

Firm picked to design Airport Road widening

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AECOM Canada Limited has been given the job to do the engineering services and details design work for the planned widening of Airport Road.

Peel Regional council recently went along with the staff recommendation without comment.

AECOM was one of five companies that responded for a request for proposals sent out by the Region, and their bid, at a little more than \$2.34 million, was the lowest.

The plan is to widen the road from a point one kilometre north of Mayfield Road to 600 metres north of King Street.

Regional staff pointed out the road is a two-lane major north-south arterial road that has been experiencing growth pressures. Peel's Long Range Transportation Plan, which was updated in 2012, recognized the need for improvements to accommodate future demand.

An environmental assessment was started for the project in 2012. The conclusion was the road should be widened to five lanes with a dedicated left-turn lane, there be two roundabouts (one at old School Road and Healey Road, and the other at King Street), paved shoulders and sidewalks in Sandhill.

The staff report stated the design work should be done in 2018, with construction tentatively slated for 2022.