

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Highway 400 North Canal Overpass Structure Replacement Study (GWP 2005-11-00)

THE PROJECT

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** is undertaking the Preliminary Design and the initiation of Detail Design for the replacement of the Highway 400 bridges over the North Canal of the Holland Marsh in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, County of Simcoe, as shown on the key plan. Subject to the outcome of the study, the Ministry is proposing the following:

- Replacement of the Highway 400 North Canal Bridges;
- Realignment of the North Canal within the MTO right-of-way;
- Rehabilitation; replacement; or removal of the Holland (Schomberg) River Culvert under Highway 400;
- Minor realignment of Wist Road, Davis Road, and Canal Road to accommodate the new bridges; and
- Closure of the Highway 400 Canal Road Ramps.

THE PROCESS

This study is being carried out in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (1999, amended 2000) as a 'Group B' undertaking. The MTO completed a Preliminary Design Study for the rehabilitation of these bridges as part of a

larger study that included the future expansion of Highway 400. The study was documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) that received environmental clearance in 2004. Since 2004, there have been changes in the study area, including the realignment of the North Canal and updated information about the condition of the bridges. As part of this study, a TESR Addendum will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period. Notices will be published at that time to explain the process and identify the locations where the TESR Addendum is available for review.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The public is invited to attend a Public Information Centre (PIC) for this project. The purpose of the PIC is to present and receive input on the design details of the proposed Highway 400 bridge replacements over the North Canal and the associated road improvements, including information on construction staging, potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures. The PIC will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2016
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: BWG Leisure Centre
471 West Park Ave., Bradford, ON

This PIC is planned as an informal drop-in style, open house format. Representatives from the MTO and Stantec will be available to answer questions, receive comments and discuss the next steps in this project. You are encouraged to attend the PIC and provide the Project Team with your views and comments so that they can be considered as the project progresses.

COMMENTS

Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Additional information, updates, and the opportunity to submit comments is available through the project website: www.hwy400ncanalbridges.ca; by email: comments@hwy400ncanalbridges.ca or by contacting one of the following individuals:

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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 will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in the project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

