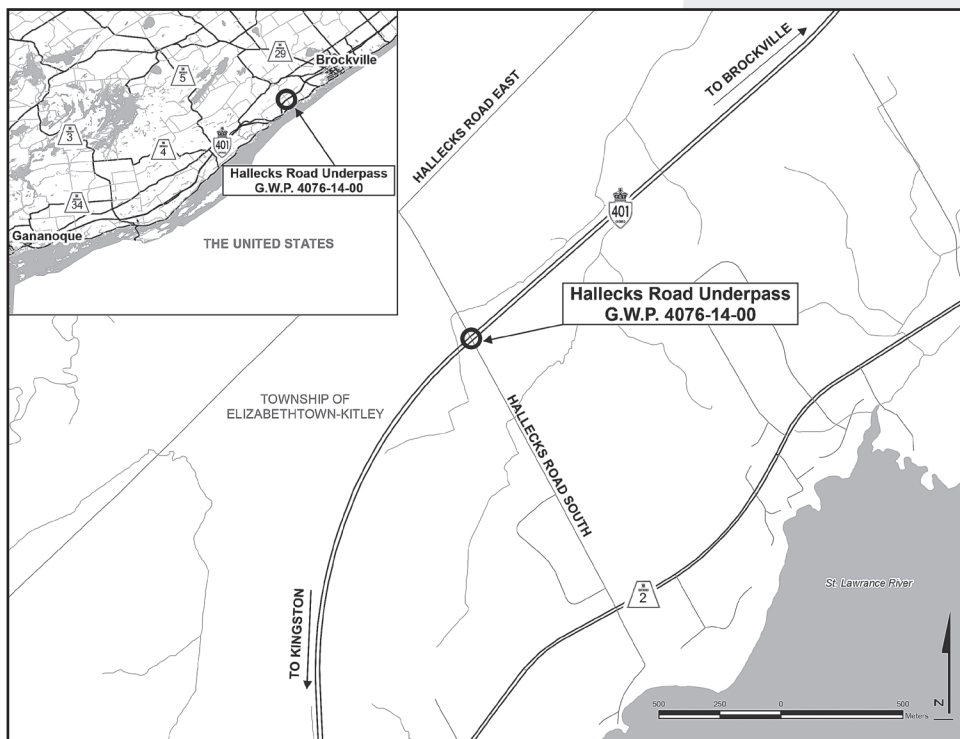


Notice of Study Commencement

Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment for the Replacement of 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 Planning and Preliminary 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.



THE PROCESS

The Planning and Preliminary Design are 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. Public consultation will continue throughout the study, which will be regularly updated on the project website www.401bridgeimprovements.com.

Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared to document the existing environmental conditions, outline the process taken to select the preferred alternative, and describe the preferred alternative, potential impacts, required mitigation, and commitments to future work. The TESR will be filed for a 30-day public review period and posted on the project website. Newspaper notices will be published, letters will be sent to the project mailing list, and the website will be updated to explain the review process and identify locations where a hard copy of the TESR can be reviewed.

COMMENTS

We encourage you to visit the project website at any time during the study for updates on this project. Any comments or questions regarding the Notice of Study Commencement can be directed to one of the following MTO or MP project team members by **July 16, 2020**.

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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.

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

Notice issued on: June 18, 2020