

The Corporation of the TOWN OF MILTON

Report to: Chair & Members of the Administration & Planning Standing Committee

From: E. Iovio, M.C.I.P., R.P.P., Director of Planning & Development

Date: June 16, 2008

Report No. PD-050-08

Subject: **ST. MARY'S QUARRY PROPOSAL – CITY OF HAMILTON – UPDATE
AND REQUEST FOR PEER REVIEW FUNDING**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT the City of Hamilton be requested to cease consideration by CART (Combined Agency Review Team) of the Traffic and Haul Route Study until such time as the reports have been provided with respect to the Environment and Hydrogeology to ensure a comprehensive review of the application;

AND THAT Town of Milton Council authorizes funding with an upset limit of \$30,000.00 from the Capital Works Reserves to have a peer review completed of studies and reports related to the St. Mary's Quarry proposal in the City of Hamilton (formerly Flamborough).

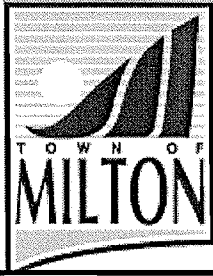
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Background

As was reported in PD-86-07, dated November of 2007, the former Lowndes Quarry lands were sold to St. Mary's in 2005. They have carried on with the application originally filed in September of 2004, but many of the terms of reference for supporting studies have not been completed and therefore the reports have not been submitted with the exception of the Traffic and Haul Route Study. In addition, to date, several open houses specifically with regards to the Haul Route Study have been held and the applicant is seeking finalization of this single part of the review.

Discussion

The purpose of this report is to suggest that, in the absence of the other materials being submitted, the comprehensive review of this application cannot be completed. In addition, Conservation Halton has not been included in the review of the recently submitted Baseline Conditions Report or the assessment of the haul route options. This



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report, dated April 2008 provides information on existing conditions under the following report headings:

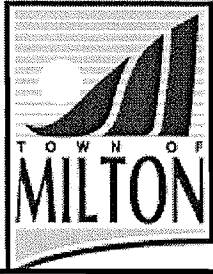
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- Land Uses
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- Agriculture
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Built Heritage
- Archaeological
- Road and Pavement
- Municipal Structures and Drainage

While the information in this report is extensive, the next documentation provided to the CART members were the examples of the display boards to be used at the 4th Public Information Centre (PIC) proposed for the end of June. This information provides a comparative assessment of the five previously short-listed haul routes (See Appendix 1) based on criteria identified through the process. The applicant's consultants have concluded that the preferred Haul Route is # 3. This is the route that is entirely within the Town of Milton and runs north on Millborough Line, east on Campbellville Road to Twiss, north to Reid Sideroad to then access Highway 401.

Staffs of the Town of Milton and the Region of Halton are not satisfied with the justification of this choice. The methodology of how the criteria was assessed or weighted is not provided and it is therefore our opinion is that it is premature to take a preferred route to any public forum.

While Town and Regional staff, if time would permit, can review the traffic and roads information, both agencies lack the expertise to assess the social and environmental impacts of a haul route through Milton.

As a result, staff is requesting that funding be made available for a peer review of the information provided and further that the City of Hamilton be requested to cease any further review of the Traffic and Haul Route Study, including the next PIC. Staff is of the



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opinion that a comprehensive review of this application is absolutely necessary to ensure that Council has the opportunity to make an informed decision.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan

Responsible and accountable local government, a safe, liveable and healthy community as well as a thriving natural environment all support the recommendations in this report.

Financial Impact

The peer review will proceed in stages. As the full cost of responding to this application and protecting the Town's and the Region's interest (including the potential of a referral to the Ontario Municipal Board) is unknown at this time, it is recommended that a budget of \$30,000.00, to be financed from Capital Works Reserves, be provided to commence the peer review. The Region of Halton has also been requested to contribute financially to the review.

