

Environmental Assessment

Airport Road from King Street to Huntsmill Drive



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Olde Base Line Road Feasibility Study
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Objectives:

- Based on recommendations in the 2015 Caledon East Goods Movement Strategic Plan, **assess the feasibility of road improvements required to accommodate some heavy trucks along Olde Base Line Road between Highway 10 (Hurontario Street) and Airport Road in order to support goods movement and divert some of the truck traffic flowing through Caledon East via Airport Road.**
- With some upgrades, Olde Base Line Road is considered generally suitable to accommodate some additional truck traffic (approximately 20% of the existing truck traffic on Airport Road)

Work Included:

- Identification of design options to accommodate truck traffic on Olde Base Line Road
 - Considerations for all road users including cyclists and farm equipment operators
- Determined constraints to be addressed (environmental, property, intersection design, culverts and water crossings, heritage, etc.) with design options
- Consulted with agencies including Regional departments, Town of Caledon, Conservation Authority, Ministry of Transportation
- Make recommendations for next steps and future consultation

Overview of Issues and Opportunities

- Significant concerns with growing truck traffic through Caledon East along Airport Road. Impacts to pedestrian safety and experience, health, community character.
- Goal is to divert 20% of trucks along Olde Base Line Road to reduce impact on Caledon East.
- Olde Base Line Road provides an important east-west recreational cycling connection in the Region that needs to be protected.
- Ensure that design options do not impact access to existing properties or movement of farm equipment through the area.



Preliminary Recommendation

- Considered multiple design options that ranged from increasing the right of way to provide more space to multiple road users to doing nothing and repaving the road as is to accommodate trucks.
- Recommend repaving the road and increasing the paved shoulder space (staying within the current property limits). Outcome: reduces truck activity through Caledon East, has limited property impacts, maintains cycling connection, maintains farm equipment operation, limits natural environment and heritage impacts.

