

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
Highway 401 Power Dam Bridge and Interchange Study
Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment
(G.W.P. 4092-19-00)

The Project

Morrison Hershfield Limited has been retained by the **Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** to prepare the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for Highway 401 Power Dam Bridge and Interchange Study. This includes the replacement of Bridge Site 13X-180/BO that carries Power Dam Drive over Highway 401. The Study will also include developing a long-term plan for the interchange and establishing the footprint for the future widening of Highway 401 to six lanes. The project is located in the Township of South Stormont, within the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. The bridge design will consider the future widening of Highway 401, but the EA for the future widening will not be completed as part of this Study.

Highway 401 is a four-lane divided rural freeway at the Power Dam Road interchange. The interchange's current configuration does not allow for all traffic movements on to and off Highway 401. Currently traffic can exit eastbound and enter westbound at this partial interchange. Reasonable alternatives to address the required improvements will be developed and evaluated leading to selection of the Preliminary Preferred Alternative(s) and a Recommended Plan. The proposed bridge replacement will proceed first and interchange improvements will follow at a later date.

The Process

This project has been classified as a Group B undertaking under the MTO Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) with the opportunity for public input throughout. Two Public Information Centres are planned at key milestones during the process and advance notification will be provided. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) for the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment for the project will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public comment period. A Notice of Study Completion (TESR Submission) will be published in local newspapers.

Public Consultation

You are invited to visit the Highway 401 Power Dam Bridge and Interchange Study website. The website was developed as a method to provide opportunities for interested stakeholders to access project information, Study updates and available documents. The website currently provides details on the Study background, purpose and Class EA process. You can access the website at the following address:

www.highway401powerdam.com

Comments

You are encouraged to participate in the Class EA Study and to provide your respective comments in writing (e.g., mail or email) to the Project Team or via the project website. To comment on this project, add your name to the project mailing list, or submit a question upon reviewing the materials provided on the website, please contact either of the Project Team members listed below:

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this Class EA Study, 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*. All information collected will be subject to the provisions and disclosure requirements of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O., 1990, c.F.31*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant le 613-739-2910, ext. 1022292, auprès de Brad Hewton.

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Key Map