Respectfully submitted,

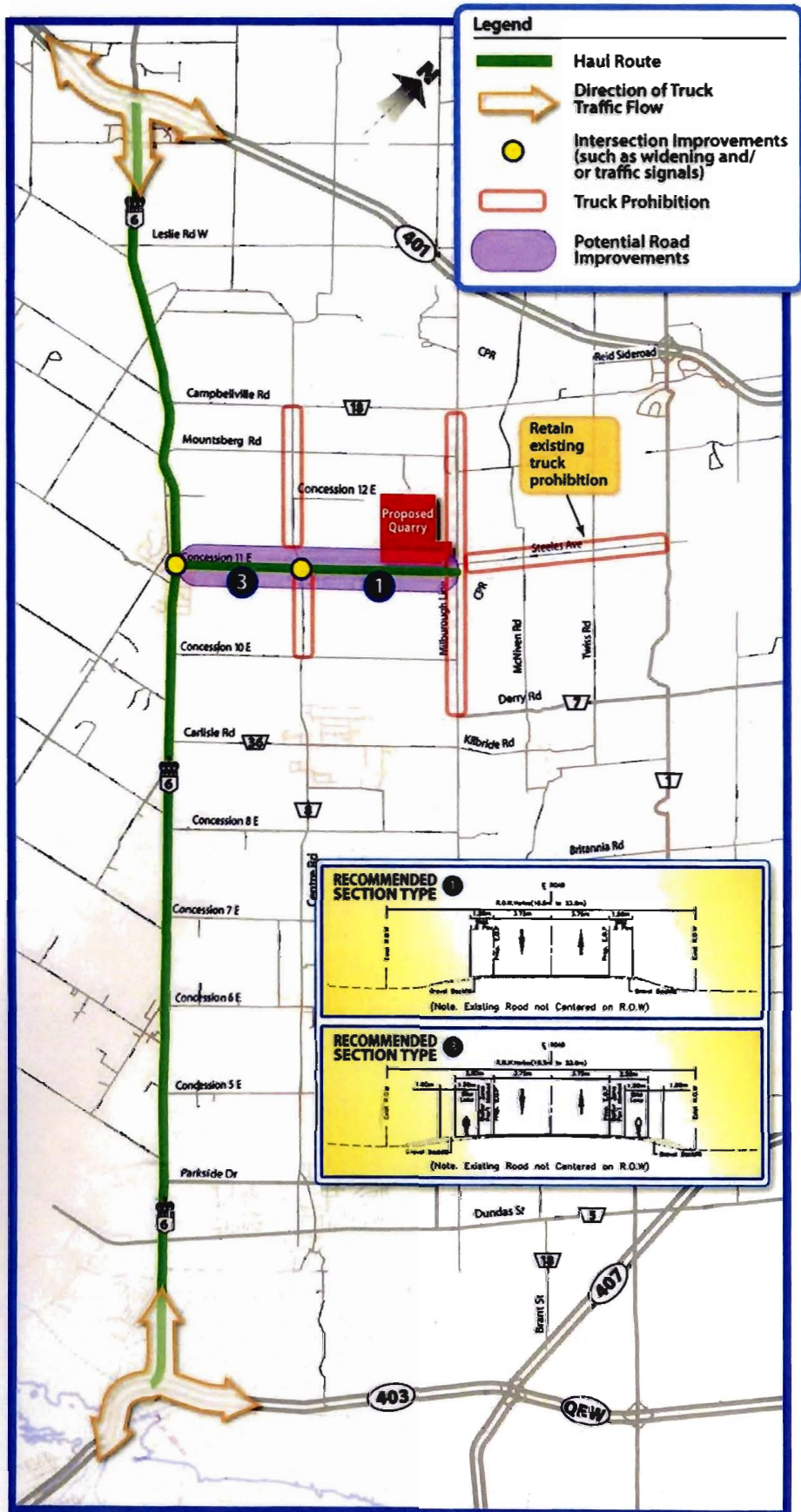
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