

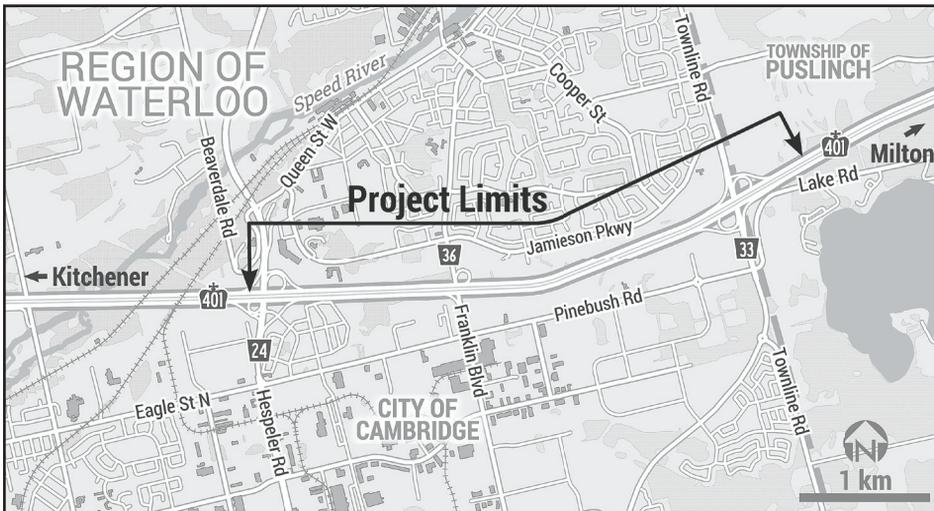
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE DETAILED DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

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 to support construction staging, and is tentatively scheduled for consecutive construction, subject to completion of the Study, funding, and approvals:

- **Phase I (2018)** - Replacement of the Franklin Boulevard bridge, including some interchange work, and replacement of guiderail and municipal illumination on Franklin Boulevard.
- **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 Hespeler Road; replacement of the Hespeler Road bridge; and retaining walls as needed; expansion of the commuter parking lot at the Townline Road interchange. Drainage improvements, illumination, overhead signs and traffic signals will be completed as part of this phase.



A section of new noise wall will be constructed 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.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is scheduled 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, including detours during bridge, ramp and highway closures.

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Hespeler Memorial Arena, Gallery Room, 640 Ellis Road West, Cambridge

A Design and Construction Report (DCR) documenting Phase I will be made available for a 30-day public review period following this PIC, with public notice advising of the start of the review period. The DCR documenting Phase II will be made available in spring 2018.

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.