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Municipality of Clarington
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Re: Amendments to Ontario Regulation 619 – Speed Limits, under the Highway Traffic Act for Highway 407 and Highway 418 in Clarington

To Whom it may Concern:

The Ministry of Transportation is proposing legislative amendments to Ontario Regulation 619 – Speed Limits, under the Highway Traffic Act (H.T.A) related to Highways 407 and 418 in the Municipality of Clarington.

The ministry is proceeding with legislative changes as required to open the final phase of the Highway 407 East Project which is anticipated by the end of 2019. The actual opening date has not yet been determined; the Ministry of Transportation will make an announcement at an appropriate time.

The following H.T.A. regulation amendments are required:

- Regulation 619 - Speed Limits:
 - The existing Highway 407 eastbound lanes from Solina Road to Highway 418 transitions from 100 km/h to 80 km/h. With the continuation of Highway 407 easterly past Highway 418, the 80 km/h transition will be eliminated in its entirety;
 - A posted speed limit of 100 km/h will be established throughout the limits of Highway 407 from Highway 407 ETR to Highway 35/115;
 - The existing Highway 418 southbound lanes from Highway 407 to Taunton Road transitions from 80 km/h to 60 km/h and the 60 km/h zone extends to the to the Taunton Road terminus. With the continuation of Highway 418 southerly, the 60 km/h transition will be eliminated in its entirety; and

- A posted speed limit of 100 km/h will be established throughout the limits of Highway 418 from Highway 401 to Highway 407.

The following documents are attached to assist with understanding the proposed legislative amendments:

- Exhibit 1 identifies current speed zones on Highway 407 and Highway 418; and
- Exhibit 2 identifies new speed zones to be implemented upon opening the final phase of the Highway 407 East Project.

Background Information:

On March 10, 2011, a seamless plan was announced to construct the Highway 407 East Project which was comprised of two P3 contracts to construct and toll three highways – Highway 407, Highway 412 and Highway 418 (see Exhibit 3). The following summarizes key dates:

- June 20, 2016, Highway 407 opened to traffic from Brock Road in Pickering to Harmony Road in Oshawa (20.3 kilometres) and Highway 412, a 10-kilometre controlled access toll highway extending from Highway 401 in Town of Whitby to Highway 407 in the City of Pickering; and
- January 2, 2018, Highway 407 opened to traffic an additional 10 kilometres, from Harmony Road in Oshawa to Highway 418 in the Municipality of Clarington and a 1-kilometre section of Highway 418 from Highway 407 to Taunton Rd in the Municipality of Clarington.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call Shane Giguere at (416) 235-5600 or by emailing Shane.Giguere@ontario.ca. We welcome comments on the proposed regulations. If our office does not receive correspondence by October 18, 2019, we will assume your support to the proposed regulatory amendments.

Yours sincerely,



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Exhibit 1 – Existing Speed Zones on Highways 407 & 418

