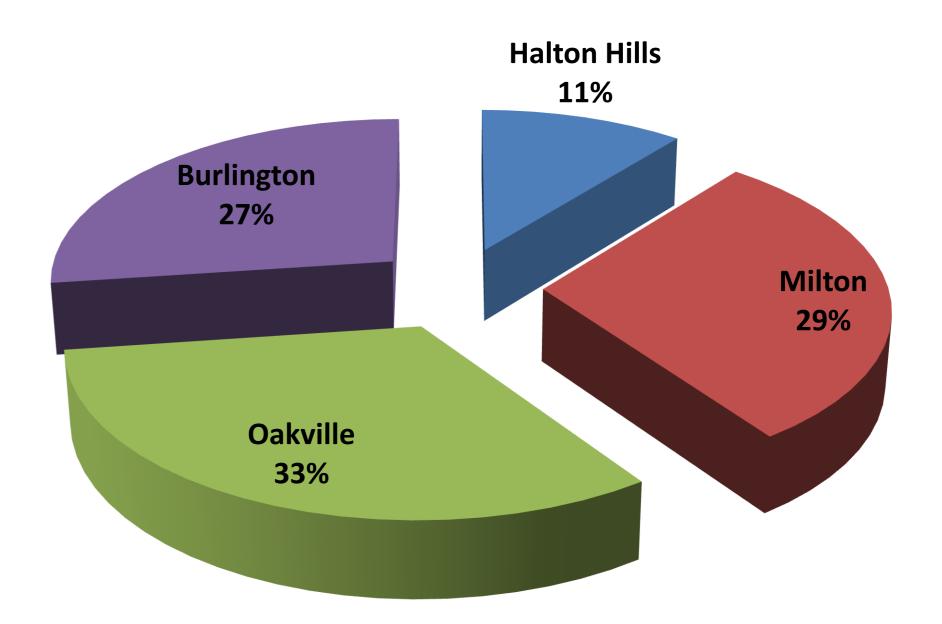
Region of Halton Employment 2011 (251,300)



Halton Hills Employment 2031 (42,100)



Region of Halton Employment 2031 (390,200)

