

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

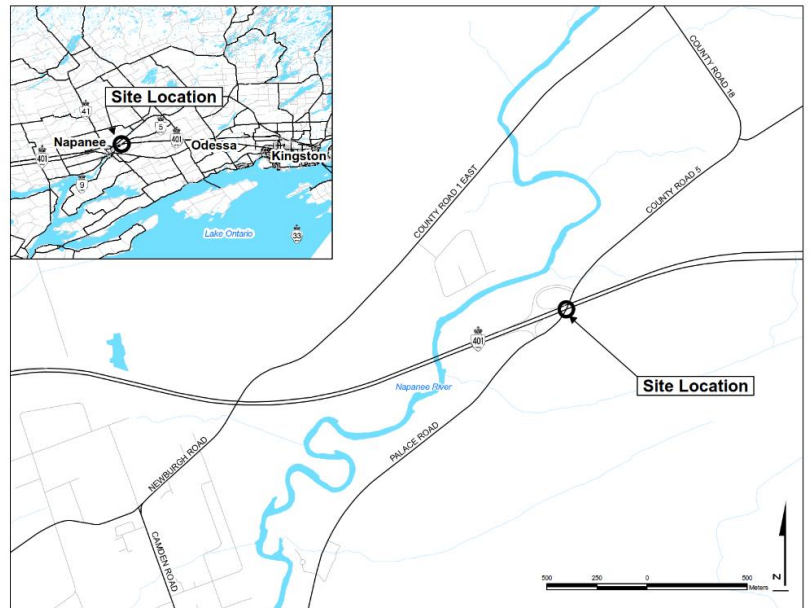
Detailed Design and Environmental Assessment for the Rehabilitation of the Highway 401 Overpasses at Palace Road (G.W.P. 4013-19-00)

THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) Eastern Region has retained the services of McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd. (McIntosh Perry) to carry out the Detailed Design and Environmental Assessment for the rehabilitation of the Palace Road Overpasses (EBL & WBL) on Highway 401, in the Town of Greater Napanee, County of Lennox & Addington. Please note that this project is separate from the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study - Highway 401 Interchange Improvements at Palace Road (G.W.P. 4197-13-00) completed in March 2019. This project involves the rehabilitation of the Highway 401 Overpasses at Palace Road, which is considered to be holding strategy as the work will extend the life of the structures.

THE PROCESS

The detailed design is following an approved planning process under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) for a Group "C" project. This will include an assessment of potential impacts of the overpasses rehabilitation on the study area environment and address any concerns raised during the consultation process. An Environmental Screening Document (ESD) will be prepared detailing the existing biophysical and socio-economic environment, summary of design features, potential impacts of the undertaking, and required mitigation measures. A project webpage has been developed to provide information about the Class EA and detailed design for rehabilitation project works and will include updates as they become available. The website can be accessed at: www.401bridgeimprovements.com. Further notification will be provided to inform the public of an online Public Information Centre (PIC) that will be held to present the study process, approved plan, existing conditions and potential impacts and mitigation, and to receive input from stakeholders.



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:

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We would appreciate receiving any comments or questions you may have regarding the project by February 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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