

# Highway 401 Expansion Project Celebrates Major Milestone as New Lanes Open from Mississauga to Milton

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**Mississauga – December 14, 2022:** West Corridor Constructors (WCC) is pleased to celebrate the opening of new eastbound and westbound express and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes across the 18-kilometre Highway 401 Expansion project from east of the Credit River in Mississauga to west of Regional Road 25 in Milton – helping to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion and move people and commerce safely across the region. Final paving and finishing works will take place in the spring and summer.

Expanded lane access on Highway 401 through this corridor now includes a 12-lane core collector system from the Credit River to Winston Churchill Boulevard and Highway 407 ETR to east of James Snow Parkway, as well as a 10-lane core collector system from Winston Churchill Boulevard to Highway 407 ETR and James Snow Parkway to west of Regional Road 25 and median HOV lanes in each direction. The expanded corridor will reduce travel times for over 180,000 vehicles daily.

“WCC is proud to achieve this major milestone, expanding a primary highway through the region that opens new lanes to connect communities, people and businesses,” said Stephen Cleary, Project Director, West Corridor Constructors. “I’d like to thank the entire WCC team for their hard work, dedication and commitment to quality and safety. Partnership and collaboration between WCC consortium partners – Aecon, Amico and Parsons – together with our subcontractors, suppliers, the Ministry of Transportation, Infrastructure Ontario and all stakeholders involved has been vital to the success of this transformative project.”

Upgrades to multiple municipal highways and carpool lots have also been completed and 15 new bridges and culverts have been built as part of the project.

Nearly 400 craft workers were on-site at peak construction. WCC has worked a total of 2.3 million hours, poured 25,000 square metres of concrete and 800,000 metric tonnes of asphalt, and moved 4 million metric tonnes of granular material to reach this milestone – including 650,000 metric tonnes that were recycled and repurposed.

WCC’s focus on sustainability has ensured environmental remediation, and restoration activities for various species of wildlife and vegetation remains ongoing throughout surrounding areas – from the regions of Halton and Peel to the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton, and the City of Mississauga. Six wildlife escape ramps and three wildlife crossings have been built, over 4,500 trees and 33,000 shrubs have been planted, and three watercourses have been successfully realigned.

“After breaking ground in the fall of 2019, our team remained agile and focused on execution through various weather conditions and a global pandemic, with an unwavering commitment to quality, sustainability and operating safely,” said Stephen Cleary.

Achieving this milestone before winter weather arrives enables WCC to provide safe use of the widened highway over the winter months. Remaining seasonal work including finishing areas of paving and line painting will take place in the spring/summer of 2023 and will require short term lane-closures and other traffic restrictions within the corridor.

WCC thanks all residents, businesses, regional and local municipalities, and motorists for their continued support, patience, and cooperation throughout the project. Please refer to [511on.ca](https://www.511on.ca) and the project website ([401expansion-mississauga-milton.ca](https://www.401expansion-mississauga-milton.ca)) for up-to-date traffic impacts.

## **About West Corridor Constructors**

West Corridor Constructors (WCC) is a consortium comprised of Aecon, Amico and Parsons, selected by Infrastructure Ontario and the Ministry of Transportation Ontario to design, build and finance the Highway 401 Expansion project (Mississauga to Milton). Aecon and Amico are the Constructors and Parsons serves as the Lead Design Engineer. WCC provides an Ontario-based team, with each partner bringing the relevant and proven capabilities to deliver this critical project.

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