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SUBJECT: G8 and G20 Summit Meetings - Traffic Impacts

Please be advised that the G8 Summit of world leaders will take place in Huntsville, Ontario on June 25-26, 2010 and the G20 Summit of world leaders will take place in Toronto, Ontario on June 26-27, 2010. These are important events for the Province of Ontario and it is anticipated that due to Summit security operations that various highways and roads will be closed or restricted by the Integrated Security Unit – a group comprising of The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ontario Provincial Police, Canadian Forces, Toronto Police Service, Peel Regional Police and other security and law enforcement officials.

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is working with the Integrated Security Unit to provide expert advice on ensuring the safety of motorists throughout the summits. MTO will also provide extensive signage to notify motorists of the anticipated impacts.

Significant traffic delays can be expected on specific roadways and motorists are strongly encouraged to consider alternative transportation routes and options during the Summit meetings. We recognize the impact this will have on highway users and realize the importance of sharing the following information with you directly.

G8 Summit in Huntsville

Highway 60 will be restricted, allowing access only to accredited persons from Wednesday June 23rd to Saturday June 26th. The extent of restriction will be from Deerhurst Drive/Canal Road easterly to just west of Hidden Valley Road.

For the G8 Summit in Huntsville, the Integrated Security Unit has identified alternate routes for motorists and these are available at <http://www.g8-g20isu.ca/g8/commun-eng.htm>

G20 Summit Toronto

Expect closures and restrictions on the highways and roadways in and around Toronto from Thursday June 24th to Sunday June 27th due to G20 security operations. These measures will have a significant impact on traffic flow on the Gardiner Expressway, QEW, Highway 427, Highway 401, the Don Valley Parkway and connecting arterial roads. In addition, people living, working or traveling to and from Lester B. Pearson International Airport, should expect significant traffic delays.

These closures will affect inbound traffic into downtown Toronto on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and outbound traffic on Sunday.

More detailed information on G20 related traffic disruptions and closures, including the downtown core, are available at <http://www.g8-g20isu.ca/g20/traff-circ-eng.htm>

Attached you will find Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and a map of the G20 Summit Toronto Area Highway Traffic Impacts to assist in alternate route planning and in sharing this information with your members, partners and stakeholders.

If you have any questions regarding the information we've provided, please contact Chris Davies in my office at (905) 704-3171.

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