

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

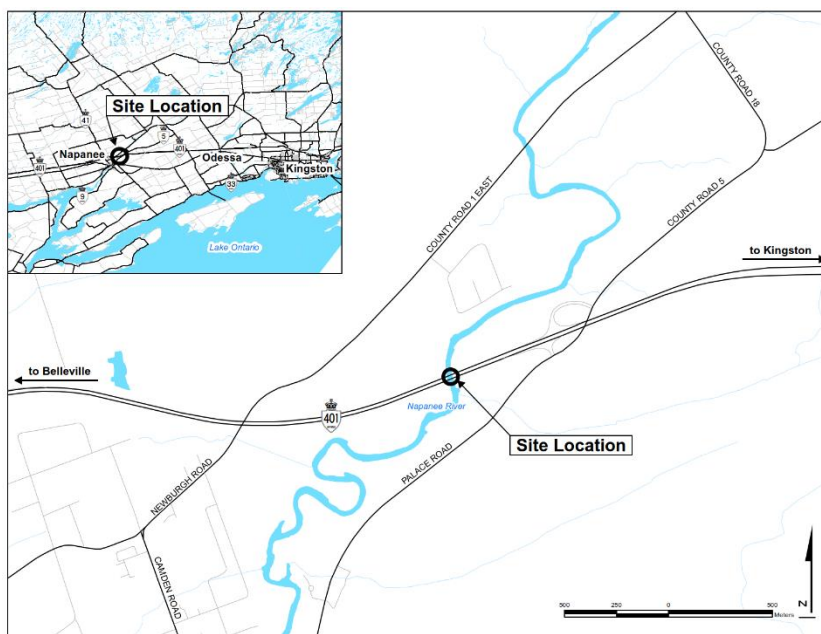
Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment for the Highway 401 Napanee River Bridge (G.W.P. 4197-13-00)

THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) Eastern Region has retained the services of McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd. and LEA Consulting Ltd. Joint Venture (MP-LEA Joint Venture) to carry out the Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment for the Napanee River Bridge on Highway 401 (in both the eastbound and westbound directions) and related Highway 401 pavement improvements. The study area is within the Town of Greater Napanee, County of Lennox & Addington. A key map showing the location of the study area is attached. The purpose of the study is to identify the appropriate strategy to rehabilitate or replace the Napanee River Bridge. The study is being undertaken as the bridge is nearing the end of its service life, there are identified drainage deficiencies within the study area and there is a need to establish the footprint of the future six and eight lanes of Highway 401.

THE PROCESS

The Preliminary Design is following the approved planning process for a Group B project under the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000), with opportunity for public input throughout. Consultation, including an online Public Information Centre (PIC) will continue throughout the study and information will be regularly updated on the project website www.401bridgeimprovements.com. A notice for the PIC will be advertised in local newspapers and sent to the project mailing list.



Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared to document the existing environmental conditions, summary of design features, potential impacts of the undertaking, and environmental protection/mitigation measures. The TESR will then be made available for a 30-day public review period once complete. Notices will also be published in the local newspaper(s), and letters will be sent to individuals on the project mailing list at key points throughout the study.

COMMENTS

We encourage you to contact one of the following MTO or McIntosh Perry project team members if you have any comments, questions or concerns regarding this project or would like your name added to the project mailing list:

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You are encouraged to visit the project website, www.401bridgeimprovements.com, 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 to the project team on the project website. We would appreciate receiving any comments or questions you may have regarding the project by **May 28, 2020**.

All information/comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments become part of the public record.

If you have accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above.

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