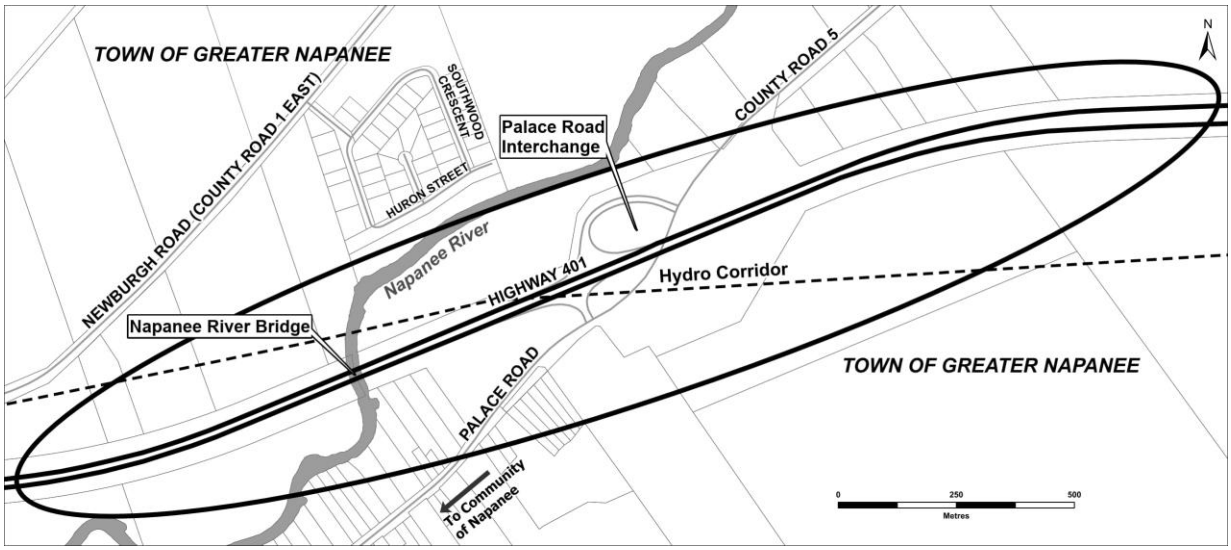
NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION
HIGHWAY 401 IMPROVEMENTS AT NAPANEE RIVER BRIDGE (WP 4039-19-01)
PLANNING, PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

The Study

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) has retained AECOM Canada ULC to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the replacement of the Napanee River Bridge at Highway 401 to accommodate an interim six lane and ultimate eight lane future footprint of Highway 401, located within the Town of Greater Napanee and the County of Lennox and Addington.

This project is being advanced separately from the current project MTO Highway 401 Improvements Between the City of Belleville and City of Kingston Preliminary Design and Class EA Study #2 (GWP 4016-21-00) because of its proximity to Palace Road. The ministry is proceeding with Detail Design of the Palace Road Interchange based on the previously approved Recommended Plan. That plan was documented in the preceding Highway 401 Interchange Improvements at Palace Road Class Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design Study Transportation Environmental Study Report (March 2019). The Detail Design of the Palace Road Interchange will include the Napanee River Bridge.



The Process

The Study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' Project in accordance with the *Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways, 2024*. Following the development and evaluation of several alternatives, a Recommended Plan has been identified and developed to a preliminary design level of detail. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared to document the Class EA process, the Recommended Plan, the environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures, as well as the technical findings of the Study.

The TESR is available for a 30-day comment period from **October 29, 2026,** to **November 30, 2026,** and is available on the Project website at Hwy401BellevilletoKingston.ca and in-person at the following locations:

County of Lennox & Addington Public Library
25 River Road, Napanee, Ontario K7R 3S6

Monday to Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Town of Greater Napanee – Town Hall
99 Advance Avenue, Napanee, Ontario K7R 3Y5

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Comments

You are encouraged to participate in the Project and to please provide comments in writing to the Project Team. To obtain additional information or provide comments, please visit the project website at Hwy401BellevilletoKingston.ca or contact one of the Project Team members as follows:

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Requests to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring a comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for a comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to the following, with a copy to the MTO Project Manager as listed above:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Environment,
Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment,
Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
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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.* All comments and information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA). With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.