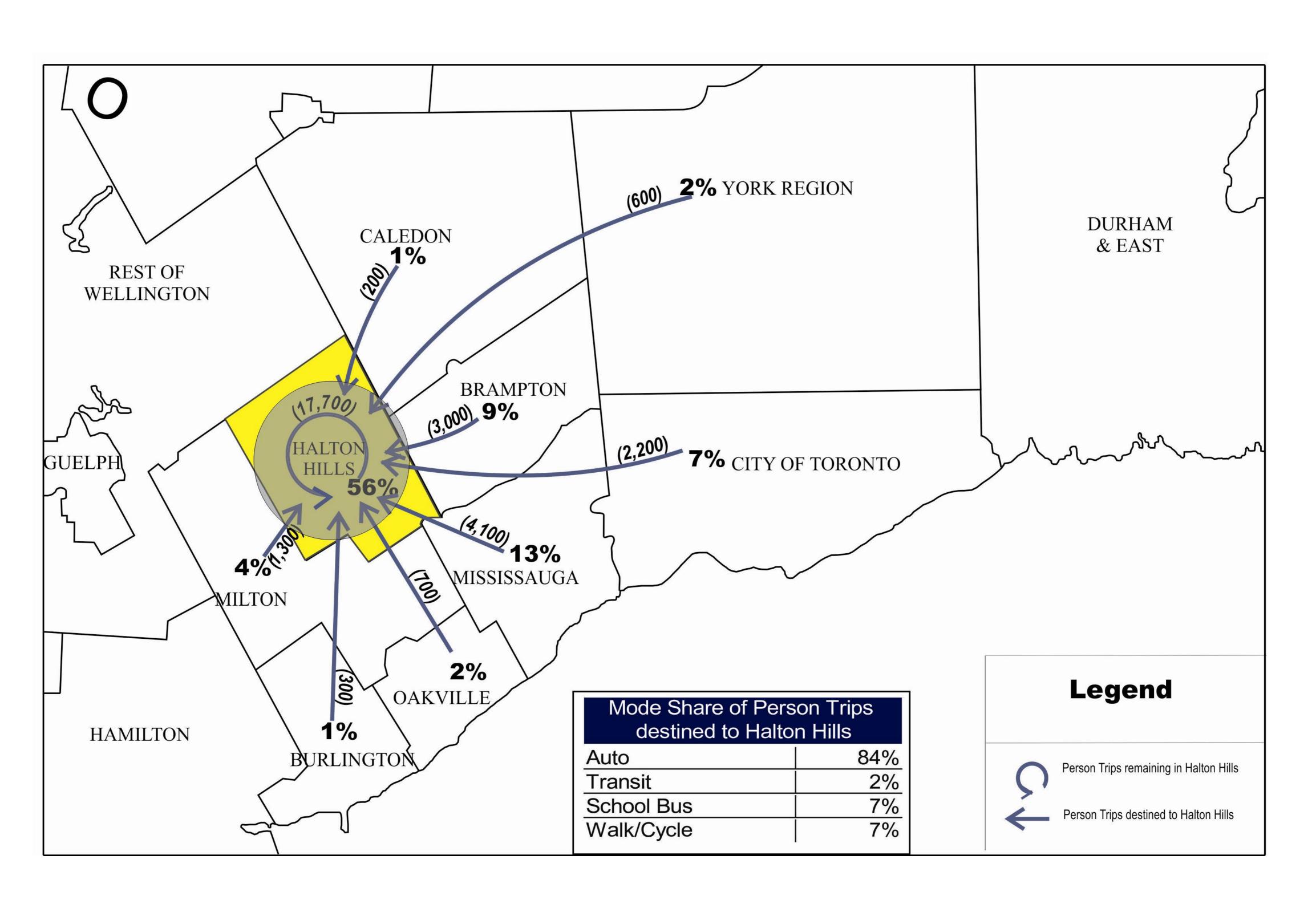






Moving to the Future

Existing (2006 TTS) P.M. Peak Period Total Person Travel Patterns Destined for Halton Hills

