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**Subject:** Highway 9 & Rolling Hills Traffic Update

**Department:** Infrastructure Services

**Division:** Transportation and Development

**Report #:** INS-2024-038

**Meeting Date:** 2024-08-12

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## Recommendations

**That report INS-2024-038, Highway 9 & Rolling Hills Traffic Update be received.**

## Overview

On September 6, 2023, Mayor Post and members of Infrastructure Services and Community Services Staff met with representatives of the Ministry of Transportation, Ontario.

As a result of that meeting, there were several follow up virtual and site meetings to discuss ways to make the crossing of Highway 9 at Rolling Hills and Oak Ridge Drive safer for everyone but predominantly for school age children crossing Highway 9 to attend school and visit the public parks.

Since the initial meetings with MTO Staff, INS Staff has continued to dialogue with the Province's Highway 9 corridor management team.

The purpose of this report is to update Council of the progress to date and the items pending further review. Attachment 1 to this report is a detailed table provided by the MTO outlining the action plan for this section of the Highway 9 corridor. The table is broken down in to short-, medium- and long-term planning.

The following is a brief overview of the work plan and its status at the writing of this report.

- MTO continues to evaluate the operational performance of the corridor through the area by reviewing traffic data volumes, operating speeds, turning movements and geometrics for the purpose of further discussion and input on local experience with INS Transportation Staff. The data being collected is crucial in helping determine the best course of action. It should be noted that current MTO

corridor management practice does not recognize speed reductions at certain times of day on provincial highways (for example, reduce speed when lights flashing).

- MTO has initiated work on the broader school zone review and although not completed at this time has taken some preliminary measures by installing Community Safety Zone signs, painting the pavement crossing area with highly visible “ladder crossings” and including additional traffic signing in the area.
- MTO has completed the installation of the “STOP HERE ON RED” signs providing clearer direction for motorists approaching the pedestrian crossing. The new signage has been set back from the intersection to reduce “crowding” pedestrians crossing the road.
- New pedestrian push buttons, similar to those used on intersections in other parts of the Municipality, have been supplied by the Town and installed by the MTO’s electrical maintenance contractor.
- It should be noted that the review of the Highway 9 corridor has also spawned the review of the crossings on Highway 10 at Fourth Avenue and Broadway. In other words, in cooperation with the Province and depending on the outcome of the broader school zone review and corridor management plan, some of the recommendations may be carried over to the Highway 10 corridor on a case by case basis.

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## Conclusion

Infrastructure and Community Services Staff continue to have open dialogue with the Ministry to improve the quality, efficiency and most importantly the safety of intersections along the Provincial Highways that abut Orangeville. MTO Staff have been supportive and understanding while working within current Provincial Transportation Policy. Further updates will be provided as appropriate, and when information becomes available. Staff are pleased to answer any questions there may be.

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## Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal:           Municipal Services

Objective:                 Respectful of Cost and Impact to Community

## **Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan**

Theme: Transportation System

Strategy: Promote more sustainable and efficient transportation options

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### **Notice Provisions**

N/A

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**Attachment(s):** 1. Table 1, MTO Review and Action Plan