

Notice of Study Completion

Study #1 (G.W.P. 4005-17-00) Highway 401 from Cranberry Road to County Road 28 (Ontario Street) Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment

THE PROJECT

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** 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 Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Highway 401 from 500m west of Cranberry Road to 450m east of County Road 28, including the Cranberry Road bridge, Choate Road bridge, Ganaraska River bridge, Hamilton Road bridge and County Road 28 (Ontario Street) Interchange in Port Hope. The initial study has been divided into two separate studies.

STUDY # 1 GWP 4005-17-00 includes structural needs of 3 bridges (Cranberry Road Bridge, Choate Road Bridge and Ganaraska River Bridge) and establishing the eight (8) and ten (10) lane future footprint of Highway 401 from 500m west of Cranberry Road to 450m east of County Road 28 (Ontario Street).

STUDY #2 GWP 4010-21-00 includes future operational long-term needs at the County Road 28 (Ontario Street) interchange, and structural needs of 2 bridges (County Road 28 Bridge and Hamilton Road Bridge).

THE PROCESS

This project was carried out in accordance with the approved environmental planning process for projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) for a Group "B" project, with the opportunity for public input throughout the project.

The Preliminary Design for **Study #1** has been completed and a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared and made available for public comment. The TESR documents the existing conditions; transportation opportunities; consultation undertaken; generation, assessment and evaluation of alternatives; the recommended plan; and a summary of environmental issues, potential mitigation measures and commitments to future works.

The purpose of this Notice is to inform the public that the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) for **Study #1** has been prepared and will be available from **March 31st, 2022 to April 30th, 2022** for a 30-day public comment period. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the TESR is available electronically on the project website at www.Hwy401PortHopeEA.com. Hard copies of the TESR are also available upon request.

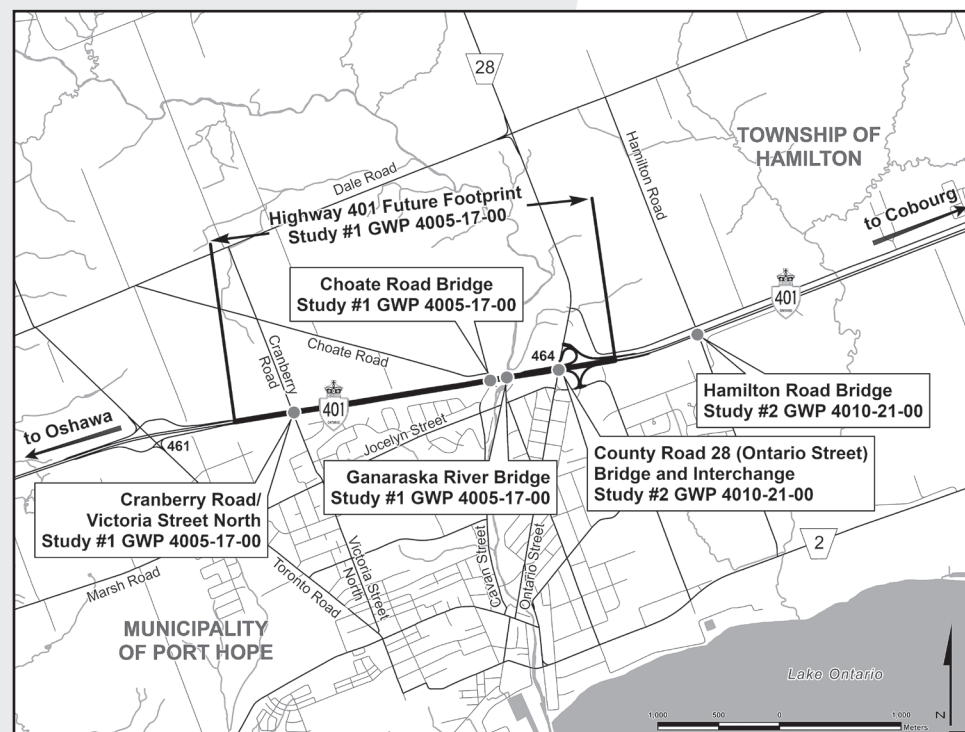
COMMENTS

Interested persons may provide written comments to the Consultant Project Manager or MTO Project Manager listed below by **April 30th, 2022**.

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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only



on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by e-mail to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor, Toronto, ON M7A 1P5
e-mail: Minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5
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Requests should also be sent to the Consultant Project Manager and MTO Project Manager by mail or email.

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will 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.

THIS NOTICE ISSUED MARCH 31ST, 2022.