

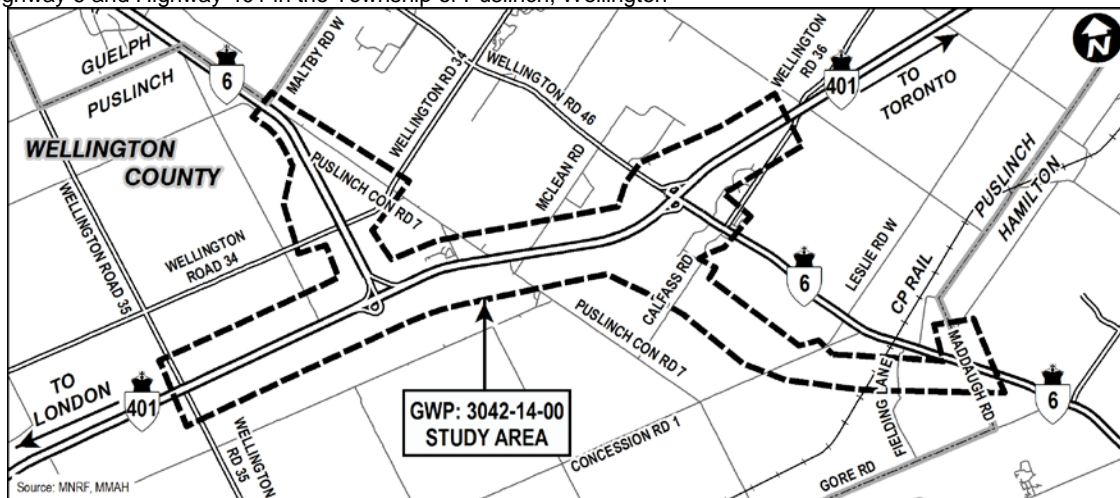
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
HIGHWAYS 6 & 401 IMPROVEMENTS FROM HAMILTON NORTH LIMITS TO GUELPH SOUTH LIMITS
INCLUDING THE NEW ALIGNMENT OF A SEGMENT OF HIGHWAY 6 (G.W.P. 3042-14-00)
DETAILED DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is moving forward with a Preliminary Design Review and Detailed Design under the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for improvements to Highway 6 and Highway 401 in the Township of Puslinch, Wellington County, and the City of Hamilton.

BACKGROUND

The Preliminary Design phase of this study was documented in the EA report for Highway 6 Freelon Northerly 16.9 km to Guelph (W.P. 65-76-05), September 1995, and in the 1997 Addendum. A Review under the EA Act was completed by the Ministry of Environment in June 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).



The approved Preliminary Design includes:

- 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;
- A new two-lane connection road north of the community of Morrision, linking the existing and new alignments of Highway 6;
- Reconfiguration of the Highway 401 interchanges at Highway 6 / Wellington Road 46 (Brock Road), and at Highway 6 (Hanlon Expressway);
- Widening of approximately 3 km of Highway 401 to 10 lanes including High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes 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 and 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.

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 review will be undertaken to determine if significant changes have occurred since submission of the 1995 EA, 1997 Addendum and 2012 TESR. In the event that significant changes are identified, a TESR Addendum will be made available for a 30-day public and agency review period. The Detailed Design phase will be documented in Design and Construction Report(s) (DCRs) that will be made available for public and agency review. The DCR(s) will document the study process, Detailed Design and associated environmental impacts, mitigation measures, and a summary of consultation undertaken.

CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS

Consultation and engagement will take place throughout the study with the public, Indigenous peoples, regulatory agencies and municipalities. A Public Information Centre (PIC) is planned for 2017 to provide an opportunity to discuss the study with members of the Project Team. Notifications advising of the time and location of the PIC, and of the availability of the TESR Addendum (if required) and DCR's 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 contact the project team members below or visit the project website to obtain additional information, provide comments or to be placed on the project mailing list.

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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*.