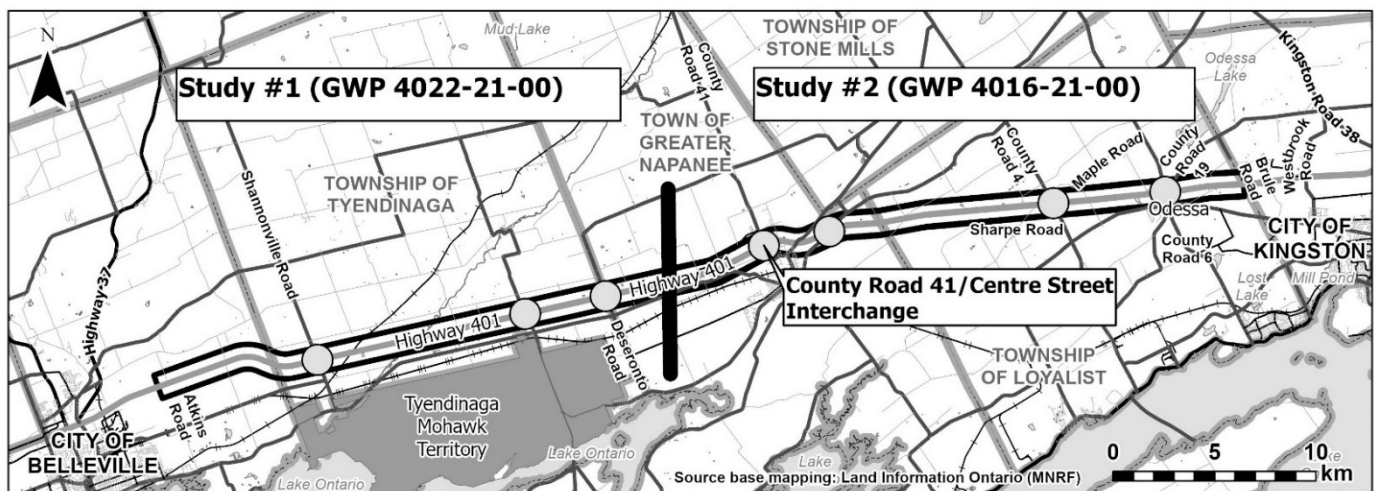


**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1
HIGHWAY 401 IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN BELLEVILLE AND KINGSTON
PLANNING, PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
STUDY #1 (GWP 4022-21-00) AND STUDY #2 (GWP 4016-21-00)**

The Study

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation of (MTO) has retained AECOM Canada ULC to undertake two Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Studies to address current and future transportation needs by developing a plan for the rehabilitation and/or replacement of various bridges and culverts, determining the long-term interchange configuration at seven locations, and establishing the footprint for the interim six and ultimate eight lanes of Highway 401, between the City of Belleville and the City of Kingston. As illustrated, **Study #1 (GWP 4022-21-00)** includes Highway 401 from 4.3 km east of Highway 37 to 5 km west of County Road 41/Centre Street for a total length of approximately 26 km. **Study #2 (GWP 4016-21-00)** includes Highway 401 from 5 km west of County Road 41/Centre Street to 8 km west of Kingston Road 38 for a total length of approximately 29 km.



The Process

Each study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways, 2024* (Class EA). At the end of each study, the project team will prepare a Transportation Environmental Study Report that describes how the requirements of the Class EA were met; how the project achieves the greatest overall transportation benefit while minimizing environmental impacts, and commitments for consultation and environmental protection. A Notice of Completion will be issued to advise of the start of the 30-day comment period and the opportunity to provide comments on the TESR.

Once a Technically Preferred Alternative has been identified, the Ministry of Transportation may designate lands as highway and acquire property prior to EA process completion. A designation enables the Ministry to provide route/corridor protection through the application of

development control measures along the corridor and in the vicinity of the designated lands. For more information about highway corridor management, please visit:
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/highway-corridormanagement>

Public Information Centre (PIC) #1

The first of two Public Information Centres is being held to present and receive feedback on each study's background, existing conditions, the preliminary list of improvement alternatives, the evaluation criteria which will be used to assess the alternatives, and the next steps in the Study process. A second PIC will be held later in the study to present the evaluation of alternatives, preferred plan, and associated potential impacts and preliminary proposed mitigation measures.

This public meeting will be an informal drop-in centre with MTO and consultant team representatives available to answer questions. The date, time and location are as follows:

Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Best and Bash Arena (formerly Strathcona Paper Centre)
16 McPherson Drive, Napanee, Ontario K7R 3L1
(Note: Facility is fully accessible).

Comments

Please visit the project website at Hwy401BellevilletoKingston.ca for more information regarding the project and to access study notices, background information, PIC displays and the TESR that will be made available as each study progresses. You are encouraged to participate in the Study and to please provide any comments in writing to the project team by **April 30th, 2026**. If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list or have questions about the study, please contact:

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in Study documentation and become part of the public record.