

About the Study

This is a Class Environmental Assessment study, classified as a Group 'B' project.

It will update engineering and environmental work completed during the initial 2004 Preliminary Design Study. The initial Preliminary Design Study was completed as part of a larger study which included the future expansion of Highway 400. The study was documented in a report¹ which 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. These changes led to the initiation of this study.

1. Highway 400 Planning Study from the South Canal Bridge Northerly to 1 km South of Highway 89 Transportation Environmental Study Report, 2004



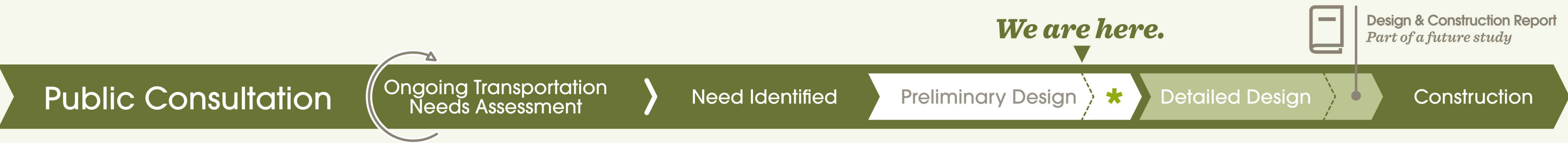
The Class Environmental Assessment Process

is an approved process for highway planning, design, and construction projects. The study is following the Group 'B' process which is completed for major improvements to existing provincial transportation facilities.

At the end of the study a *Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) Addendum* will be filed for a 30-day Public Review Period. Revisions to the 2004 TERS recommendations for each design element will be highlighted in the TERS Addendum, which will summarize the following:

- Major features of the proposed work
- Updated existing conditions in the study area
- A full description of the consultation program
- Identification of all approvals, licenses, and permits that have been, or must be obtained
- Environmental impacts, mitigation and commitments to future work and future consultation

The Class Environmental Assessment Process for Group 'B' Projects



Environmental Assessment Process for the Current Study

