

Notice of Study Completion

Transportation Environmental Study Report

Highway 401 Power Dam Bridge and Interchange Study

Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (G.W.P. 4092-19-00)

THE STUDY

Morrison Hershfield Limited, now Stantec has been retained by the **Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** to prepare the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the Highway 401 Power Dam Bridge Replacement and Interchange modification Study. 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 by one lane in each direction, however the EA for the future widening was not completed as part of this Study.

THE PROJECT

Highway 401, at the Power Dam Road interchange, is a four-lane divided rural freeway. The current interchange configuration is limited, allowing only eastbound traffic to exit and westbound traffic to enter Highway 401 at this partial interchange. The primary focus of the study is the replacement of the Power Dam Drive Bridge. Additionally, the study will consider potential future improvements to the interchange that may be needed over the life of the new structure.

THE RECOMMENDED PLAN

This project involves constructing a new bridge over Highway 401 and a partial interchange that may eventually be expanded in the future to accommodate increasing traffic demand. The new bridge will be built slightly west of the existing structure. The plan will be implemented in phases with an Interim Plan and an Ultimate Plan to address both current and future transportation needs.

In the Interim Plan, the bridge will be constructed in its new location west of the current structure, and the existing ramps connecting Power Dam Drive to westbound Highway 401 and eastbound Highway 401 to Power Dam Drive will be realigned to improve roadway geometry and access. Additional work will include upgrading drainage with new culverts and ditches, improving the grading and alignment of Power Dam Drive, installing new lighting, and restoring landscaping after construction. The Ultimate Plan will expand the partial interchange to a full configuration, completing the remaining ramps and incorporating long-term Highway 401 improvements. Together, these phased improvements will enhance safety, improve traffic flow, and ensure the interchange meets both current and future transportation needs.

THE PROCESS

This project was classified as a Group B undertaking under the MTO Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) with the opportunity for public input throughout. The Preliminary Design has been completed and a Transportation Environmental Study Report has been prepared and made available for public review.

COMMENTS

The TESR is available for a 45-day public comment period from November 27, 2025 to January 11, 2026, on the project website at www.highway401powerdam.com

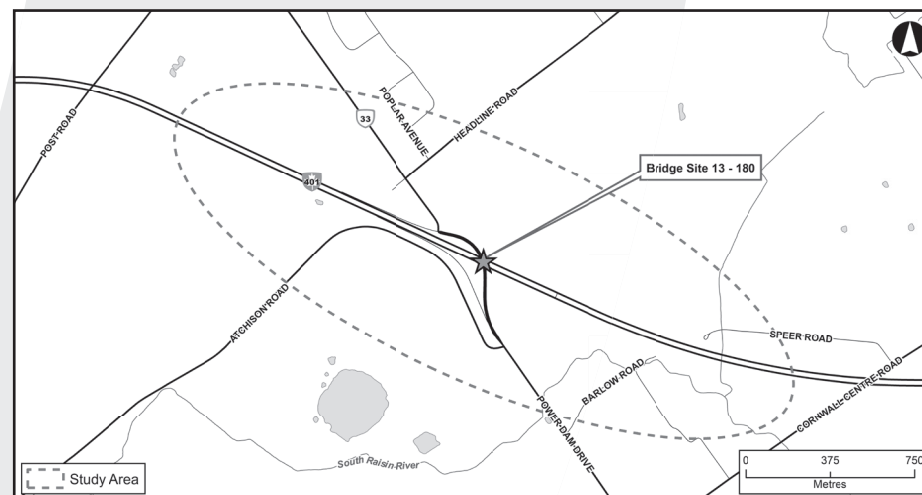
We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have with the study. Comments must be received no later than January 11, 2026. Please send any comments or requests to either of the following:

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Key Map



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 (i.e., 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:

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Requests should also be sent to Ben Goernert by mail or by e-mail.

All information will be collected in accordance with the *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 any 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 le 613-722-4420, auprès de Brad Hewton.