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March 1, 2013

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
City of St. Catharines
City Clerk
50 Church Street, P.O. Box 3012
St. Catharines, ON L2R 7C2

Dear Ms. Nistico-Dunk:

**Re: Highway 406 Northbound Lanes at Westchester Avenue Pavement
Resurfacing & Remedial Measures for Embankment Instability
City of St. Catharines, Niagara Region
Detail Design Study, G.W.P. 2097-12-00**

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking the detail design for the resurfacing of Highway 406 northbound lanes for a distance of approximately 0.7km south of the Westchester Avenue off-ramp. The project also includes improved slope stability and drainage at 2 locations along the embankment. This will include the excavation of unstable soils along the shoulder, replacement with new granular and the addition of rip-rap on the slope. There will be lane closures to which advanced signage will be placed to inform motorists of the closures and detours during construction. Construction is expected to begin in July 2013.

This project is being conducted under the MTO Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) as a Group 'C' Project. Based on a review of the project and its impacts, it has been determined that there will be no significant adverse environmental effects associated with this project and thus classified as a Group 'C' project. An Environmental Screening Document will be prepared to document the design process. There will be no "bump-up" opportunity through this process.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of this project. Should you have any comments, concerns or wish to obtain further information regarding this project, please contact one of the following representatives:

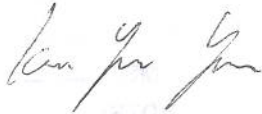
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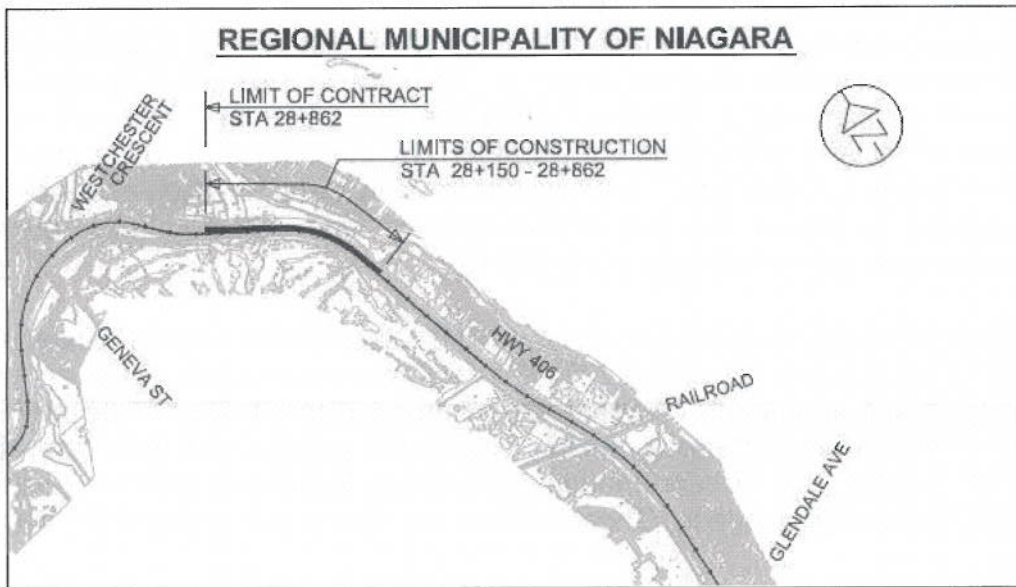
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Sincerely,



Alice Kam,
Project Manager

cc: Keith Cherneski, Environmental Planner

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