

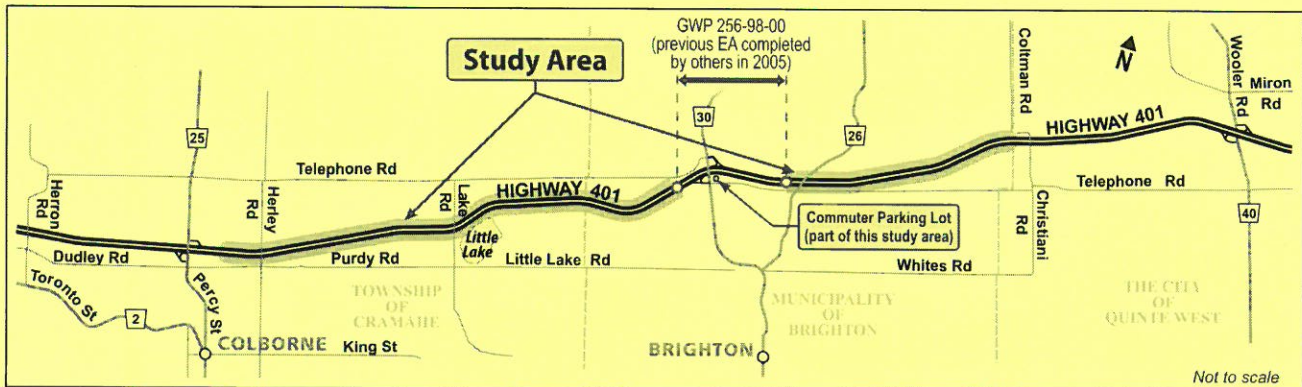
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

PRELIMINARY DESIGN STUDY AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT HIGHWAY 401 PLANNING STUDY FROM COLBORNE TO BRIGHTON (GWP 4054-17-00)

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained WSP Canada Inc. (WSP) to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study on Highway 401 for the replacement and rehabilitation of structures, establishing the future Highway 401 footprint for an interim six lanes and ultimate eight lanes to address current and future transportation needs, and commuter parking lot improvements from 0.8 km east of Percy Street to 0.4 km west of Christiani Road. The approximate length of the study area is 16 km.

This study includes reviewing existing conditions, developing and evaluating alternatives, identifying appropriate improvements, developing environmental protection/mitigation measures, and seeking input from the public, local municipalities, external ministries/agencies, and businesses. The preferred plan will be confirmed and designated (protected) at the completion of the study.



THE PROCESS

This study will follow the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.

Upon completion of preliminary design, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day comment period. The TESR will document the existing conditions, transportation opportunities, consultation undertaken, generation, assessment and evaluation of alternatives, the recommended plan, and a summary of environmental issues, potential mitigation measures and commitments to future work. The Notice of Completion will be advertised in local newspapers, posted on the project website, and sent to the project mailing list.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public Information Centres (PICs) provide the community an opportunity to share information and seek input regarding the project and the alternatives being considered. The first Public Information Centre (PIC) for this project was published online on April 21, 2021, and comments were requested by May 21, 2021.

A second PIC is being held to present the evaluation of alternatives and the preferred plan, along with the anticipated environmental impacts and proposed mitigation strategies. PIC #2 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 #2 will be held as follows:

Date: May 31st, 2023
 Location: Keeler Centre (80 Division St., Colborne, ON K0K 1S0)
 Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

COMMENTS

If you wish to obtain additional information about the project, be added to the project mailing list to receive future project notifications, or submit comments, please visit the project website at www.highway401colbornebrighton.ca or contact one of the Project Team members listed below:

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order 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*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.