

Notice of Completion of Transportation Environmental Study Report

Preliminary and Detail Design, and Class Environmental Assessment for the Replacement of the Highway 401 Hallecks Road Underpass (G.W.P. 4076-14-00)

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 Preliminary and Detail Design in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the replacement of the Hallecks Road Underpass on Highway 401 in the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. This project commenced as a Preliminary Design in Spring 2020; however, due to the continued deterioration of the bridge, the project progressed into the Detail Design stage. Based on the current design and anticipated award schedule of the contract, the bridge replacement will be completed during the 2023 construction season.

THE PROCESS

The Class EA considered a number of design and construction alternatives to address the problem. As a result of the evaluation the Technically Preferred Alternative is to replace the bridge on its existing alignment with Hallecks Road traffic being detoured during construction.

This project was carried out in accordance with the approved environmental planning process for projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* for a Group "B" project, with the opportunity for public input throughout the project.

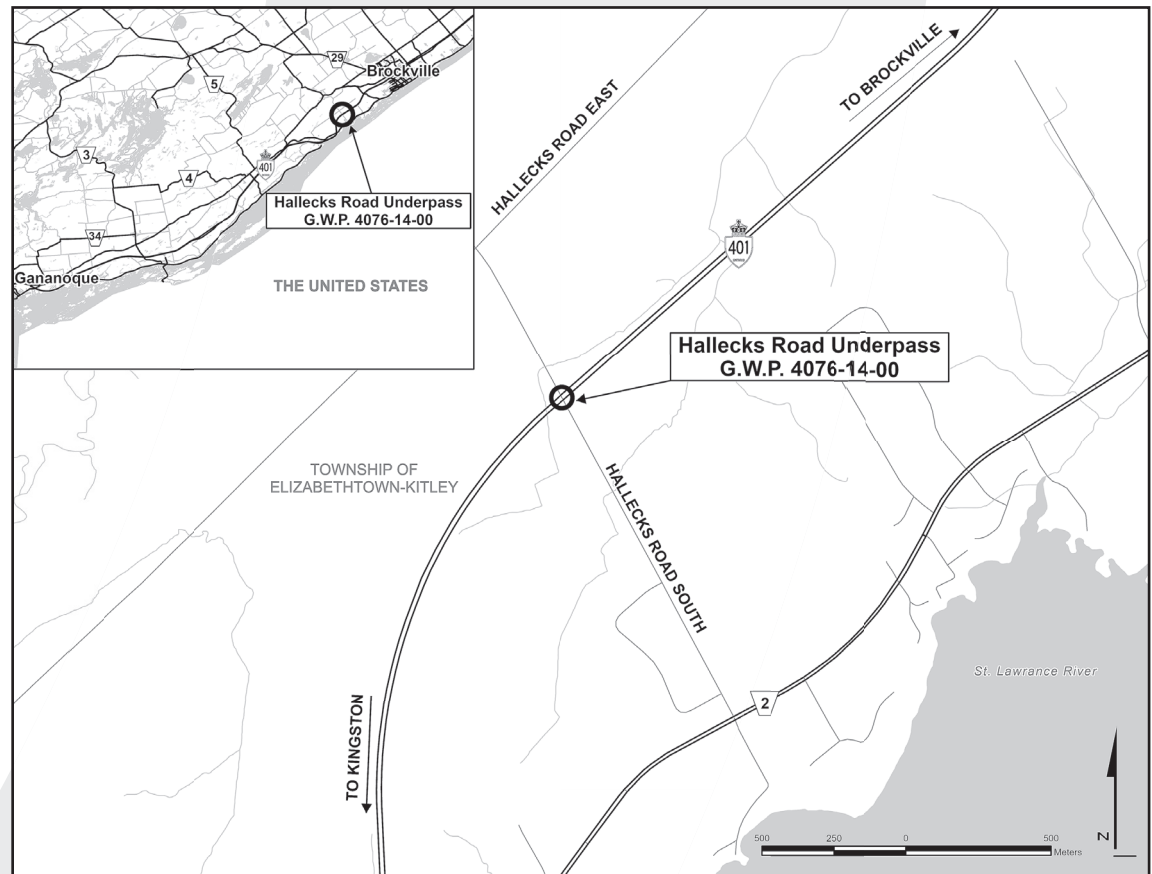
The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared and will be available from January 27, 2022 to February 25, 2022 for a 30-day public comment period. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the TESR is available electronically on the project website at www.401bridgeimprovements.com. Hard copies of the TESR are also available upon request and can be mailed to your address.

COMMENTS

Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by **February 25, 2022**. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to one, or both, of the project team members listed below.

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested 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. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.



The request should be sent in writing or by e-mail to:

Minister of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1P5
e-mail: Minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
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Requests should also be sent to the project team listed below by mail or by e-mail.

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will 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.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant 613 714-4586 (Patrick Leblanc).