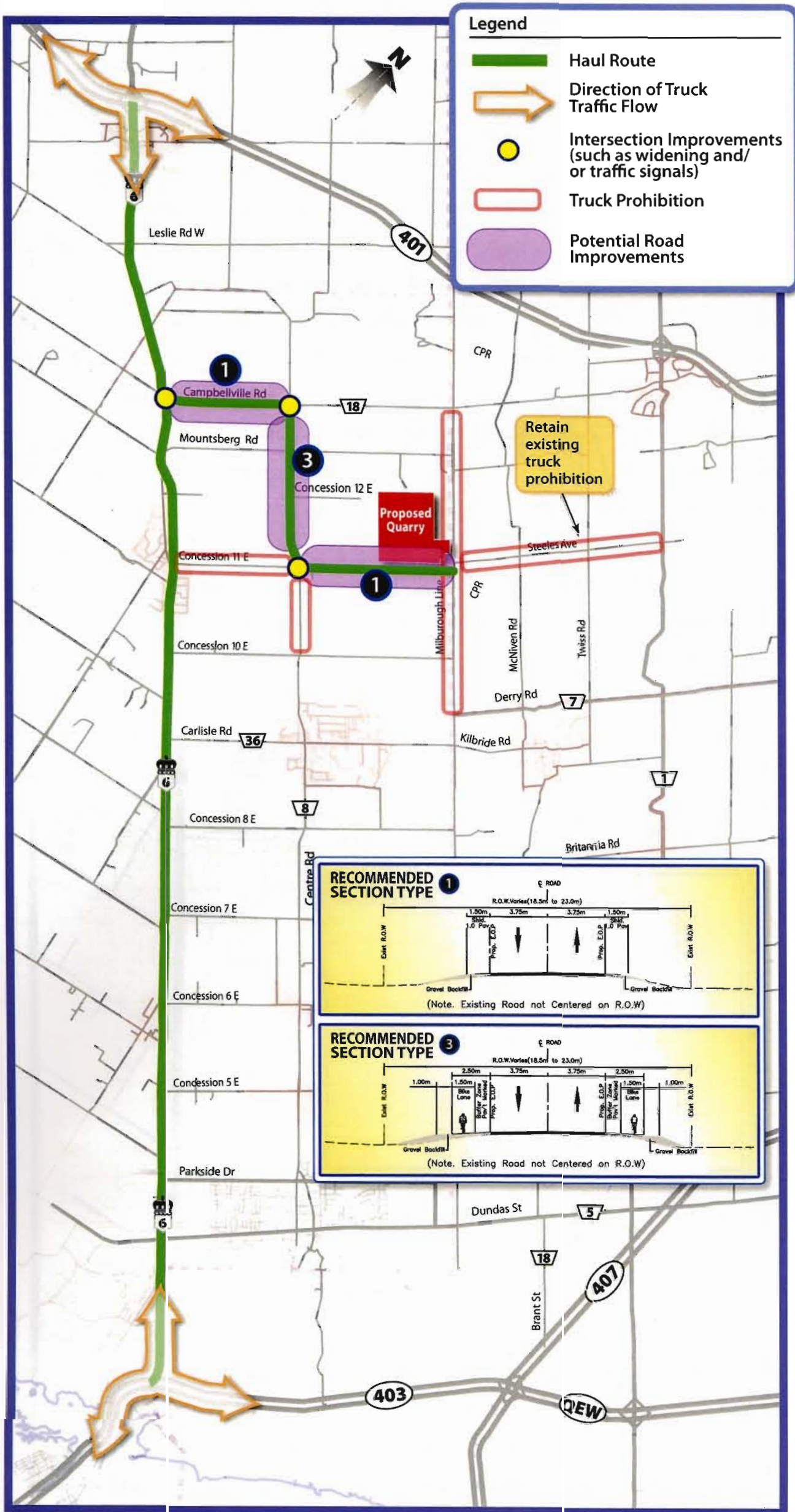
Attachments: Appendix 1 – Haul Route Maps 1-5

