

**ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE  
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT  
HIGHWAY 400 IMPROVEMENTS FROM 1 KM SOUTH OF  
HIGHWAY 89 TO THE JUNCTION AT HIGHWAY 11 – W.O. #06-20016  
PRELIMINARY DESIGN & CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 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). 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 Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) was previously 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 Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held during the study to provide interested parties with the opportunity to discuss the project and provide input to the Project Team.

A TESR Addendum will be made available for a 30-day public and agency review period at the completion of the study in the event that any significant changes to the recommended plan and impacts outlined in the April 2004 TESR are identified. The TESR Addendum would document the details of the recommended plan, environmental effects, proposed mitigation measures, and a summary of consultation undertaken throughout the study. Notification of the time and location of the PIC and of the availability of the TESR Addendum for review will be published in local newspapers and mailed to those on the study mailing list.

**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.

