

# Critical Roadway Expansion Needs County of Essex – Essex, ON

## What We are Requesting

- \$500 million in funding over the next five years.
  - \$105 Million - Grade separated interchange at the intersection of County Road 19 (Manning Road) and County Road 22 (E.C. Row Expressway).
  - \$105 Million - Grade separated interchange at the intersection of Lesperance Road and County Road 22 (E.C. Row Expressway).
  - \$77 Million – Grade separated interchange at the surface railway crossing of County Road 19 (Manning Road) at the CP Rail tracks.
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  - \$36 Million - Extension of Lauzon Parkway from Highway 401 to Highway 3. This project will be undertaken in sync with the MTO approved Windsor extension of Lauzon Parkway from County Road 42 (Division Road) to Highway 401.
  - \$100 Million to widen County Road 19 (Manning Road) to four lanes from Jamsyl Drive to County Road 42.

## Why We are Making this Request

- The Province in partnership with the Federal Government, the County of Essex, and the City of Windsor have come together with unprecedented economic development to create tens of thousands of jobs in Essex-Windsor Region, including:
  - 5-Billion NextStar Energy electric vehicle battery plant
  - \$2-Billion Essex-Windsor Regional Hospital
  - \$6.4-Billion Gordie Howe International Bridge border crossing
- All these projects demand new roadway infrastructure to support their success and provide the required access to area businesses.
- All projects listed above are critical roadway upgrades required to accommodate the dramatic traffic and population increases associated with these unprecedented investments.
- Environmental Assessments have already been completed which outline these requirements.
- If funding is approved we can begin construction by 2025.

## What is Essex County Doing?

- The County is attempting to provide the required upgrades to the surrounding roadway network through property taxes on County of Essex residents.
- We are unable to fund these historic transportation upgrades without assistance from our Provincial partner.
- Currently we are spending \$30 Million/year upgrading the County of Essex road network to support these investments without any Provincial or Federal support to date.

## What is the Outcome of the “Do Nothing” Option?

- All identified roads will operate at a failure level causing traffic gridlock and undermining the ability of people and goods to get to and from the battery plant, the new regional hospital, and the new international border crossing, thereby stunting their potential economic impact.
- We will have 5 lane cross section roads reducing to 2 lane cross section surface railway crossings at two locations.
- We will continue to have a restricted access to the 401 and with County Roads abruptly stopping at grade intersections operated by local traffic signals.

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**Image 2: CR 22 at Lesperance Rd. restricted access 400 series style Expressway abruptly stopping at, at grade intersection operated by local traffic signals.**



**Image 3: Current roadway expansion under construction by the County of Essex. CR 43 will upgrade a rural 2 lane cross section into a 4-lane cross section leading to the \$5 Billion Nextstar Battery plant.**