CAO Approval: _____

Alternative Haul Route 1

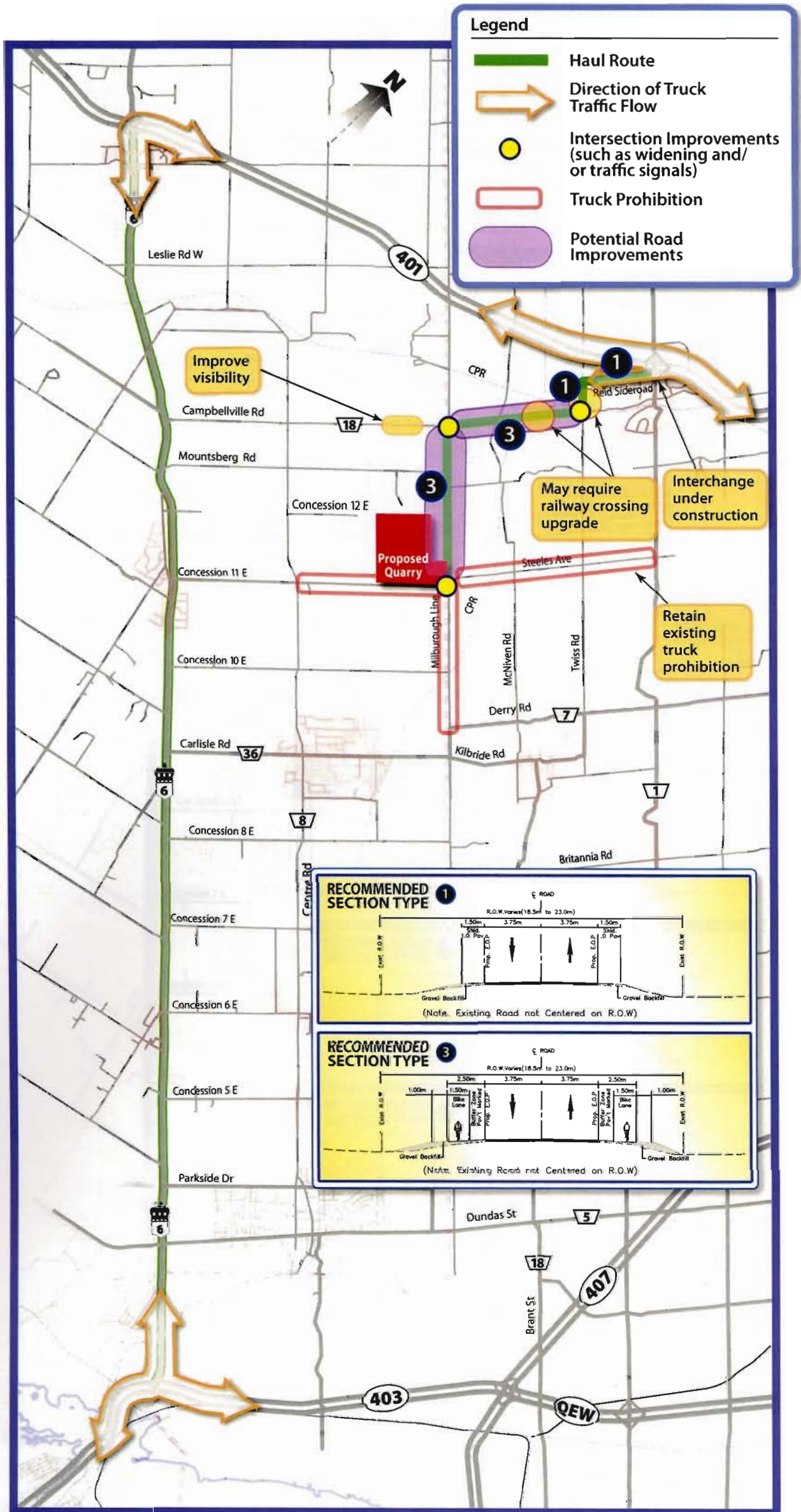


Alternative Haul Route 2

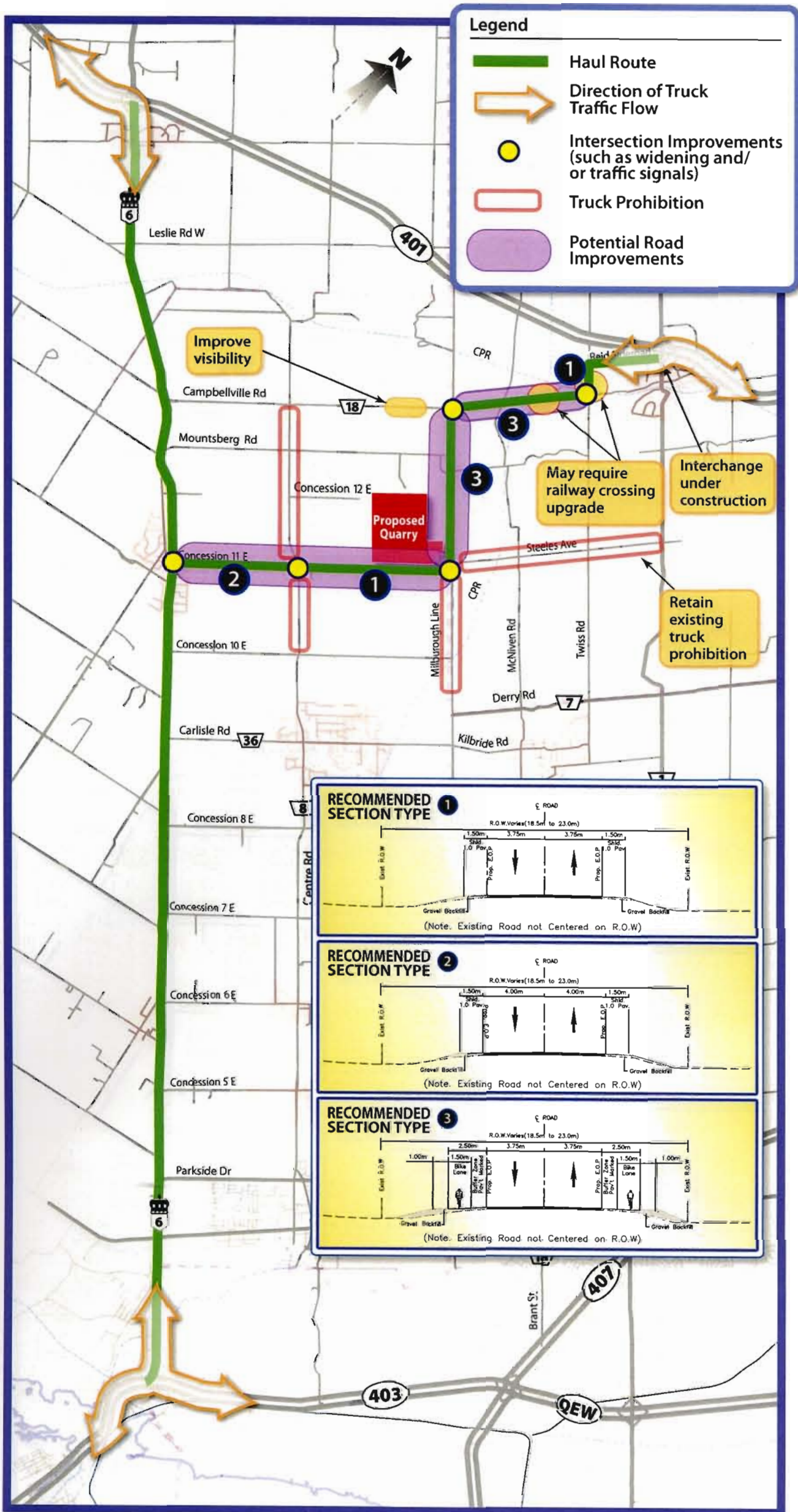


Alternate Haul Route 3

Note: Trucks are not prevented from travelling south via Hwy 6 - the impacts on Hwy 6 will be assessed as part of the evaluation of this alternative.



Alternative Haul Route 4



Alternate Haul Route 5

