

## THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking a *Class Environmental Assessment (EA)* study for 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.

Subject to the outcome of the study, the Ministry is proposing the following improvements:

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

## THE PROCESS

This study is being carried out in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* as a 'Group B' undertaking. MTO completed a Preliminary Design Study for the rehabilitation of these bridges as part of a larger study that included the future expansion of the highway. The study was documented in a *Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR)* that received environmental clearance in the Winter of 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. These changes led to the initiation of this study. As part of this study, a TESR Addendum will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) for this project is currently scheduled for the Spring of 2015 to display and seek input on the proposed improvements.

## COMMENTS

Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the Ministry of Transportation 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. 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.

Additional information, updates, and the opportunity to submit comments is available through the project website:  
[www.hwy400ncanalbridges.ca](http://www.hwy400ncanalbridges.ca).

If you wish to comment on this project, have your name added to the project mailing list, or have any questions about this project, please contact one of the individuals identified below:

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