

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to undertake a Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study on Highway 401 for the replacement and rehabilitation of one bridge and one culvert, and identifying the future Highway 401 footprint for an interim six lanes and ultimate eight lanes, from 0.75 km east of North Augusta Road to 3.3 km west of Maitland Road (approximately 2.6 km), in the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley, east of Brockville. 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.

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, have completed environmental and engineering field investigations and are 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>.

ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 2

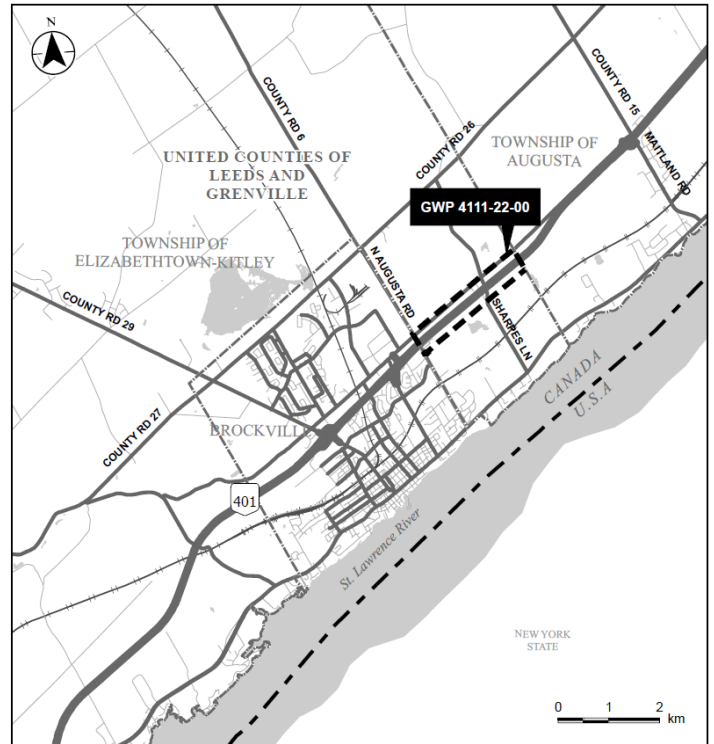
Public Information Centre (PIC) 1 was offered on the study website between October 2, 2024, and November 8, 2024, to present and solicit feedback on the study background, existing study area conditions, preliminary improvement alternatives, the evaluation process, and next steps in the Class EA process.

PIC 2 is currently being planned to present and gather feedback on the evaluation of alternatives, the technically preferred plan, and next steps in the Class EA process.

The second online PIC will be available for your review on the study website at www.hwy401eastofbrockville.ca starting July 17, 2025. A recorded presentation will be available as part of the online PIC until August 30, 2025.

COMMENTS

Additional details will be available on the project website, www.hwy401eastofbrockville.ca. 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.