

# ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

## Highway 400 Improvements from 1km South of Highway 89 to the Junction at Highway 11 (W.O. #06-20016) PRELIMINARY DESIGN & CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE STUDY

### THE PROJECT

URS Canada has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to undertake a Preliminary Design Study to examine the nature of improvements required to address traffic operations, capacity, and safety needs along a 30 km section of Highway 400 from 1 km south of Highway 89 to the junction at Highway 11. Reasonable alternatives to address the required improvements will be developed and evaluated leading to the selection of a preferred alternative(s) and ultimately a recommended plan. The project limits are located within the Town of Innisfil, City of Barrie, and the Township of Springwater within Simcoe County.

In addition to this study, MTO is undertaking a Preliminary Design Update Study for the advanced replacement of the following four structures along this section of the Highway 400 corridor: 4<sup>th</sup> Line (Churchill Sideroad) Bridge, 6<sup>th</sup> Line Bridge, Barrie Collingwood Railway Bridge, and 10<sup>th</sup> Line (McKay Road) Bridge. These structures will be advanced as part of a separate study and designed to incorporate the recommendations of the overall Highway 400 corridor improvement study.

### THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the *MTO Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. A previous Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) was prepared and received environmental clearance for improvements to this section of the Highway 400 corridor in April 2004 (G.W.P. 30-95-00).

A Transportation Environmental Study Report Addendum (TESR Addendum) will be prepared at the completion of the study in the event that any significant changes to the approved plan and impacts beyond those outlined in the April 2004 TESR are identified. The TESR Addendum will document the details of the recommended plan, environmental effects, proposed mitigation measures, and a summary of consultation undertaken throughout the study. The TESR Addendum review period will be advertised in local newspapers and mailed to those on the study mailing list.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

The public is invited to attend the first of two Public Information Centres (PICs) for this project. The purpose of PIC #1 is to present the study process, approved plan (identified in 2004), existing conditions, findings of the traffic analysis, and receive input on the mainline and interchange alternative(s) under consideration, and the process for evaluating alternatives. The Project Team welcomes your input at PIC #1.

Members of the public, area residents and all stakeholders are invited to attend PIC #1. This PIC will be an informal drop-in centre and representatives from MTO and URS will be available to answer and discuss the study.

### PIC #1 will be held as follows:

**Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Holiday Inn Barrie Hotel & Conference Centre**  
**Churchill Ballroom**  
**20 Fairview Rd, Barrie, ON L4N 4P3**

### COMMENTS

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There is an opportunity at any time during the study for interested persons to provide input to the Project Team regarding the study. Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. 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 this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

