

APPENDIX P

Study Notification Materials

Notice of Study Commencement

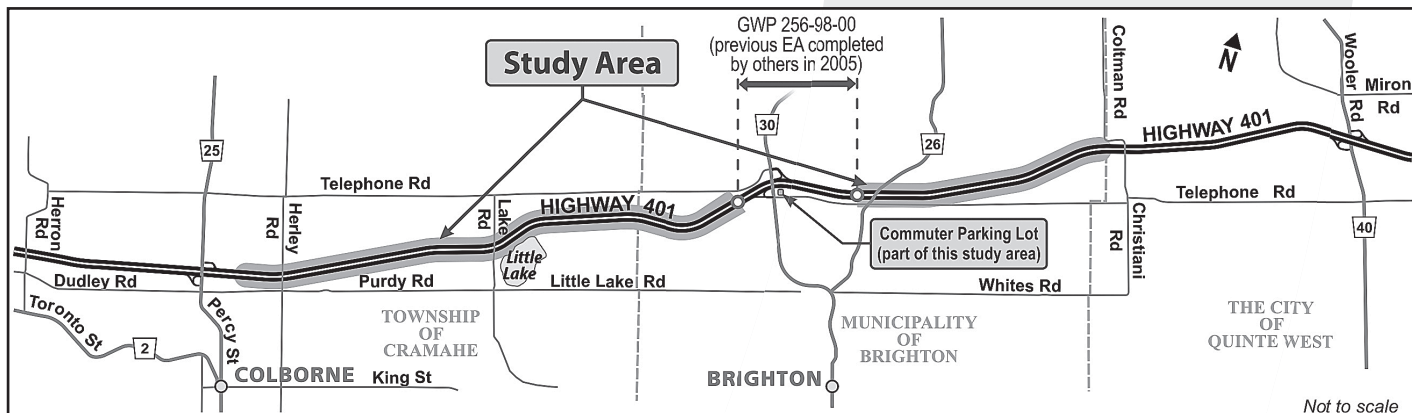
Preliminary Design Study and Class Environmental Assessment

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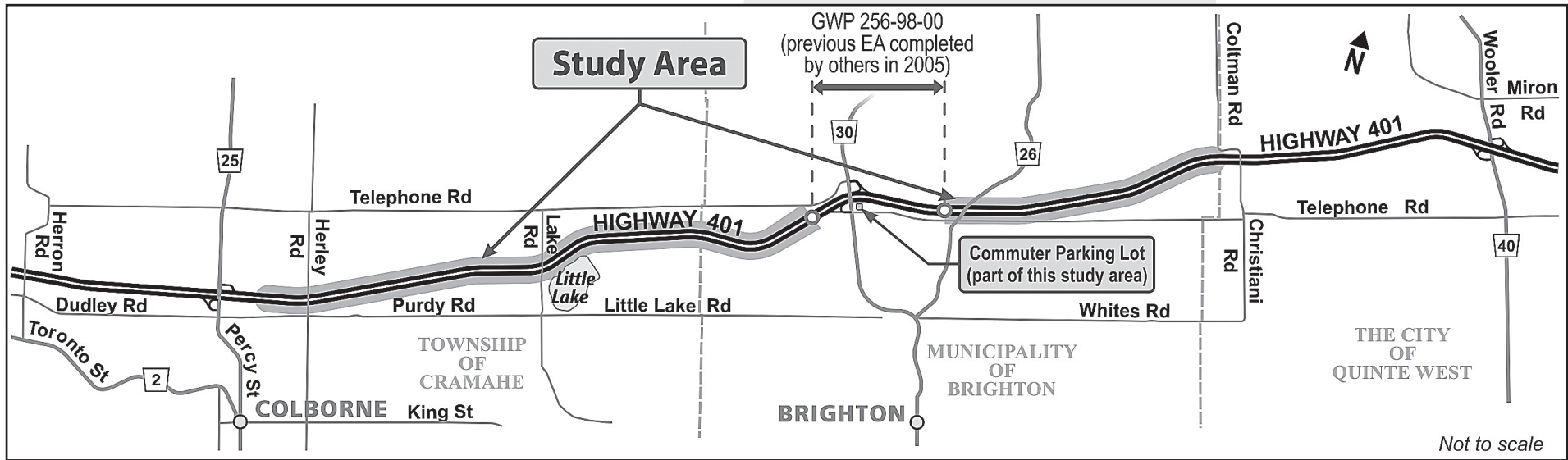
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You are encouraged to visit the project website, www.highway401colbornebrighton.ca, where project information including study notices, background information, PIC displays, and the TERS will be made available as the study progresses. You can also submit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

Notice of Online Public Information Centre

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THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP Canada Inc. (WSP)** to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study on Highway 401 for the replacement/rehabilitation of bridges and structural culverts, 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. The preferred plan will be confirmed and designated (protected) at the completion of the study.