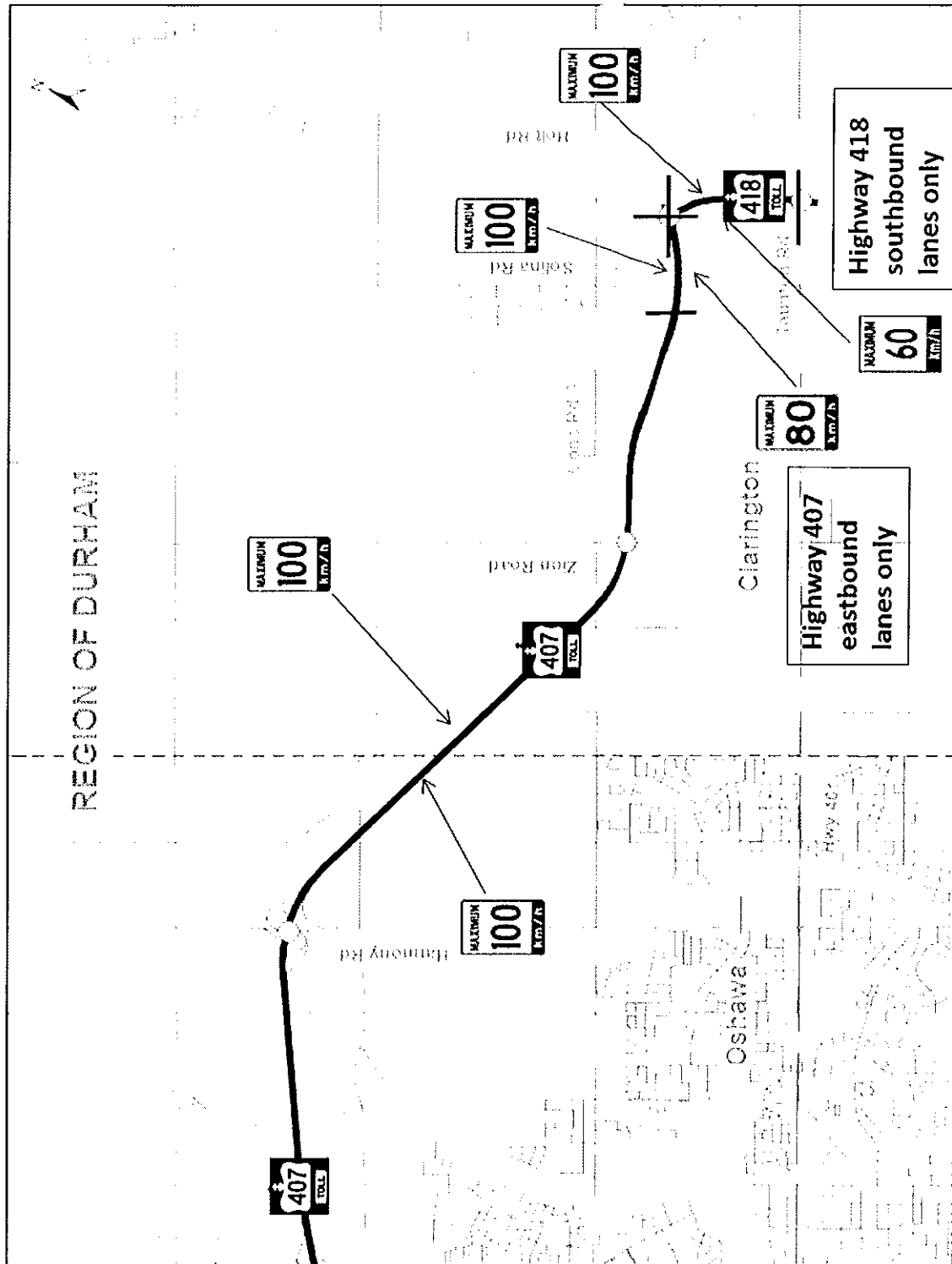


Exhibit 2 – New Speed Zones on Highways 407 & 418

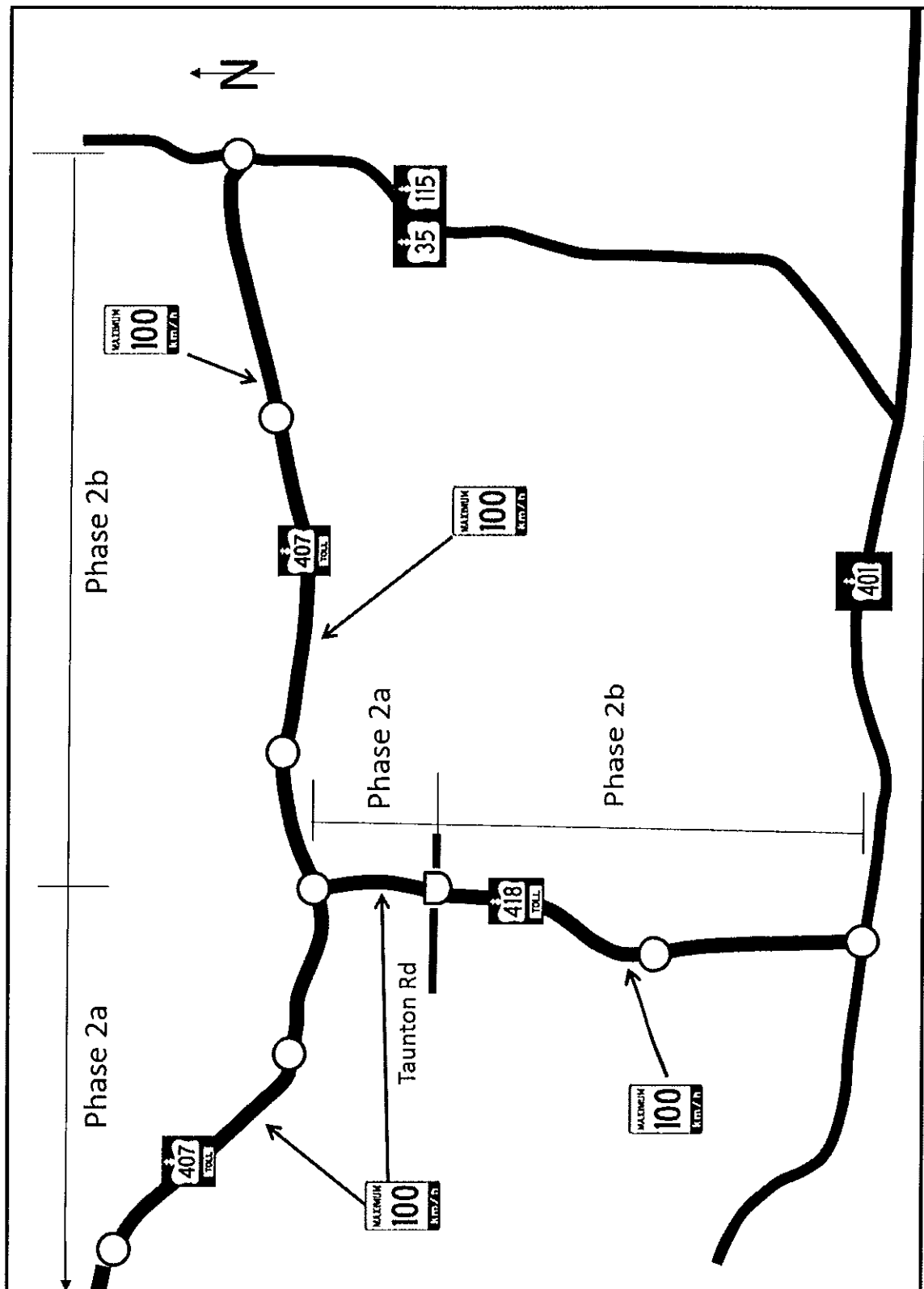


Exhibit 3 – Highway 407 East Key Map

Highway 407 East Project

