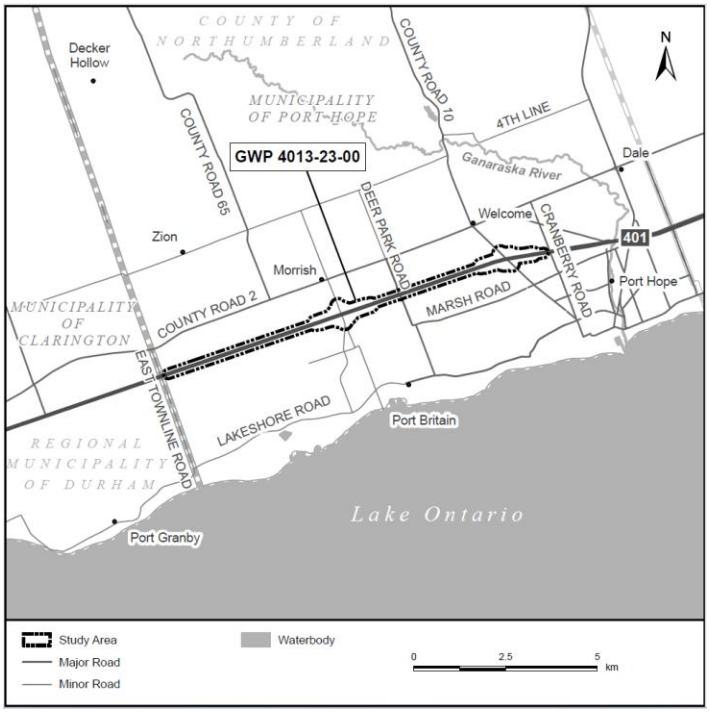
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 1
PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Highway 401 East Townline Road to Cranberry Road, GWP 4013-23-00

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to undertake a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study on Highway 401 for the replacement of three bridges and two structural culverts, determining the long-term interchange configurations at Wesleyville Road and County Road 2 (Toronto Road) and identifying the future Highway 401 footprint for an interim eight-lane and ultimate ten-lane cross-section. The study area is located from 100 metres east of East Townline Road to 100 metres west of Cranberry Road for a total length of approximately 11 kilometres, in the Municipality of Port Hope and Northumberland County.



The purpose of the study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs in the study area as part of the Ministry's ongoing review of safety and operational needs for the provincial highway network.

THE PROCESS

This study is a "Group B" project under the *Class Environmental Assessment* (EA) *for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways* (2024) and includes undertaking environmental and engineering field investigations and seeking input from Indigenous communities, the public, stakeholders, municipalities and government agencies. This study will include reviewing existing conditions, developing and evaluating alternatives, identifying appropriate improvements, and developing environmental protection / mitigation measures. At the completion of the study, a Recommended Plan for Highway 401 will be confirmed. Upon completion of preliminary design, a *Transportation Environmental Study Report* (TESR) will be prepared and made available for public comment. Notices will be published in local newspapers to advise the public of the TESR public comment period.

Once a Technically Preferred Alternative has been identified, the Ministry of Transportation may designate lands as highway and acquire property prior to EA process completion. A designation enables the Ministry to provide route/corridor protection through the application of development control measures along the corridor and in the vicinity of the designated lands. For more information about highway corridor management, please visit: https://www.ontario.ca/page/highway-corridor-management.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 1

Public Information Centres (PICs) provide individuals, organizations, and Indigenous communities an opportunity to share information and seek input regarding the project and the alternatives being considered. The first PIC has been arranged to present the existing conditions, need and justification, the preliminary list of alternatives, the evaluation criteria which will be used to assess the alternatives, and the study process and next steps. A second PIC will be held later in the study to present the evaluation of alternatives, preferred plan, and associated potential impacts and preliminary proposed mitigation measures.

PIC #1 will be held as a drop-in style, open house format. Representatives of the project team will be in attendance to answer questions and receive comments. We encourage interested persons to attend to obtain more information and provide comments, so your concerns can be addressed as the study progresses. The information presented at the PIC will also be available on the project website following the PIC. PIC #1 will be held as follows:

Date: November 3, 2026
Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Location: Jack Burger Sports Complex, 60 Highland Drive, Port Hope, Ontario

COMMENTS

Additional details will be available on the project website, **www.hwy401easttownlinetocranberry.ca.** We encourage you to participate in the study and to provide comments through the website or by contacting the project team members listed below. If you have questions about the study or would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

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If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project 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.