THE PROCESS

This study will follow the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.

Upon completion of preliminary design, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period. The TESR will document the existing conditions, transportation opportunities, consultation undertaken, generation, assessment and evaluation of alternatives, the preferred plan, and a summary of environmental issues, potential mitigation measures and commitments to future works. The Notice of TESR Submission for public review will be advertised in local newspapers, posted on the project website, and sent to the project mailing list.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public Information Centres (PICs) provide the community an opportunity to share information and seek input regarding the project and the alternatives being considered. The first of two Public Information Centres (PIC #1) is being held online through the project website. The purpose of PIC #1 is to present the existing conditions, need and justification, the preliminary list of alternatives, the evaluation criteria which will be used to assess the alternatives, and the study process and next steps. A second PIC will be held later in the study to present the

preferred plan, summary of environmental issues and potential mitigation measures and commitments to future work. In light of COVID-19 and associated physical distancing requirements for the foreseeable future, PIC #1 will be hosted online.

The PIC #1 materials including a recorded presentation will be posted on the project website (www.highway401colbornebrighton.ca) starting **April 21, 2021**.

The Project Team welcomes your input and you are encouraged to review the PIC #1 materials and provide any comments or questions to the Project Team via the project website or via email to the Project Team members listed below by **May 21, 2021**.

If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list, have any additional comments or questions, and/or are unable to access the online PIC #1 materials provided on the project website, please contact one of the following Project Team members below:

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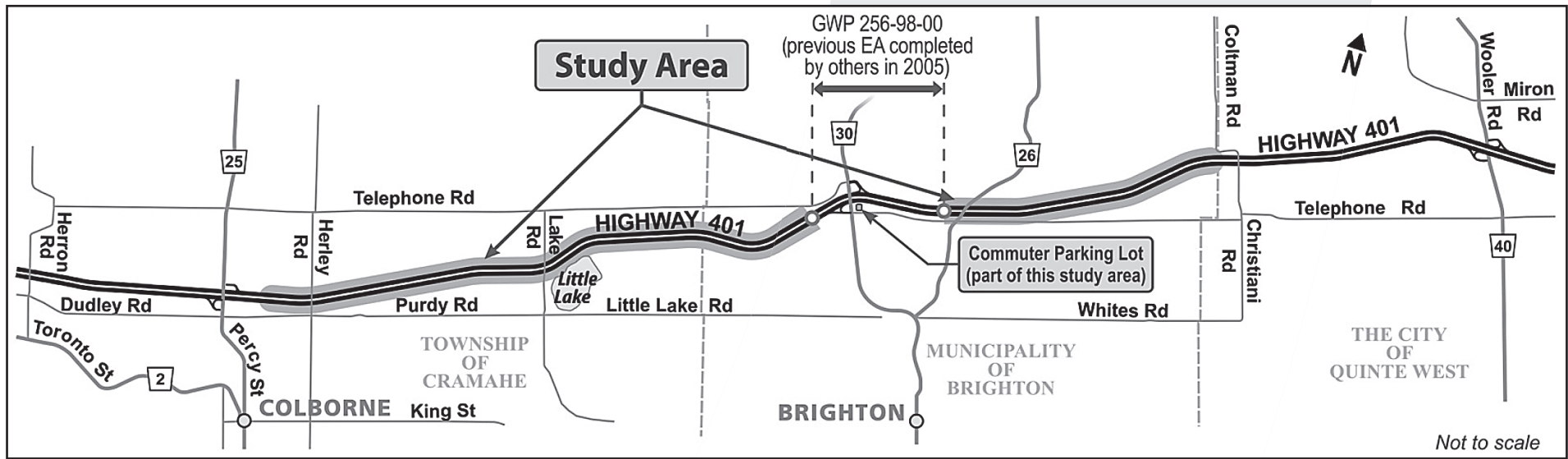
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Notice of Public Information Centre #2

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This study includes reviewing existing conditions, developing and evaluating alternatives, identifying appropriate improvements, developing environmental protection/mitigation measures, and seeking input from the public, local municipalities, external ministries/agencies, and businesses. The preferred plan will be confirmed and designated (protected) at the completion of the study.

