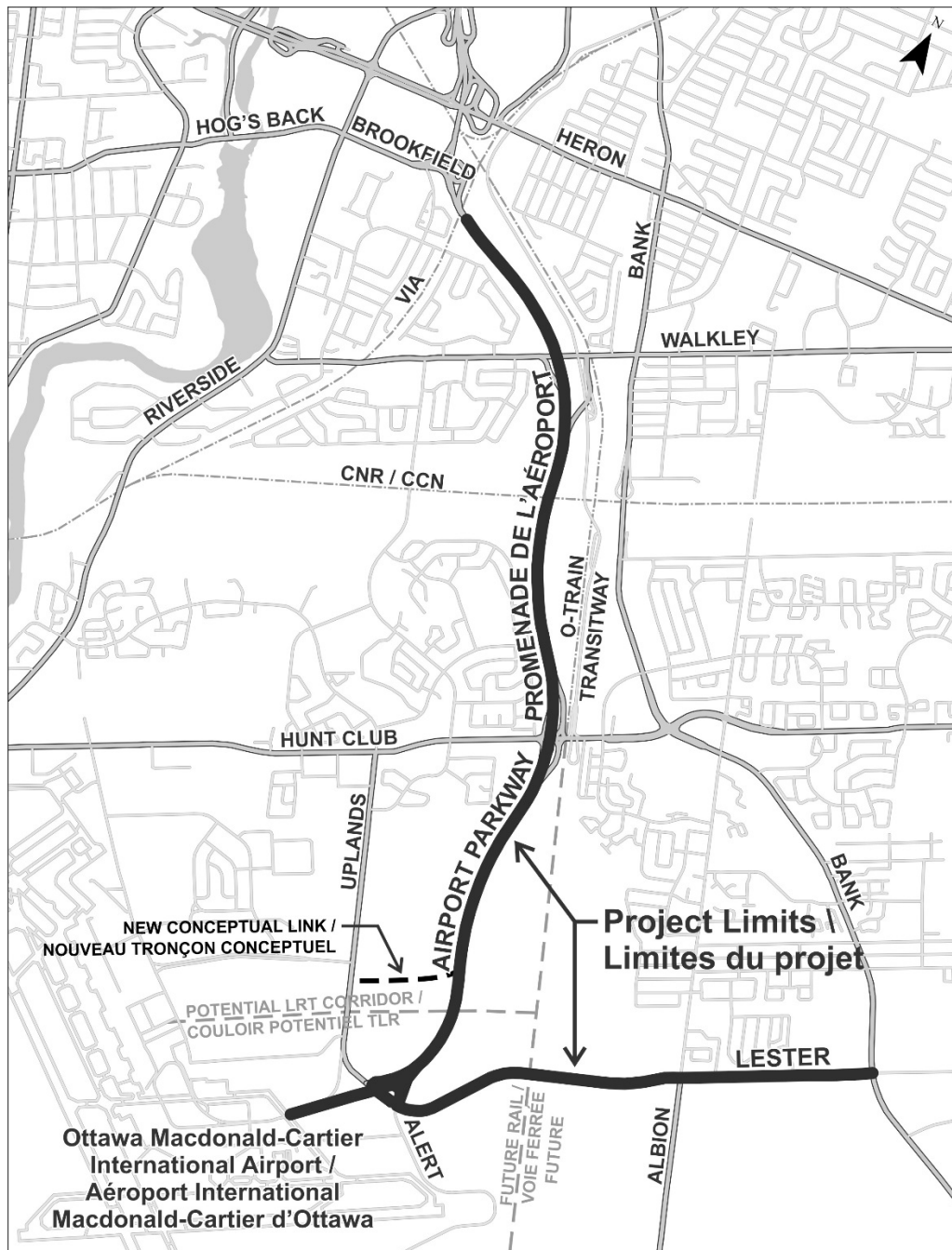


# **Airport Parkway Widening & (Brookfield Avenue to Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport) Lester Road Widening (Airport Parkway to Bank Street) Environmental Assessment Study**

## **Project overview**

The City of Ottawa initiated the study to develop a Recommended Plan for the widening of the Airport Parkway between Brookfield Avenue to the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport and the widening of Lester Road from the Airport Parkway to Bank Street.

## **Study Area**



Some aspects of the study will require examination of a broader area in order to address environmental effects; to co-ordinate with relevant ongoing studies and projects, and to study and identify tie-ins to the roadway network.

### **Rationale for widening the Airport Parkway and Lester Road**

The Airport Parkway is a major north-south arterial road in the city. Along the corridor it connects with the neighbourhoods of Confederation Heights, Riverside Park, Ellwood, South Keys, Hunt Club, Gloucester, Uplands and Blossom Park at the Brookfield, Walkley, Hunt Club and Lester interchanges.

Rapid growth in the communities south of Hunt Club Road, including Leitrim, Riverside South and Greely has increased traffic volumes on the Airport Parkway, leading to congestion during the peak commuting periods. Future development of the airport lands, with a planned airport expansion as well as commercial development will also put increased pressure on these corridors. The establishment of the Ernst & Young Centre trade show facility at the northwest corner of the Airport Parkway and Uplands Road has further increased traffic in the area of the Lester/Albion Road corridor.

This Environmental Assessment (EA) study will take urban and rural growth, the development of the Ernst & Young Centre, as well as the Rideau Carleton Raceway operations as a source of demand effect on the Airport Parkway into consideration.

### **Study Process**

The study is being conducted in accordance with Ontario's EA Act, fulfilling requirements as a Municipal Class EA process for Schedule C projects. The City must consider alternative designs for the project, undertake public and agency consultation, assess the potential environmental effects of the Recommended Plan and identify measures to mitigate these impacts.

The study will also address potential implications of federal and National Capital Commission (NCC) properties and the potential for federal permits and funding to implement the project.

As part of the study process, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be prepared for public review. Following the public review period, the project will be considered to have EA approval and may proceed to implementation once financing is in place.

### **Study Timeline**

The EA process requires a comprehensive consultation program involving many stakeholders, including the City of Ottawa, the Airport, the NCC, approval and regulatory agencies, local community associations and businesses, special advisory and interest groups and members of the public. The study is expected to take 24 months to complete.

### **Get involved!**

You are encouraged to participate in the study by attending consultation events or by directly contacting the study team with information, comments or questions. Updated project information will be posted periodically on the study website ([www.ottawa.ca/airportparkway](http://www.ottawa.ca/airportparkway)).

The study will also have the benefit of input from three consultation groups namely an agency, business and public consultation group that will also meet at key points during the study.

Three open houses will be scheduled throughout the study as an opportunity for interested persons to learn about the study and provide input. Notifications for the open house will be provided through local newspapers, e-mails to the study mailing list and postings on the website.

To have your name placed on the study mailing list or to submit comments or questions, please contact:

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