

Exclusion Zone within the Study Area (Continued)

3. **The SMC truck route policy**

St Marys has developed a truck safety policy for its aggregate operations in Ontario. The policy encourages truck operators to obey all traffic laws, have respect for other motorists, and follow prescribed truck routes. SMC has the right to refuse to load any truck whose operator has violated or disregarded the company's truck safety policy. Communities hosting SMC operations have commented that this policy has been an effective means of ensuring that truck operators respect the rules of the road and utilize only those routes which have been designated for truck traffic. SMC has agreed that it will enter into a suitable binding agreement with the City of Hamilton obligating it to issue and enforce guidelines requiring truck operators to comply fully with the haul route designations arising out of this study.

Based on the three considerations summarized, a preliminary exclusion zone within the study area has been delineated as illustrated on the map on the next board. The commitment is that no quarry haul routes will be identified on any of the roadways within the exclusion zone. The roadways within the exclusion zone are not considered to be necessary for delivery to target markets (with the exception of local deliveries located within the exclusion zone). The roads within the exclusion zone are for the most part not suited for designation as quarry haul routes. SMC will apply its truck safety policy to enforce guidelines prohibiting truck operators from using any roads within the Study Area other than those designated for aggregate use by this study.