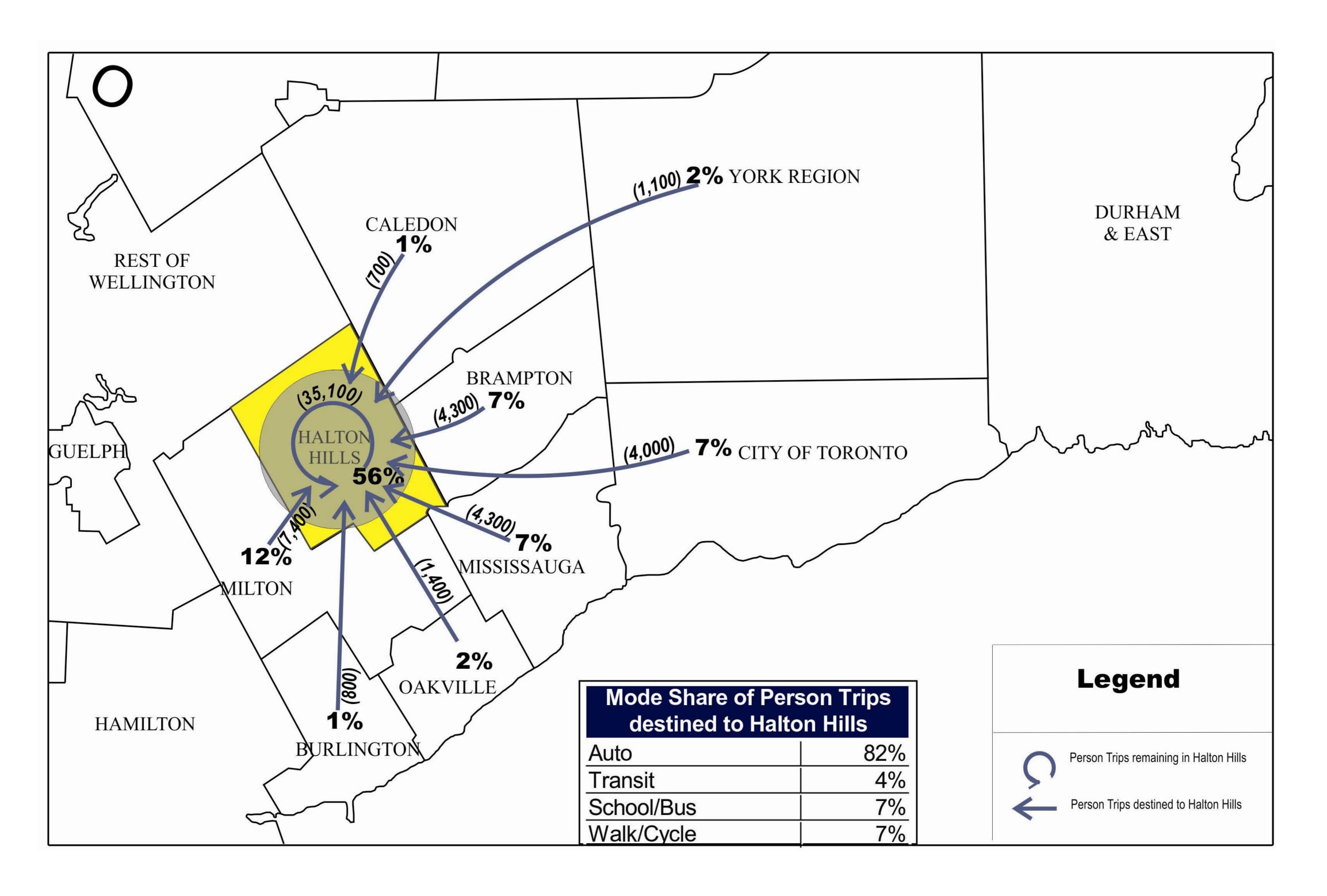






Moving to the Future

Future (2031) P.M. Peak Period Total Person Travel Patterns Destined for Halton Hills

