

**Key Considerations Requested by Regional Staff for the Preliminary and Detailed Design Stage of the
GTA West Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment**

Assessment	Purpose
Traffic Impact Assessment	The MTO has commenced the traffic analysis for the GTA West Transportation Corridor which will provide greater insight into the impact of the corridor and the interchange locations on the Regional and local municipal road networks. The results of the traffic analysis are significant to Peel as a number of the interchanges are proposed on local roadways currently not planned for high volumes of vehicle and truck traffic and may require changes to the Region's Strategic Goods Movement Network.
Health Impact Assessment (HIA)	Regional staff have urged the Province to undertake a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) of the GTA West Transportation Corridor to identify opportunities to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential health impacts of the corridor on the residents and communities in the Region of Peel and have asked that the HIA be scoped to include, but not be limited to, impacts on the following health outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular health; • Respiratory health; • Cancers associated with traffic-related air pollution and other transportation exposures; • Mental health; • Health equity and; • Injuries and death
Agricultural Impact Assessment	Regional staff have also requested that the MTO undertake an Agricultural Impact Assessment or equivalent assessment to understand the impacts of the GTA West Corridor and interchange locations on prime agricultural lands within the Region and identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization of impacts, or mitigation of impacts.
Environmental Evaluations	While Regional staff support the expeditious completion of the GTA West Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment, Regional staff continue to encourage the MTO to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of environmental impacts to ensure that impacts to natural heritage features, sensitive groundwater features, sensitive surface water features, water resources, and prime agricultural lands are avoided if possible, and if avoidance is not possible, minimized or mitigated to the extent feasible.