

Notice of Online Public Information Centre #1 and Notice of Study Update

Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment for Highway 401 from Cranberry Road to County Road 28 (Ontario Street), Port Hope

BACKGROUND / STUDY UPDATE

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** and **McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd. and LEA Consulting Ltd. Joint Venture (MP-LEA Joint Venture)** initiated a preliminary design study in June 2020 (GWP 4005-17-00) focusing on the structural needs of five bridges (Cranberry Road, Choate Road, Ganaraska River, County Road 28 and Hamilton Road) including interchange improvements at County Road 28 (Ontario Street) and establishing the eight (8) and ten (10) lane future footprint of Highway 401 from 500m west of Cranberry Road to 450m east of County Road 28 (Ontario Street). The initial study has been divided into two separate studies.

STUDY #1 GWP 4005-17-00 includes structural needs of 3 bridges (Cranberry Road Bridge, Choate Road Bridge and Ganaraska River Bridge) and establishing the eight (8) and ten (10) lane future footprint of Highway 401 from 500m west of Cranberry Road to 450m east of County Road 28 (Ontario Street).

STUDY #2 GWP 4010-21-00 includes future operational long term needs at the County Road 28 (Ontario Street) interchange, and structural needs of 2 bridges (County Road 28 Bridge and Hamilton Road Bridge). Study #2 will be presented as part of a separate consultation process. **The purpose of this notice is to introduce the separate studies and invite interested stakeholders to participate in an online Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 for Study #1 (GWP 4005-17-00).**

ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

An online Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held for Study #1 (GWP 4005-17-00) to present the study process, outline the existing conditions / findings, and receive input on the proposed design alternatives that have been generated for the study area. The online PIC will be available for a 30-day review and comment period from August 5 to September 2, 2021.

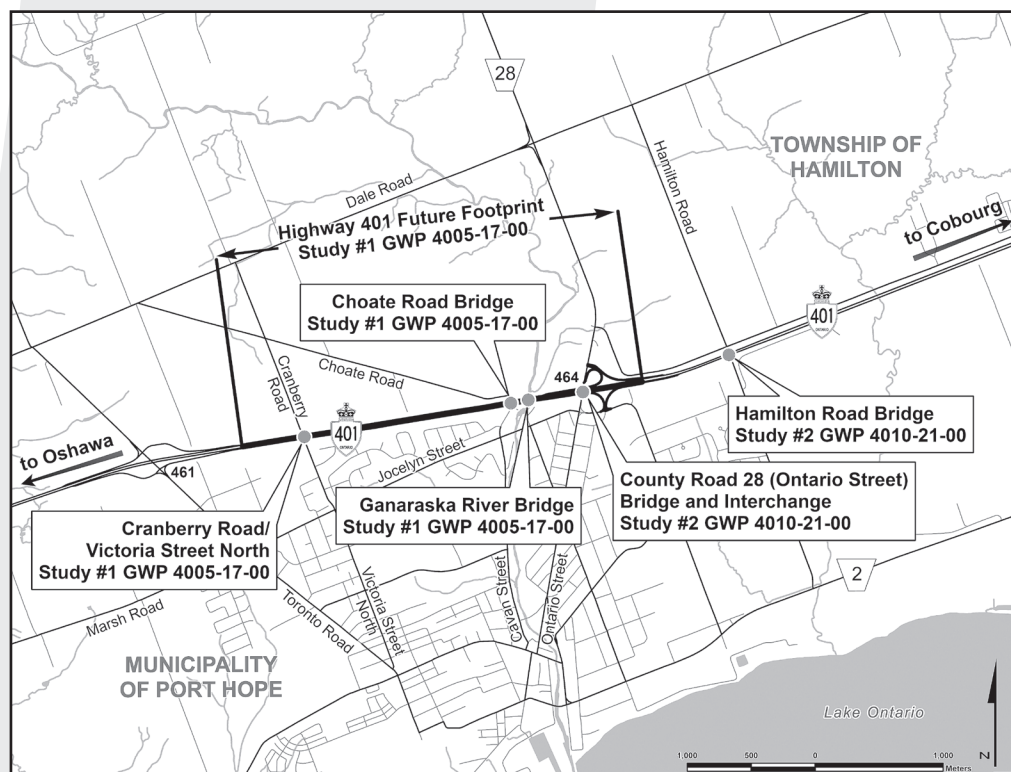
To view the PIC materials and provide comments, please visit **www.Hwy401PortHopeEA.com**. Under the Public Involvement tab for Study #1 (GWP 4005-17-00), click the link for Online Public Information Centre. Hard copies of the PIC materials are also available upon request.

THE PROCESS

The Preliminary Design is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared. The TESR will document the existing conditions of the study area, the evaluation of the alternatives, and identify the preferred plan and commitments to future work.

COMMENTS

All comments received during this period will be reviewed by the project team following the conclusion of the online PIC, and if requested a response will be provided. Comments will be received through the website or can be submitted to the contacts below.



If you would like your name added to the project mailing list please contact one of the project members or submit a comment through the project website.

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Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. All information/comments received will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in the study documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above.