

NOTICE OF STUDY UPDATE DETAILED DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

Highway 401 Interchange & Highway Improvements from Hespeler Road to Townline Road, City of Cambridge (GWP 3222-15-00)

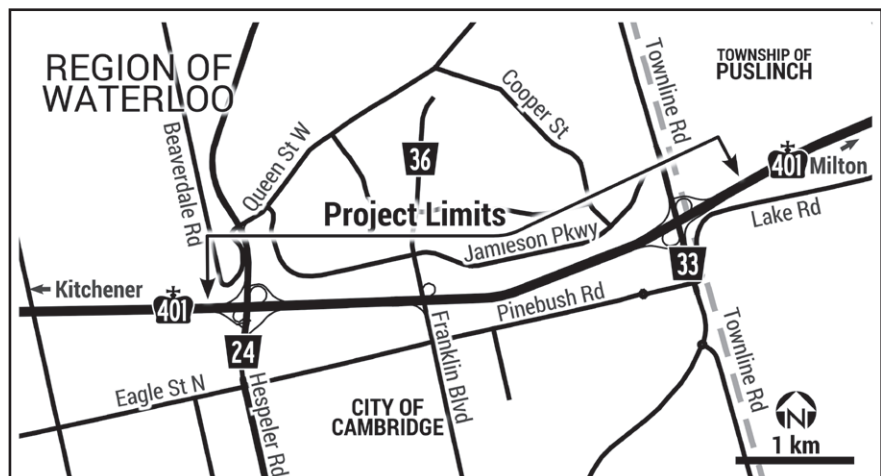
THE STUDY

The **Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO)** has retained **Stantec Consulting Ltd.** to complete the Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for improvements on Highway 401 from Hespeler Road to Townline Road in the City of Cambridge, Region of Waterloo as shown on the key plan below. Since the issuance of the Notice of Study Commencement in May 2014 (formerly GWP 3060-11-00), the project has been divided into two phases and is tentatively scheduled for consecutive construction, subject to completion of the Detailed Design and Class EA Study, funding, and approvals:

- **Phase I** (2018) - Replacement of the Franklin Boulevard bridge including some work at the interchange, rehabilitation of retaining walls at the Townline Road bridge, and an expansion of the commuter parking lot at the Townline Road interchange.
- **Phase II** (Starting in 2019 to 2021) - Widening of Highway 401 to ten lanes, including High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes; reconstruction of the Highway 401 interchanges at Franklin Boulevard and Hespeler Road; replacement of the Hespeler Road bridge; and retaining walls as needed. Drainage improvements, illumination, overhead signs and traffic signals will be completed as part of this phase.

A section of a new noise wall is proposed along the south side of Highway 401, west of Franklin Boulevard. The study will include the provision for pedestrian/cyclist travel across Highway 401 on Franklin Boulevard and Hespeler Road in accordance with the active transportation goals of the Region of Waterloo and the City of Cambridge.

The construction staging/traffic management strategy during the replacement of the Franklin Boulevard Bridge will include a temporary full closure of this interchange with no access across Highway 401 during construction.



PROCESS

This study is following the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. The Preliminary Design of the project was included in the Highway 401 from Hespeler Road easterly to the Wellington County/Halton Region Boundary study (GWP 8-00-00) which concluded with the publication of a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR). The TESR received Environmental Assessment (EA) clearance in November 2013.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is planned for the fall 2017 to present the Recommended Plan for improvements for both Phase I and II, as well as the proposed construction staging and traffic management plans for each. The date, time, and location of the PIC will be advertised in local newspapers. A Design and Construction Report (DCR) documenting each phase will be made available for a 30-day public review period with public notice advising of the start of the review period.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing your comments regarding the project. If you would like to have your name added to the mailing list or to provide comments, please contact one of the following individuals:

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For up-to-date project information and to submit comments to the project team at any time during the study, please visit the project website: www.highway401-hespeler-townline.ca

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 will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in the project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.