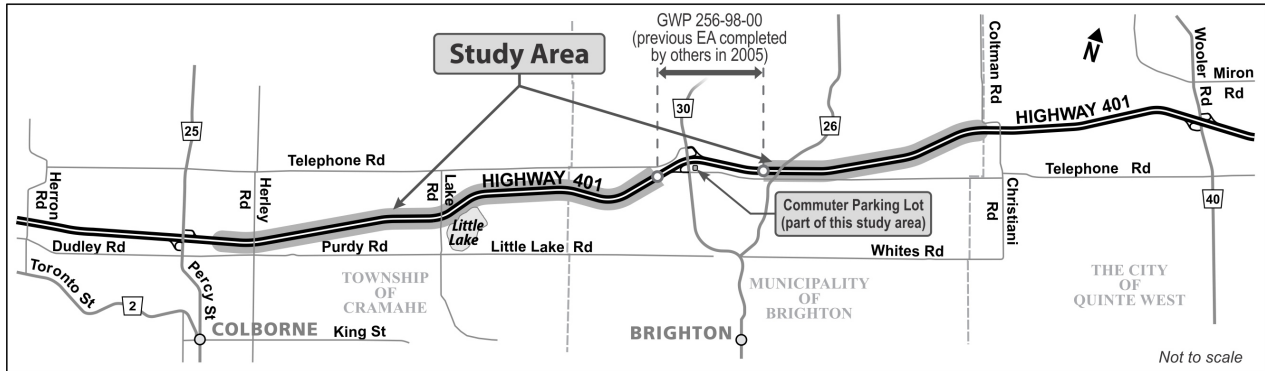


NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

PRELIMINARY DESIGN STUDY AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT HIGHWAY 401 PLANNING STUDY FROM COLBORNE TO BRIGHTON (GWP 4054-17-00)

THE STUDY

The **Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO)** has retained **WSP Canada Inc.** 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.



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

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

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

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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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.