

# NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

## HIGHWAYS 6 & 401 IMPROVEMENTS FROM HAMILTON NORTH LIMITS TO GUELPH SOUTH LIMITS INCLUDING THE REALIGNMENT OF A SECTION OF HIGHWAY 6 SOUTH (G.W.P. 3042-14-00)

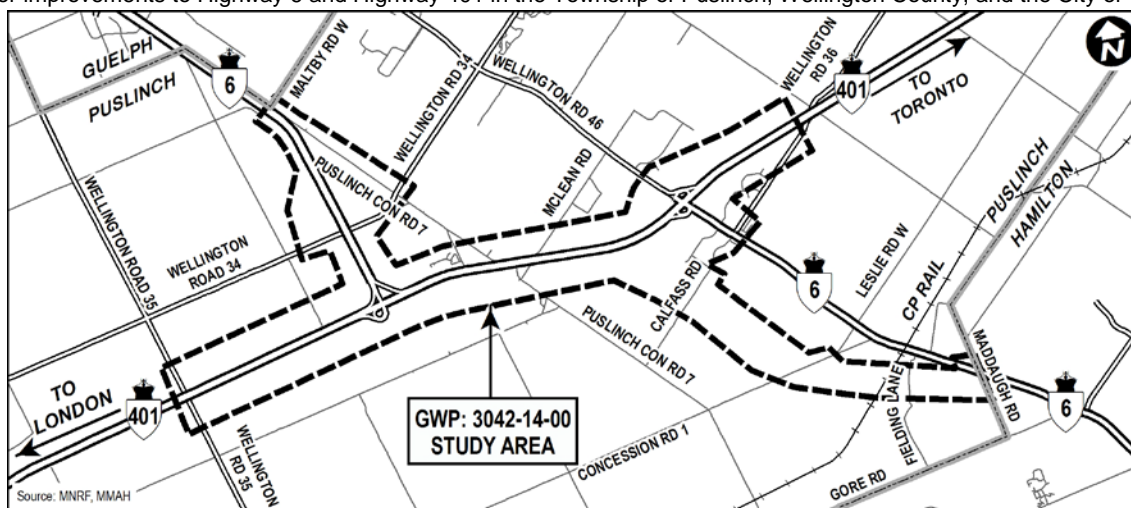
### DETAIL DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

#### THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained AECOM Canada Ltd. to undertake a Preliminary Design Review, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for improvements to Highway 6 and Highway 401 in the Township of Puslinch, Wellington County, and the City of Hamilton.

#### BACKGROUND

Following the EA and Preliminary Design Phase in 1995 (W.P. 65-76-05), which documented transportation system improvements to the Highway 6 corridor between Freelon and Guelph, and an Addendum in 1997, a Review under the EA Act was completed by the Ministry Of Environment in 2007. A *Notice of Approval to Proceed with the Undertaking* was subsequently granted by Order in Council on, January 22, 2009. A portion of the Preliminary Design along Highway 401 was amended by a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) in 2012 for the Preliminary Design and Class EA for Highway 401 from West of Hespeler Road to the Wellington/Halton Boundary (G.W.P 8-00-00).



This Preliminary Design Review and Detailed Design Study will be carrying forward the approved plan including:

- A new controlled access four-lane alignment of Highway 6 west of the existing highway, from Highway 6 at Maddaugh Road northerly to Highway 401;
- Improvements to the Highway 6 / Maddaugh Road intersection;
- Structures to carry CP Rail, Calfass Road, Concession Road 1 and Fielding Lane across the new Highway 6 alignment (no connection to the new highway);
- A new two-lane connection road north of the community of Morriston, linking the existing and new alignments of Highway 6;
- Reconfiguration of the Highway 401 interchanges at Highway 6 south / Wellington Road 46 (Brock Road), and at Highway 6 north (Hanlon Expressway);
- Widening of approximately 3 km of Highway 401 to 10 / 12 lanes (5 / 6 lanes including one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction) between the two Highway 6 interchanges;
- A new two-lane road linking Wellington Road 34 west of Highway 6 to Puslinch Concession Road 7 east of Highway 6 at a new Highway 6 interchange located between Maltby Road / Concession Road 4 and Wellington Road 34;
- Closure of the Highway 6 intersection at Maltby Road / Concession Road 4;
- Reconfiguration and expansion of the Wellington Road 46 (Brock Road) commuter parking lot;
- Reconstruction of and upgrades to approximately 1.3 km of Concession Road 7; and,
- Replacement of the Puslinch Concession Road 7 Bridge over Highway 401 (Puslinch Township Bridge #11).

#### THE PROCESS

This study is subject to the *Ontario EA Act* and will be completed in accordance with the *MTO Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) process for a Group A project with the opportunity for public input. A "five-year review" will be undertaken to determine if significant changes have occurred since submission of the 1995 EA and the 2012 TESR. In the event that significant changes are identified from the 1995 and 2012 Preliminary Design Studies, a TESR Addendum will be made available for a 30-day public and agency review period. Upon completion of Detail Design, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be made available for a 30-day public and agency review period. The DCR will document the study process, Detail Design and associated environmental impacts, mitigation measures, and a summary of consultation undertaken throughout the current study.

#### CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS

Consultation / engagement will take place throughout the study with the public, Indigenous peoples, regulatory agencies and municipalities. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned to provide an opportunity to discuss the study with members of the Project Team. Notification advising of the time and location of the PICs, and of the availability of the TESR Addendum (if required) and the DCR for review, will be published in local newspapers, posted on the project website, and mailed to those on the project mailing list.

Interested persons are encouraged to visit the project website at <http://Highways6and401HamiltontoGuelph.ca> for further information. To obtain additional information, provide comments, or to be placed on the project mailing list, please contact the Project Team as follows:

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Comments and information will be collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario EA Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.