

NOTICE OF PROPOSED 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:

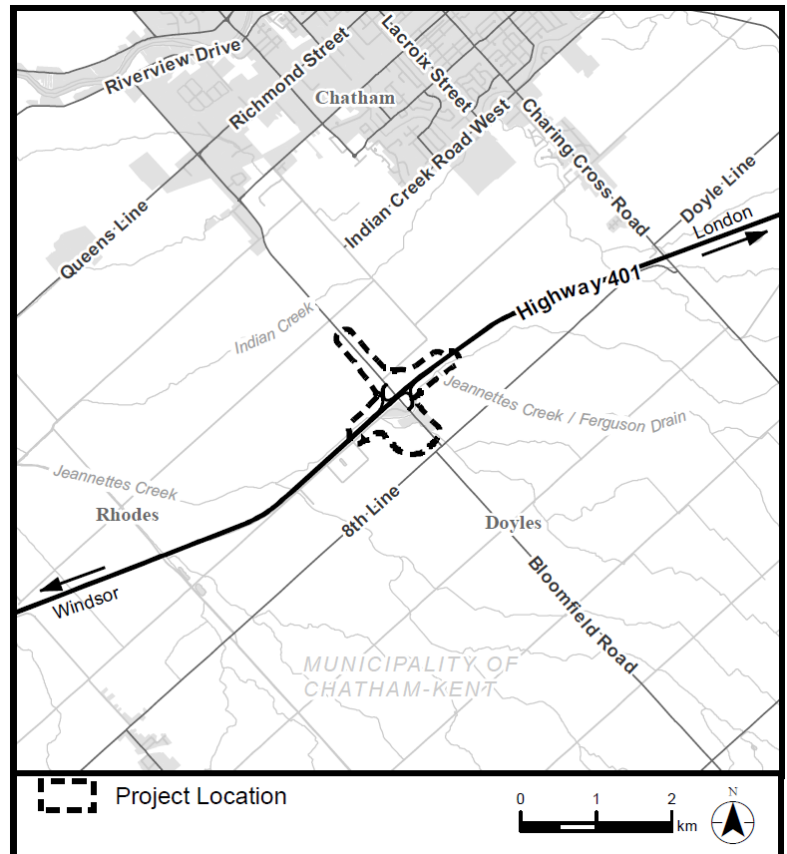
- Reconfiguration of the Highway 401 and Bloomfield Road Interchange to a Parclo A2 interchange configuration
- Replacement of Bloomfield Road Underpass and Jeanettes Creek Bridge on Bloomfield Road
- Construction of a new bridge over Flook and Hinton Drain at the Highway 401 eastbound off-ramp
- Realignment 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

PROPOSED TRANSITION

This notice is being issued to inform interested stakeholders, members of the public, and Indigenous communities of the intent to transition this project to the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways* (2024). 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. 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 will continue through Detail Design.

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.

The public comment period associated with the proposed transition is available between **Thursday, November 7, 2024**, and **Saturday, December 7, 2024**.



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.

REQUESTS TO THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND PARKS

In addition, a request may be made to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester's contact information and full name.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to the following as well as to the project contacts above:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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