

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
Detail Design and Environmental Assessment for the Replacement of the Choate Road Bridge and
Ganaraska River Bridge on Highway 401, Port Hope, G.W.P. 4068-14-00

THE PROJECT

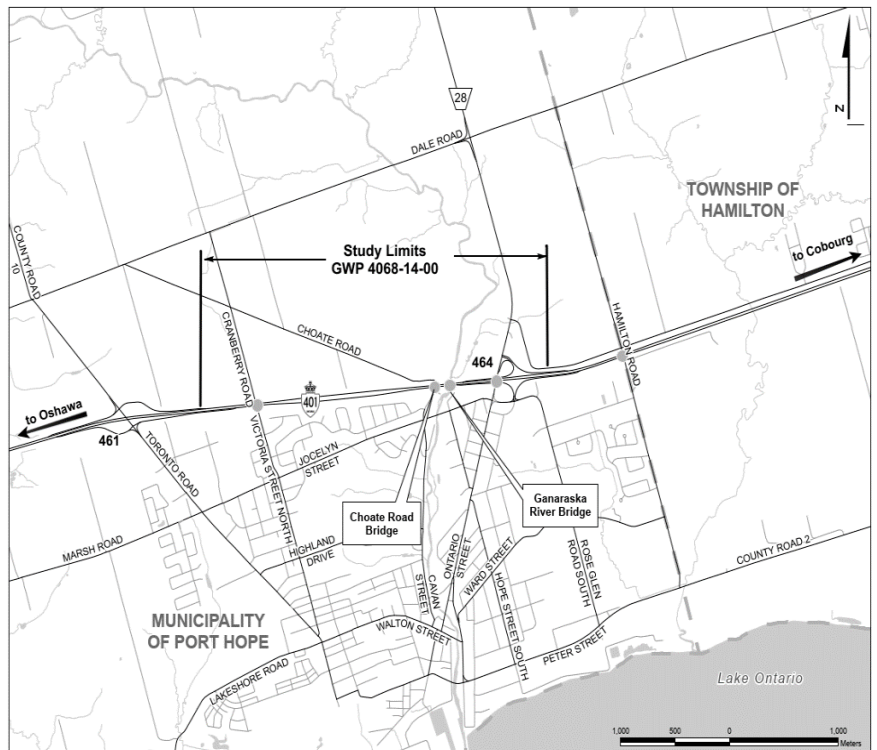
The Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) has retained the services of McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd. and LEA Consulting Ltd. Joint Venture (MP-LEA Joint Venture) to carry out the Detail Design and Environmental Assessment for the replacement of the Choate Road Bridge and Ganaraska River Bridge on Highway 401 within the Municipality of Port Hope, County of Northumberland. The Preliminary Design for Choate Road and Ganaraska River bridge was completed in 2022 under G.W.P. 4005-17-00.

This study will focus on the Detail Design of the replacement of Choate Road and Ganaraska River Bridges on Highway 401 which are approaching the end of their service lives. The purpose of this notice is to introduce the project and invite interested stakeholders to participate in an online Public Information Centre (PIC).

THE PROCESS

The Detail Design is following the approved planning process for a Group B project under the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000), with opportunity for public input throughout.

At the completion of the study, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared. The DCR will document the existing environmental conditions of the study area, design features of the Recommended Plan, staging and detours, impacts and mitigation measures, and the consultation summary. Throughout the study information will be regularly updated on the project website www.Hwy401PortHopeEA.com. Notification advising of the publishing of the DCR for a 30-day public comment period, will be advertised in the local newspaper and sent to the project mailing list.



ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

An online Public Information Centre (PIC) will present the study process, design, environmental mitigation, and construction staging. The online PIC will be available for a 30-day comment period from **July 5, 2023 to August 4, 2023**.

To view the PIC materials and provide comments, please visit www.Hwy401PortHopeEA.com under the Public Involvement tab for the Detail Design (GWP 4068-14-00), click the link for the Online Public Information Centre. Hard copies of the PIC materials can be made available upon request.

COMMENTS

You are encouraged to visit the project website regularly, where project information including study notices, background information, PIC displays, and the DCR will be made available and updated as the study progresses. If you would like your name added to the project mailing list please contact one of the project members below or submit a comment through the project website. All comments received will be reviewed by the project team and if requested a response will be provided.

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Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. All information/comments received will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in the study documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above.