

**ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
HIGHWAY 403 AND HIGHWAY 6 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS, W.O. #16-20004
PRELIMINARY DESIGN & CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY**

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) to undertake a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for Highway 403 and Highway 6 Interchange infrastructure renewal. The study limits extend from Grindstone Creek westerly to Old Guelph Road on Highway 403, and from Highway 6 and Highway 403 interchange to Bruce Trail on Highway 6. The Study encompasses fourteen bridges, three structural culverts, and fifteen retaining walls along Highway 403 and Highway 6. Reasonable design alternatives for structural and operational improvements will be developed and evaluated leading to the selection of a preferred alternative(s) for short-term and long-term improvements to ensure the next round of infrastructure rehabilitation / renewal can accommodate future traffic needs of Highway 403 within the Study limits. The Study Area is located within the City of Hamilton and the City of Burlington (Halton Region), refer to the Study Area map.

THE PROCESS

This Study will follow the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.

Alternatives will be generated and evaluated based on technical and environmental factors and in consultation with Indigenous communities, public stakeholders, municipalities and government agencies. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held during this Study to provide interested parties with the opportunity to discuss the Study and provide input to the Project Team.

A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public and agency review period at the completion of the Study which will document:

- The transportation problems and opportunities,
- Existing environmental conditions;
- The generation, assessment and evaluation of alternatives;
- The preferred alternative(s) / recommended plan
- A summary of potential environmental issues and mitigation measures; and,
- A summary of consultation undertaken throughout the Study.

Notifications advising of the time and location of the PICs and of the availability of the TESR for review will be published in local newspapers, mailed or e-mailed to those on the study mailing list, and information will be made available on the Study website.

COMMENTS

To obtain additional information, provide comments, or to be placed on the study mailing list, please contact the Project Team as follows:

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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 Study, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

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