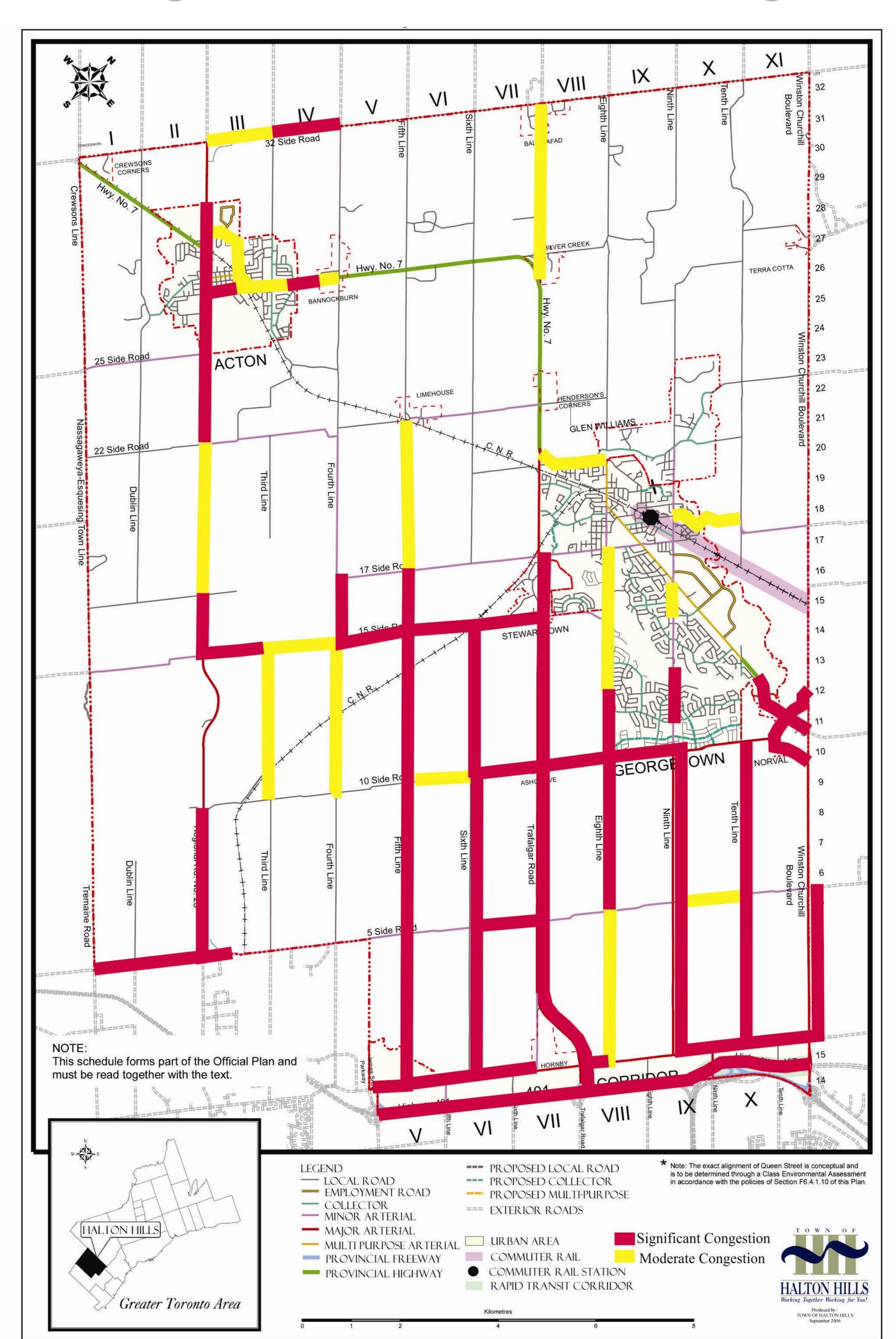




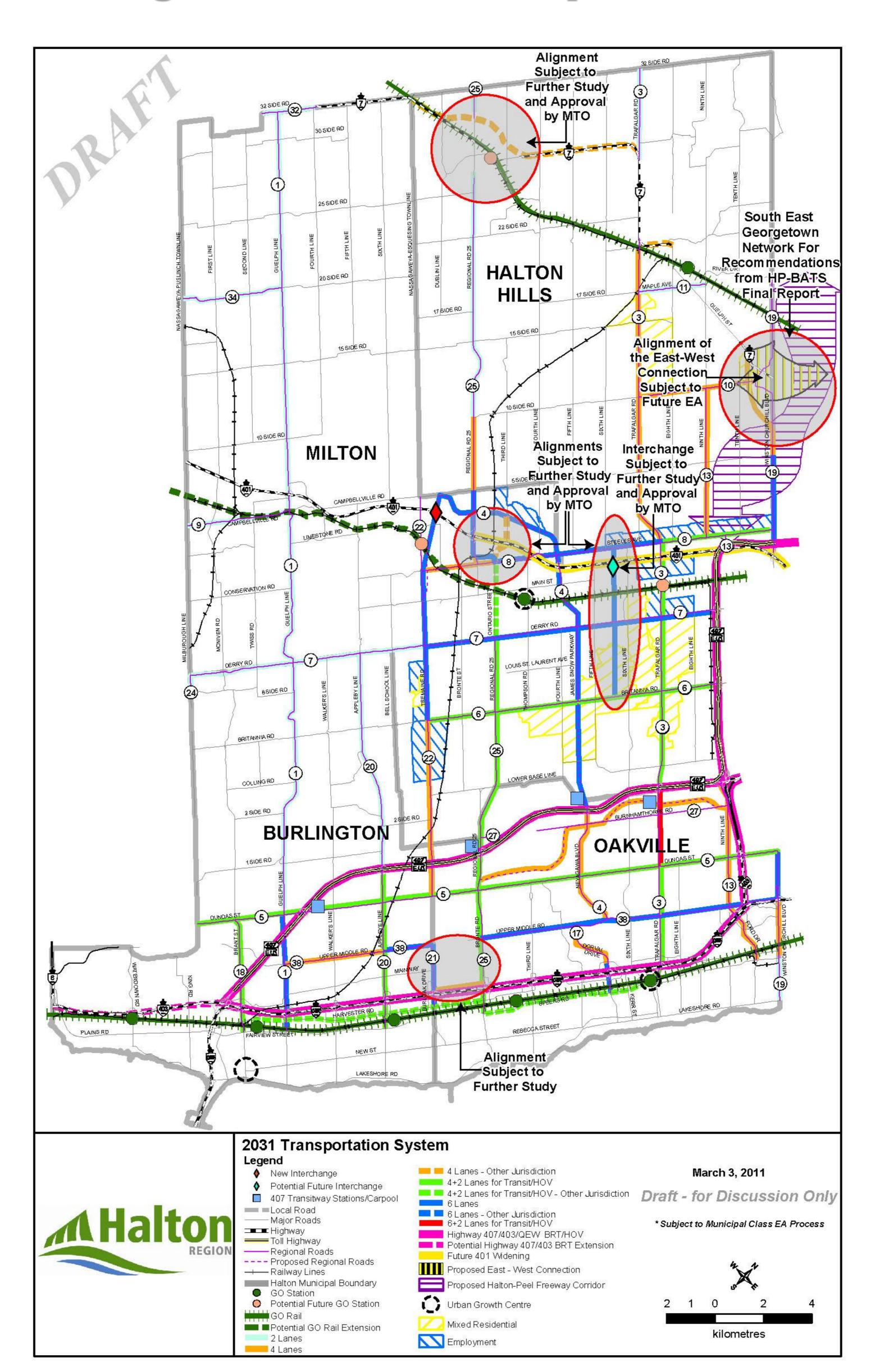


Moving to the Future

Do Nothing Scenario – 2031 Demands Existing Network



Region of Halton TMP Improvements



Halton Hills TMP Vision

The long term transportation system within the Town of Halton Hills is to:

- Complement planned road improvements by other jurisdictions;
- Encourage traffic flow and truck movements to periphery of urban centres utilizing Provincial and Regional Roads;
- Support long term inter-municipal transit services connecting urban areas, employment areas, GO Stations and mobility hubs; and
- Strongly pursue approved Active Transportation recommendations from Cycling Master Plan.



