

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE - NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2
Highway 400 Improvements from 1km South of Highway 89 to the Junction at Highway 11 (W.O. #06-20016)
PRELIMINARY DESIGN & CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY UPDATE

THE PROJECT

AECOM has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to undertake a Preliminary Design Update 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. The project limits are located within the Town of Innisfil, City of Barrie, and the Township of Springwater within Simcoe County.

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).

Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 was held in November 2014 to provide the public with the opportunity to discuss the project and comment on the Highway 400 widening alternatives and interchange improvement alternatives being considered.

Reasonable alternatives to address the required improvements have been developed and evaluated leading to the selection of a preferred alternative(s) and ultimately a recommended plan for this section of Highway 400 corridor. The long-term vision of the corridor includes widening this section of Highway 400 to 10 lanes (4 general purpose lanes and 1 high occupancy vehicle lane in each direction) with improvements and modifications of each of the interchanges to accommodate the proposed widening and provide adequate traffic operations. Improvements to highway drainage, illumination and structures along this section of the Highway 400 corridor have also been identified as part of this study.

PIC #2 has now been arranged to provide the public with the opportunity to view and provide comments on the changes to the Approved Plan identified in the 2004 TESR as well as to view the details of the evaluation of alternatives, the technically preferred alternatives, and the results of the impact assessment and proposed mitigation measures.

Following PIC #2 a Transportation Environmental Study Report Addendum (TESR Addendum) will be prepared at the completion of the study to document the changes to the Approved Plan relative to that outlined in the 2004 TESR. The TESR Addendum will be made available to the public, other interested parties and external agencies for a 30-day public review period at public review locations in close proximity to the study area. A notice of the TESR Addendum review opportunity will be provided.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

The public is invited to attend PIC #2 on:

Tuesday April 25, 2017
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Barrie Hotel & Conference Centre
Churchill Ballroom
20 Fairview Rd, Barrie, ON L4N 4P3

This PIC will be an informal drop-in centre. Representatives from the MTO and the consultant team will be available to answer questions, receive comments and discuss the next steps in the project. You are encouraged to attend the PIC and provide the Project Team with your views and comments so that they can be considered as the project progresses.

COMMENTS

To obtain additional information or to provide input at any point during the study, please contact:

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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.

