

NOTICE OF TRANSITION

Highway 401 and Bloomfield Road Interchange Improvements (GWP 3117-18-00) Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

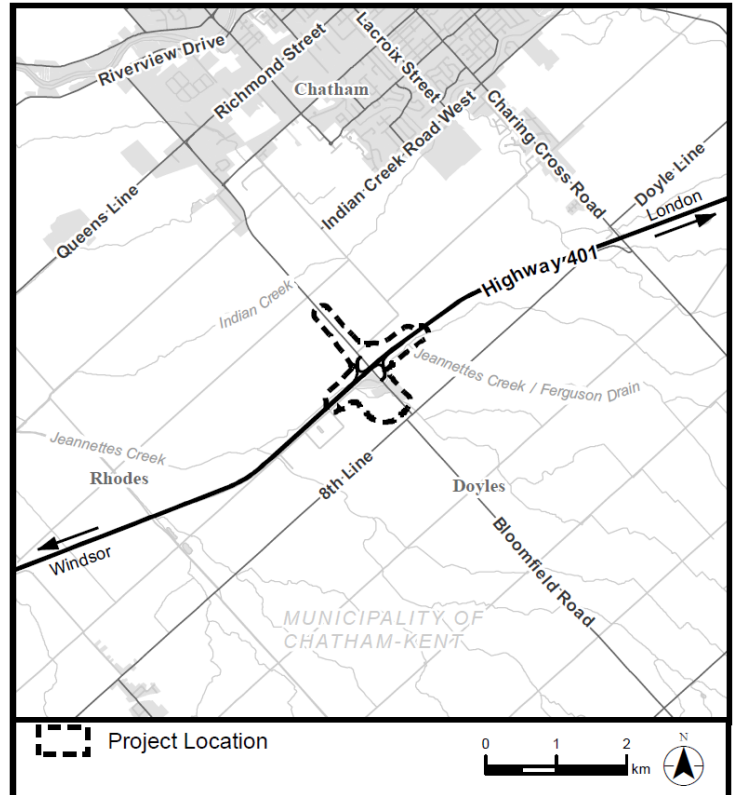
THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to complete the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for improvements to the Highway 401 and Bloomfield Road Interchange (GWP 3117-18-00).

THE PROCESS

This project is being undertaken as a Group 'B' project under the *Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) and includes the following proposed improvements:

- Reconfiguration of the Highway 401 and Bloomfield Road Interchange to a Parclo A2 interchange configuration
- Replacement of Bloomfield Road Underpass and Jeanettes Creek Bridge on Bloomfield Road
- Construction of a new bridge over Flook and Hinton Drain at the Highway 401 eastbound off-ramp
- Realignment of Seventh Line West, including removal of the Flook and Hinton Drain Bridge on Seventh Line West, construction of a new carpool lot, and a new connection to Bloomfield Road



THE TRANSITION

Following the 30-day comment period (**November 7 to December 7, 2024**), this notice informs stakeholders, the public, and Indigenous communities of the decision by MTO to transition the project to follow the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways* (2024). All comments from the Proposed Transition period have been thoroughly reviewed by the project team, and no concerns with the transition have been identified.

The decision to transition is based on a thorough evaluation of the project's needs and the benefits of the amended Class EA process. Transitioning to the new Class EA process will improve the planning process of projects beyond the Preliminary Design stage, bringing MTO into alignment with best practices observed in other Class EA frameworks. Transitioning from the requirements of the 2000 Class EA to the 2024 Class EA reflects a commitment to optimizing the assessment process by removing redundancies and expediting project planning to facilitate a more streamlined implementation process.

A Transition Record of Consultation has been compiled, documenting comments received during the 30-day comment period, along with responses and details of any meetings. The Record of Consultation is available on the project website. Commitments made during the Preliminary Design

phase will be addressed as the project progresses through the design process. Project information will continue to be posted on the project website and opportunities for public consultation are ongoing.

Information on the project, such as study notices, background information, and additional design related information, including the 2024 Class EA process, can be found at www.hwy401bloomfield.ca.

COMMENTS

If you have any comments or questions about this notice, or have questions about the study, please contact one of the following project team members:

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All media inquiries shall be directed to MTO's Communications Branch at (416) 327-1158 or mto.media@ontario.ca.

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.

This notice was first issued on **January 23, 2025**.