

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 1**

Highway 401 Planning Study from Mallorytown to Brockville Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (GWP 4011-22-00)

### THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study on Highway 401 for the replacement and culverts. rehabilitation bridges and of interchange modifications, and identifying the future Highway 401 footprint for an interim six lanes and ultimate eight lanes, from 2.8 km west of the Mallorytown Road Interchange to 2.1 km west of the Stewart Boulevard interchange (approximately 21.6 km), in the Townships of Elizabethtown-Kitley and Front of Yonge, in the Counties of Leeds and Grenville. The purpose of the study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs in the study area as part of the Ministry's ongoing review of safety and operational needs for the provincial highway network.

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# THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways, 2024 (Class EA). The project team, which includes representatives from Stantec and MTO, are completing environmental and engineering field investigations and seeking input from individuals, organizations, and Indigenous communities. Upon completion of Preliminary Design, the project team will prepare a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) and issue a Notice of Completion. The project team will include comments received,

responses to the comments and any supporting materials in a record of consultation.

Once a Technically Preferred Alternative has been identified, the Ministry of Transportation may designate lands as highway and acquire property prior to EA process completion. A designation enables the Ministry to provide route/corridor protection through the application of development control measures along the corridor and in the vicinity of the designated lands. For more information about highway corridor management, please visit: https://www.ontario.ca/page/highway-corridor-management.

# **PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 1**

Public Information Centres (PICs) provide individuals, organizations, and Indigenous communities an opportunity to share information and seek input regarding the project and the alternatives being considered. The first PIC has been arranged to present the existing conditions, need and justification, the preliminary list of alternatives, the evaluation criteria which will be used to assess the alternatives, and the study process and next steps. A second PIC will be held later in the study to present the evaluation of alternatives, preferred plan, and associated potential impacts and preliminary proposed mitigation measures.

PIC #1 will be held as a drop-in style, open house format. Representatives of the project team will be in attendance to answer questions and receive comments. We encourage interested persons to attend to obtain more information and provide comments, so your concerns can be addressed as the study progresses. The information presented at the PIC will also be available on the project website following the PIC. PIC #1 will be held as follows:

Date: April 23, 2025 Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: The Royal Canadian Legion - 13 Quabbin Road, Mallorytown, Ontario

# **COMMENTS**

Additional details will be available on the project website, <a href="www.hwy401mallorytowntobrockville.ca">www.hwy401mallorytowntobrockville.ca</a>. We encourage you to participate in the study and to provide comments through the website or by contacting the project team members listed below. If you have questions about the study or would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, 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. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record. Pour obtenir des renseignements en français, composer le 1-(905)-381-3224 (Tim Belliveau), Courriel: tim.belliveau@stantec.com.