

Notice of Online Public Information Centre #1 for Study #2 (GWP 4010-21-00)

Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment for Highway 401 from County Road 28 (Ontario Street) to Hamilton Road, Port Hope

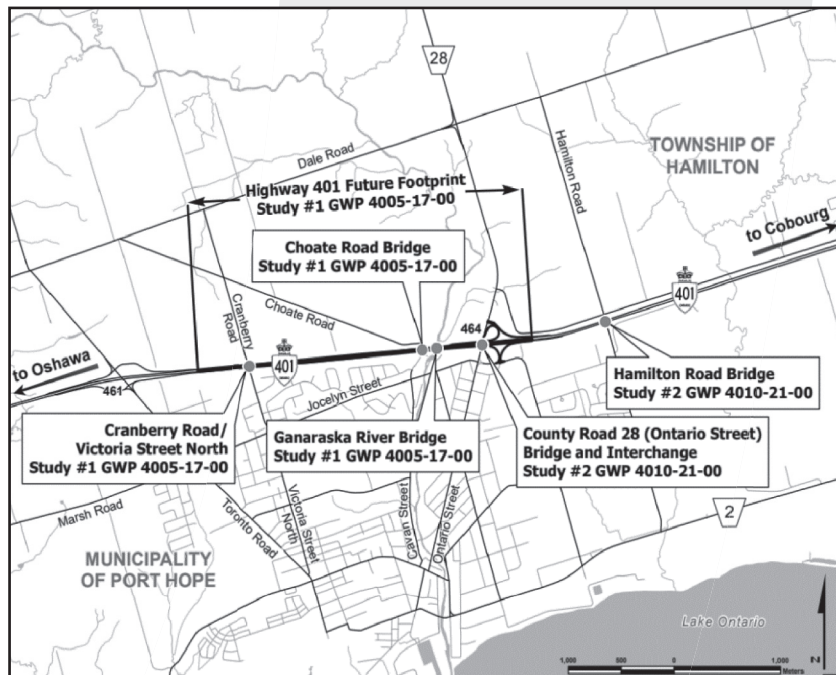
BACKGROUND

The **Ministry of Transportation (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 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 purpose of this notice is to invite interested stakeholders to participate in an online Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 for Study #2 (GWP 4010-21-00).



ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

An online Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held for Study # 2 (GWP 4010-21-00) to present the study process, outline the existing conditions/findings, and receive input on the proposed design alternatives that have been generated for the study area. The online PIC will be available for a 30-day comment period from November 3, 2022 to December 3, 2022.

To view the PIC materials and provide comments, please visit www.Hwy401PortHopeEA.com. Under the Public Involvement tab for Study #2 (GWP 4010-21-00), click the link for Online Public Information Centre. Hard copies of the PIC materials are also available upon request.

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). 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.

COMMENTS

All comments received during this period will be reviewed by the project team following the conclusion of the online PIC, and if requested a response will be provided. Comments will be received through the website or can be submitted to the contacts below.

If you would like your name added to the project mailing list, please contact one of the project members or submit a comment through the project website.

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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.