

= Ontario Highway 412 =

King 's Highway 412 , or simply Highway 412 , is a tolled controlled @-@ access highway in the Canadian province of Ontario . The route is approximately 10 km (6 @.@ 2 mi) long , connecting Highway 401 with the eastern extension of Highway 407 . The route lies entirely within Whitby in the Regional Municipality of Durham , travelling within one kilometre of the border between Whitby and Ajax and Pickering (Lake Ridge Road) .

During planning , the route was known as the West Durham Link . Its designation as Highway 412 , the first new 400 @-@ series designation in several decades , was confirmed along with Highway 418 on February 6 , 2015 . Although initially planned to open in October 2015 , the opening was delayed until June 20 , 2016 . Highway 412 opened alongside the extension of Highway 407 (Highway 407E) from Brock Road in Pickering to Harmony Road in Oshawa . The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) announced that the route would be free to travel until 2017 to make up for delays .

= = Route description = =

Highway 412 is a 10 @-@ kilometre (6 @.@ 2 mi) four @-@ lane highway extending from Highway 401 to Highway 407E , just north of Highway 7 . The entire length of the route lay between Lakeridge Road and Coronation Road , within Whitby . At the southern end , the route begins at a three @-@ level stack interchange with a realigned Highway 401 , from which it proceeds north . It crosses Dundas Street (former Highway 2) , where a partial interchange provides access to the north and from the south .

North of Dundas Street , the route swerves westward onto the alignment of Halls Road and crosses Rossland Road ; a future interchange is planned at this location . It continues north to a planned interchange with Taunton Road before diverging east from the Halls Road alignment to travel parallel between it and Coronation Road . The route crosses Highway 7 (Winchester Road) , where a partial interchange provides southbound access and a northbound exit ; a commuter carpool parking lot lay on the northwest corner . Immediately north of Highway 7 , the route ends at a three @-@ level stack interchange with Highway 407E .

= = History = =

The West Durham Link , as it was then known , was first presented to Whitby Council on February 10 , 1992 . It quickly drew the ire of local residents fearful of noise levels and the environmental effects on Lynde Creek . However , the recession of the mid @-@ 1990s resulted in Highway 407 being truncated in Markham temporarily . Slightly revised plans for the links appeared on the June 2007 Technically Recommended Route Report for the extension of Highway 407 to Highway 35 / 115 , which was submitted as part of the environmental assessment (EA) for the extension , but had been announced earlier that year on March 7 by the Government of Canada , as part of an investment in Greater Toronto Area infrastructure .

The EA report was released on August 17 , 2009 , including detailed plans for the configuration of the interchanges along the new highway . The route will run parallel to and east of Lake Ridge Road , partially overlapping the current route of Halls Road and partially along a new alignment one lot to the east . Both Halls Road and Coronation Road will be re @-@ aligned to accommodate the new highway . It will be six lanes throughout its length , with a concrete Ontario Tall Wall as a median . Highway 412 will cut into Lynde Creek , a small waterway that flows out to Lake Ontario .

Construction was underway by late 2013 . On February 6 , 2015 , it was announced by the MTO that the West Durham Link would be designated Highway 412 . Whitby Town Council has recommended to the province the route be named after Jim Flaherty .

Although initially expected to be completed on December 18 , 2015 , delays resulted in the opening being postponed until June 2016 . The highway was opened , alongside Highway 407E between Brock Road in Pickering and Harmony Road in Oshawa , on June 20 , 2016 .

= = Exit list = =

The following are the exits listed in the 407 East Environmental Assessment Report . Official lengths are not yet available . The entire route lies within Whitby in the Regional Municipality of Durham .