THE PROCESS

This study will follow the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.

Upon completion of preliminary design, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day comment period. The TESR will document the existing conditions, transportation opportunities, consultation undertaken, generation, assessment and evaluation of alternatives, the recommended plan, and a summary of environmental issues, potential mitigation measures and commitments to future work. The Notice of Completion will be advertised in local newspapers, posted on the project website, and sent to the project mailing list.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public Information Centres (PICs) provide the community an opportunity to share information and seek input regarding the project and the alternatives being considered. The first Public Information Centre (PIC) for this project was published online on April 21, 2021, and comments were requested by May 21, 2021.

A second PIC is being held to present the evaluation of alternatives and the preferred plan, along with the anticipated environmental impacts and proposed mitigation strategies. 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: May 31st, 2023

Location: Keeler Centre (80 Division St., Colborne, ON K0K 1S0)

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

COMMENTS

If you wish to obtain additional information about the project, be added to the project mailing list to receive future project notifications, or submit comments, please visit the project website at www.highway401colbornebrighton.ca or contact one of the Project Team members listed below:

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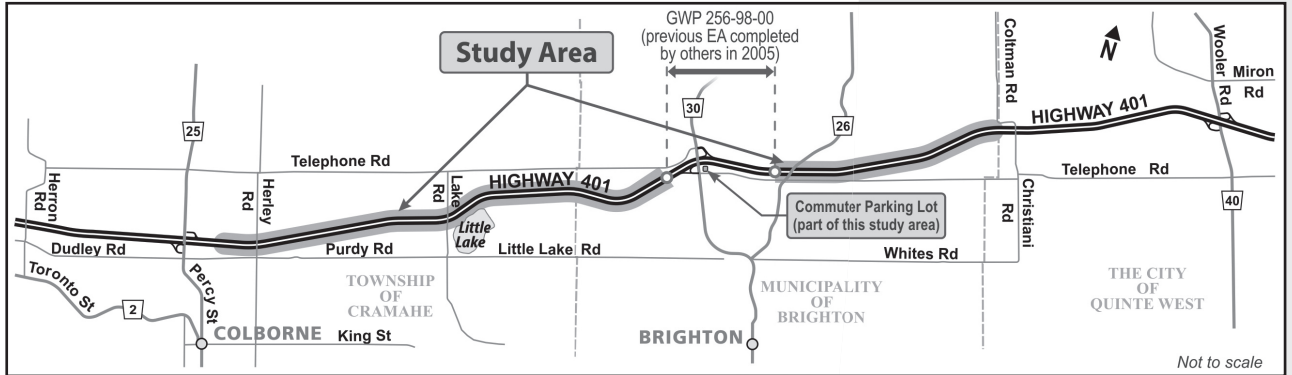
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THE PROCESS

This study followed the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. The preliminary design has been completed and a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared and made available for a comment period. The TESR documents the existing conditions; transportation opportunities; consultation undertaken; generation, assessment and evaluation of alternatives; the recommended plan; and a summary of environmental issues, potential mitigation measures and commitments to future works.

The TESR is available for a 45-day comment period from **December 18, 2023 to February 1, 2024** on the project website at www.highway401colbornebrighton.ca and can be reviewed at the following locations during normal hours of operation:

Cramahe Township Public Library – Colborne Branch
6 King Street West
Colborne, ON K0K 1S0

Brighton Town Hall / Brighton Public Library
35 Alice Street
Brighton, ON K0K 1H0

The Township of Cramahe Town Hall
1 Toronto Street
Colborne, ON K0K 1S0

COMMENTS

We are interested in any comments or concerns you may have regarding the TESR and study. Please submit your comments and/or concerns to one of the individuals listed below by **February 1, 2024**.

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In addition, individuals may submit a request to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies). This request can only be submitted on the grounds that the 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 contact information and full name for the ministry.

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 those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to Darren Cizmar, Project Engineer and:

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