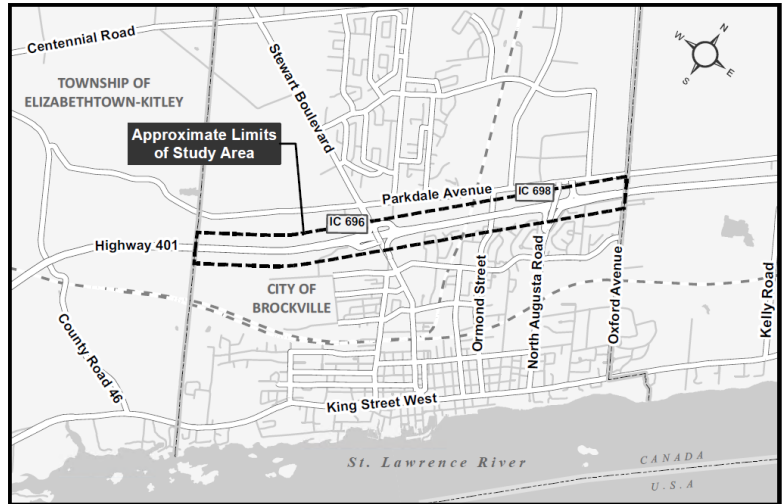




NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT PLANNING, PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT Highway 401 Planning Study, Brockville, GWP 4003-19-00

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study on Highway 401 for the rehabilitation and/or replacement of structures; interchange modifications; and establishing the footprint of future six and eight lanes, to address current and future transportation needs, from 2 km west of Stewart Boulevard to 750 m east of Augusta Road, a length of approximately 4.5 km within the City of Brockville.



THE PROCESS

This study is a “Group B” project under the Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) and includes undertaking environmental and engineering field investigations; and seeking input from the public, local municipalities, external ministries/agencies, businesses and Indigenous communities. This study will also include reviewing existing conditions, developing and evaluating alternatives, identifying appropriate improvements, and developing environmental protection / mitigation measures. A Recommended Plan will be confirmed and designated (protected) at the completion of the study.

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned as part of this study. In addition, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for 30-day public review period upon completion of preliminary design. Notices of these key study milestones will be published in local newspapers and sent to the study mailing list.

COMMENTS

You are encouraged to participate in the study and to provide comments in writing to the study team. If you wish to have your name added to the study mailing list or have questions about the study, please contact:

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You are encouraged to visit the study website, www.highway401brockville.ca, where study information including notices, background information, PIC displays, and the TESR will be made available for review as the study progresses. You can also submit comments to the study team on the study website.

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

Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.