

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study on Highway 401 for the replacement and rehabilitation of bridges and culverts, interchange modifications, and identifying the future Highway 401 footprint for an interim six lanes and ultimate eight lanes, from 0.4 km west of Christiani Road to 1 km west of Wallbridge Loyalist Road (approximately 20 km). 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.

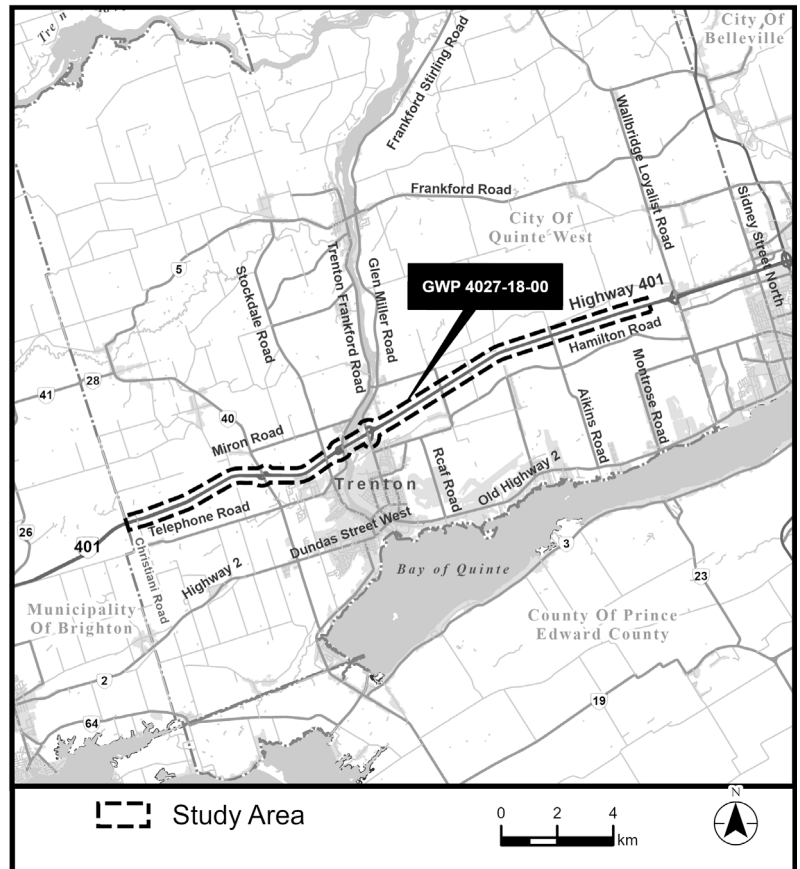
THE PROCESS

This study was originally initiated under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) in 2022, prior to the establishment of the 2024 Class EA, which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for provincial transportation projects of a defined scope and magnitude. This project will continue to follow the 2000 Class EA process as a "Group B" project and includes undertaking environmental and engineering field investigations and seeking input from Indigenous communities, the public, stakeholders, municipalities and government agencies. Upon completion of Preliminary Design, the project team will prepare a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) and issue a Notice of Completion.

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 2

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 was held on February 22, 2024 to present the study background, existing study area conditions, preliminary alternatives, the evaluation process, and next steps in the Class EA process. The second PIC has been arranged to present and seek input on the evaluation of alternatives, the preliminary preferred plan, and the preliminary anticipated environmental impacts and mitigation measures. 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: November 5, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: Duncan McDonald Memorial Community Gardens – Duncan Auditorium 8 Couch Crescent, Trenton, ON K8V 1H4

COMMENTS

Additional details will be available on the project website, www.hwy401quintewest.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 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. 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. Pour obtenir des renseignements en français, composer le 1-(905)-381-3224 (Tim Belliveau), Courriel: tim.belliveau@stantec.com.