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Plans for QEW “Gateway” Pedestrian Bridge Presented to Public Works Committee

HAMILTON, ON. – April 2, 2007 – As part of Council’s strategic priority, Public Works staff today introduced the design and costs for an enhanced pedestrian bridge crossing the Queen Elizabeth Way in east Hamilton. This bridge, when completed, will link hundreds of kilometres of trail in southern Ontario, and become a major gateway feature for east Hamilton.

“This bridge will be designed as a unique architectural identifier for east Hamilton, such as the TB McQueston Bridge on York Boulevard, and a key link to connecting the east-west/north-south trails in the area,” said Rob Norman, Manager of Open Space Development & Park Planning.

The pedestrian bridge is proposed to span 300 metres at the top of the former Brampton Street landfill over the QEW ultimately linking to the Hamilton Waterfront Trail. The Ministry of Transportation would undertake construction of the centre pier of the bridge as part of its current contract. The cost of the bridge is forecasted at $6.8 million, however this is intended to be offset with funding partners such as the Ministry of Transportation, the Federal Government and community organizations.

“This bridge will open up more recreational areas to the residents of this community. Not only will it link area trail systems, including the new Red Hill Valley trail, but it also contributes to the Rennie End-Use plan that will introduce more recreational features to the Rennie/Brampton community,” said Chris Murray, Acting Red Hill Valley Project Director.

Completion of the bridge is anticipated for Spring 2009.

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