

Notice of Study Commencement

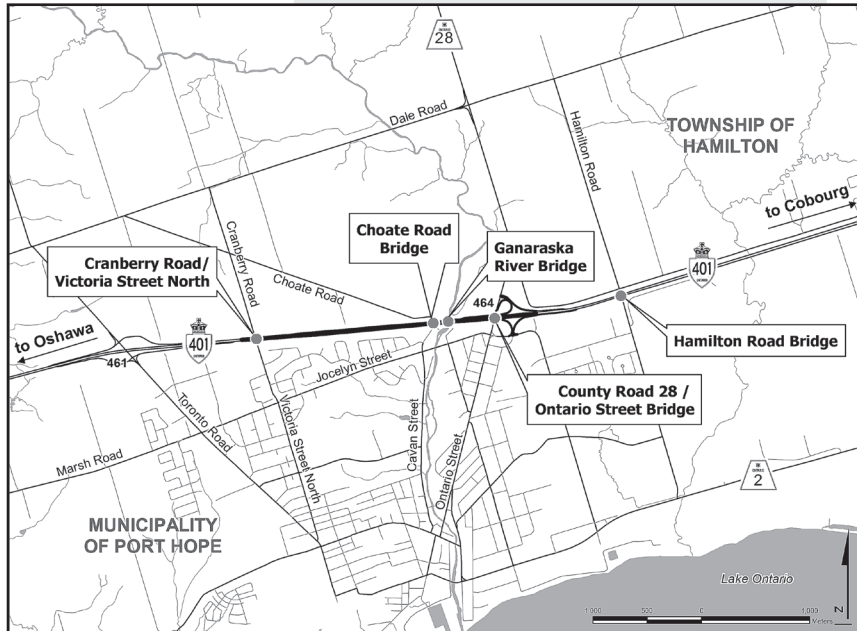
Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment for Highway 401 from Cranberry Road to Hamilton Road, Port Hope, G.W.P. 4005-17-00

THE PROJECT

The **Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) Eastern Region** has retained the services of **McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd.** and **LEA Consulting Ltd. Joint Venture (MP-LEA Joint Venture)** to carry out the Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment for Highway 401 from 500 m west of Cranberry Road to Hamilton Road within the Municipality of Port Hope, County of Northumberland.

This study will focus on determining the structural needs of bridges within the study area that are approaching the end of their service life. The study also includes:

- The staging requirements and impacts of the rehabilitation/replacement of the Choate Road Bridge and the Ganaraska River Bridge, including establishing the eight (8) and ten (10) lane future footprint for Highway 401 from Cranberry Road Bridge to County Road 28 (Ontario Street) interchange.
- Interchange improvements at County Road 28 (Ontario Street) and Highway 401, for both interim and future operational needs, including possible re-location; and
- Other structural improvements at the Hamilton Road and Cranberry Road Bridges including establishing the eight (8) and ten (10) lane future footprint of Highway 401.



THE PROCESS

The Preliminary Design is following the approved planning process for a Group B project under the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. Alternatives will be generated and evaluated based on technical and environmental factors. Consultation will take place throughout the study. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held for the project to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to view project materials and provide comments.

Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared. The TESR will document the existing conditions of the study area, the evaluation of the alternatives, and identify the preferred plan and commitments to future work. Throughout the study information will be regularly updated on the project website www.Hwy401PortHopeEA.com. Notifications advising of the PICs and the availability of the TESR during the 30-day review period, will be advertised in local newspapers and sent to the project mailing list.

COMMENTS

We encourage you to contact one of the following project team members if you have any comments, questions or concerns regarding this project or would like your name added to the project mailing list:

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You are encouraged to visit the project website, where project information including study notices, background information, PIC displays, and the TESR will be made available and updated as the study progresses. You can also submit comments to the project team through the project website.

All information/comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments become part of the public record.

If you have accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above.