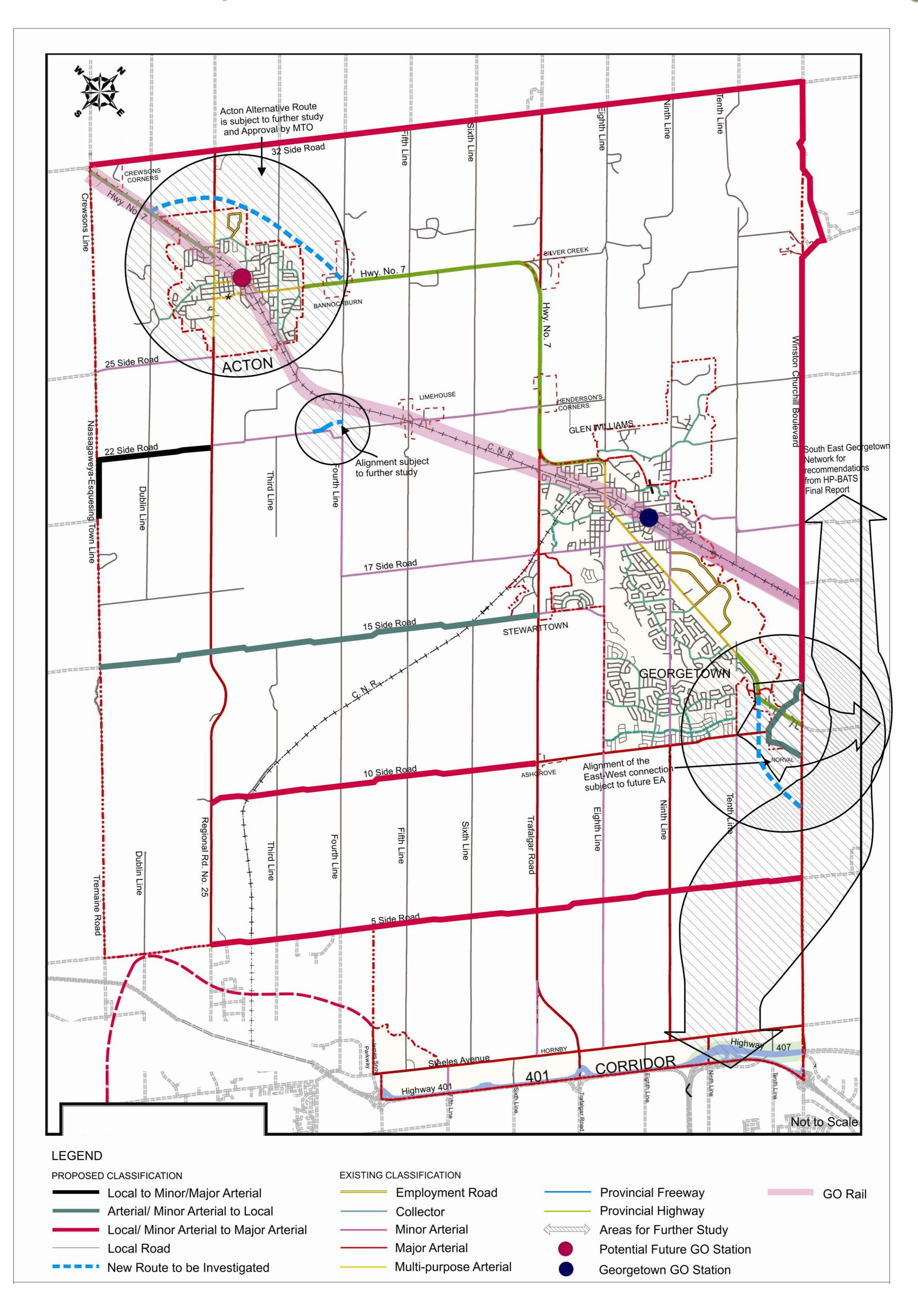


Balanced Transportation Solution

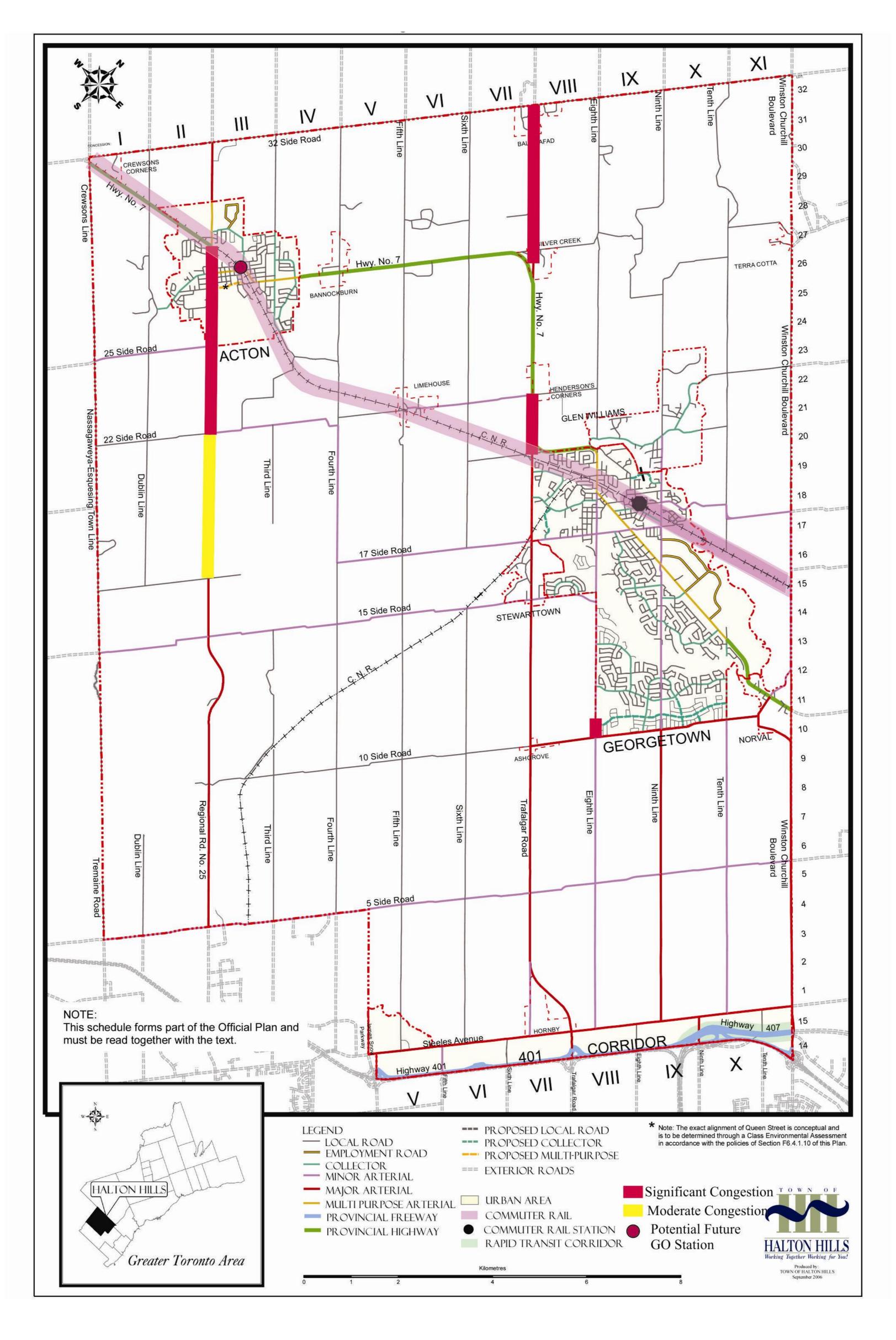
| Alternative | Carry Forward? |
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| Do Nothing | Will not accommodate future demand. |
| Transit | This solution on its own will not provide sufficient ability to accommodate future demand. Support development of inter-municipal transit in the future. |
| TDM (carpooling) | The Town is part of Smart Commute Halton. This solution on its own does not fully address the demand, but is an important element. |
| Iranchartation | Regional TMP provides support for cycling, walking and transit. Halton Hills is actively supporting implementation of recommendations from Cycling Master Plan. |
| Road Improvements | This solution will provide capacity to accommodate future demand, but by itself will involve greater impact and is not sustainable. |

