

Notice of Study Commencement

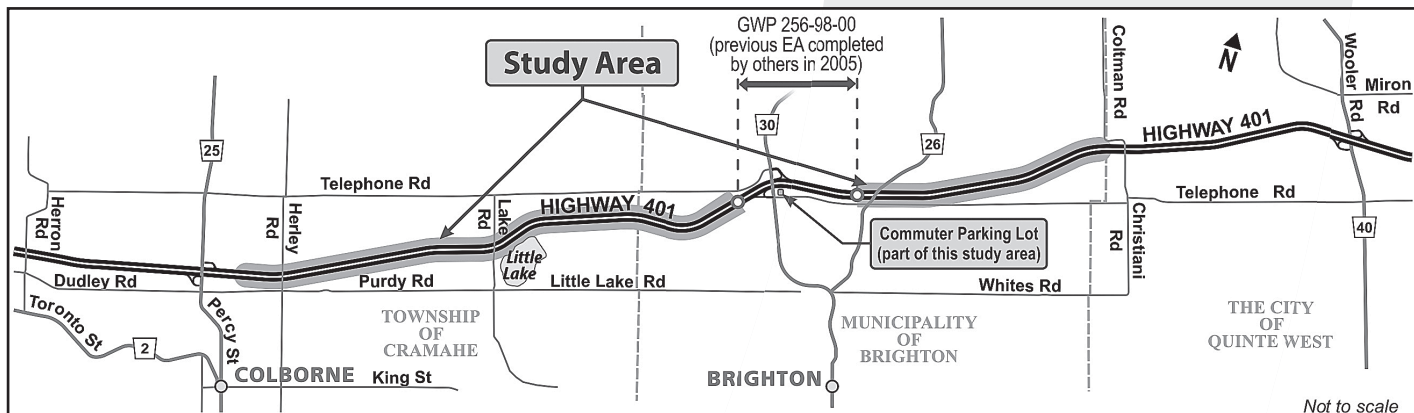
Preliminary Design Study and Class Environmental Assessment

Highway 401 Planning Study from Colborne to Brighton (GWP 4054-17-00)

THE STUDY

The **Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP Canada Group Limited** 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 will include reviewing existing conditions, developing and evaluating alternatives, identifying appropriate improvements, and developing environmental protection/mitigation measures. A Recommended Plan will be confirmed and designated (protected) at the completion of the study.



THE PROCESS

This study is a "Group B" project under the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* and includes undertaking environmental and engineering field investigations and seeking input from the public, local municipalities, external ministries/agencies, and businesses. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned, and notices of the PICs will be advertised in local newspapers, posted on the project website, and sent to the project mailing list.

Upon completion of preliminary design, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period. Notices will be published in local newspapers, posted on the project website, and sent to the project mailing list to advise the public of the TESR public review period.

CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS

You are encouraged to participate in the study and to provide comments in writing to the Project Team. If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list or have any comments, questions or concerns about the study, please contact one of the following Project Team members:

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You are encouraged to visit the project website, www.highway401colbornebrighton.ca, where project information including study notices, background information, PIC displays, and the TESR will be made available as the study progresses. You can also submit comments and questions to the Project Team on the project website.

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.