The Regional TMP evaluated the alternative solutions and identified that the recommended transportation strategy involves a combination of alternatives. The alternatives were evaluated based on their effect on the natural, socio-economic, and transportation environments, as well as cost. Incorporating a balanced approach that includes transit, TDM, Active Transportation and road improvements combined with other solutions to mitigate the impact is the strategy recommended in the Regional Plan and the Town's Plan.

Proposed Road Jurisdiction and Classification Changes



Ultimate Network Operation 2031 Demands – 2031 Network



TMP 25 Year Recommendations

Policy Framework

Strategic

- Land Use Planning and Urban Design
- Inter-Municipal Transit
- Active / Sustainable Transportation
- Transportation Demand Management
- Provincial Highways and Regional Roads
- Alternate Routes and New Connections

Operational

- School Zone Traffic Management
- Goods Movement and Heavy Vehicles
- Walking and Cycling
- Functional Road Classification
- Traffic Calming
- Roundabouts
- Design Standards

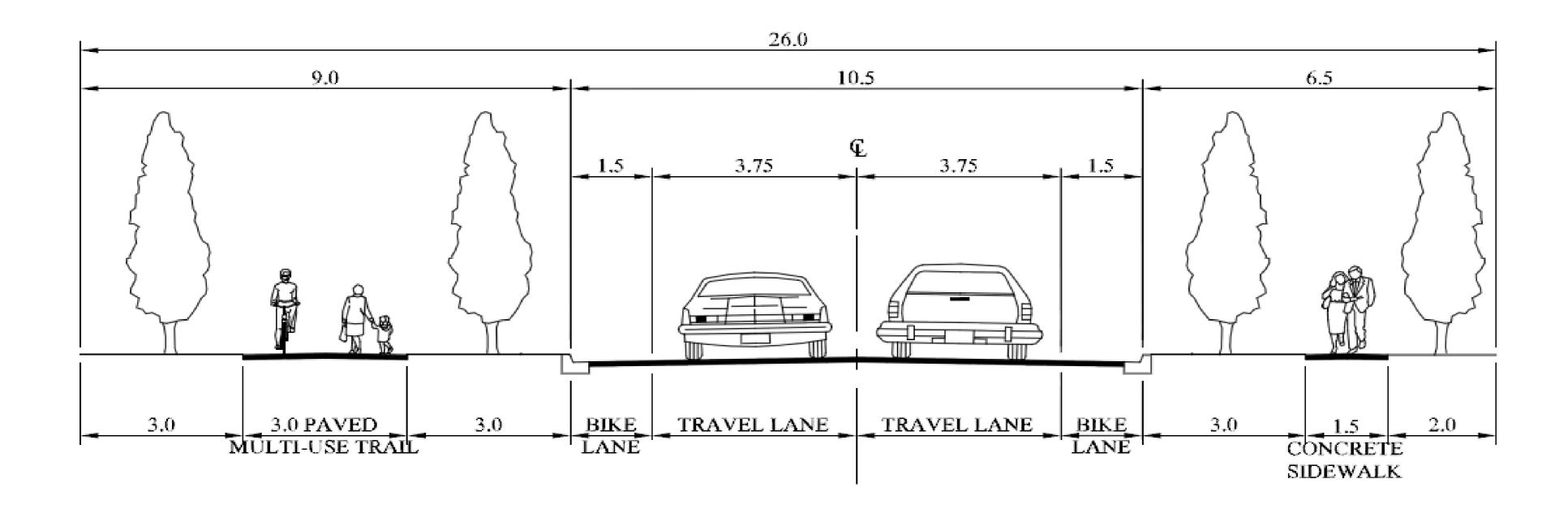




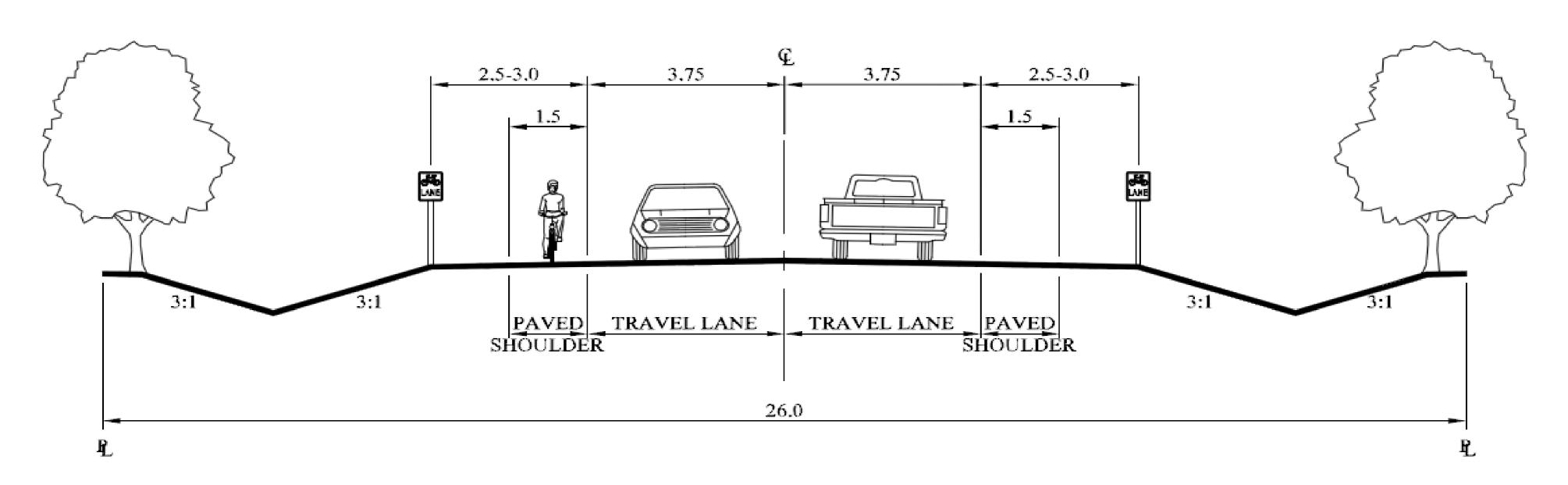
TMP 25 Year Recommendations

Halton Hills Roadway Roadway Design Standards

Minor Arterial Urban



Minor Arterial Rural





Provincial Transportation Initiatives

Highway 401

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO), as part of the Province's GTA West transportation corridor study, recommends widening Highway 401 to 12 lanes between Milton (Trafalgar Road) and Halton Hills (Regional Road 25).

GTA West Corridor Plan

In the event the GTA West Corridor moves ahead, a four-lane multi-modal transportation corridor will connect Highway 401 at Tremaine Road in Milton to Highway 400 north of Vaughan. Preliminary route planning indicates the highway would be located in south Halton Hills and includes a north-south connection to Highway 407/401 interchange at Ninth Line, in a corridor similar to the freeway corridor recommended in the HP-BAT study.

NGTA Corridor Plan

The MTO's Environmental Assessment is analyzing capacity between the Niagara Peninsula and the GTA which, depending on the recommendations, could have an impact on the function and service levels of Highway 6 and Highway 401.



Next Steps

- Review and respond to comments received from PIC No. 2;
- Incorporate feedback on proposed plan;
- Prepare Policies and Guidelines based on proposed plan; and
- Prepare the TMP Report for Council approval.







Thank you for attending

Please provide us with your comments regarding the material presented, by either completing a comment sheet or sending an email to:

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