

NOTICE OF FILING – ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT ADDENDUM

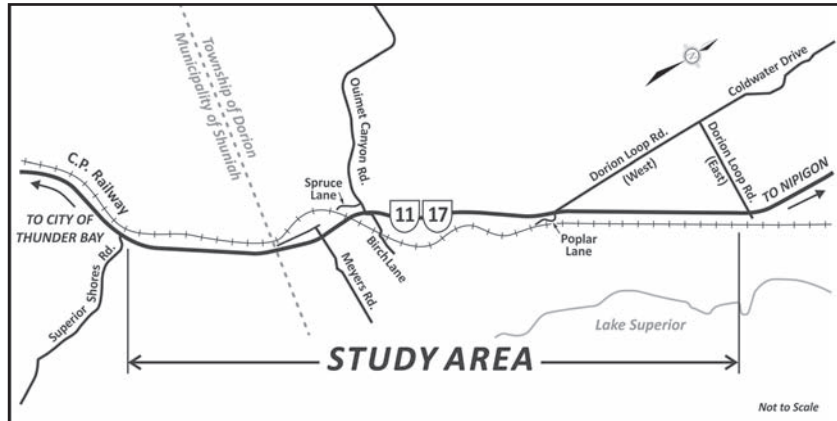
Preliminary Design, Detail Design, and Class Environmental Assessment Study Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Ouimet to Dorion

THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** is nearing completion of the Preliminary Design phase for the four-laning of Highway 11/17 from 2.83 km west of Ouimet Overhead, easterly 8.63 km. **MMM Group Limited, a subsidiary of WSP Global** is undertaking the design on behalf of MTO.

The project includes:

- Some areas of twinning the existing highway;
- Some areas of new four-lane alignment, including constructing new eastbound and westbound bridges over the Canadian Pacific Railway;
- Providing connections to the new four-lane highway at Meyers Road, Ouimet Canyon Road, the proposed Service Road and Dorion Loop Road West;
- Connection of Poplar Lane to the proposed Service Road; and
- Securing all the necessary environmental approvals for construction.



In 1997, an Environmental Study Report was prepared to document the proposed plans for four-lane this portion of Highway 11/17. The project was approved and subsequently the four-lane highway corridor was designated (protected) in 2003. A provincial funding commitment for the construction for the four-laning of this portion of Highway 11/17 was included in the 2016 Ontario Budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT ADDENDUM

The purpose of this study is to document any changes in the existing environmental conditions from the original study and any proposed changes to the approved four-lane plan. As a result of this review, the ministry is proposing a number of changes to the original Approved Four-Lane Plan and has prepared an Addendum to the 1997 Environmental Study Report (ESR). The proposed changes include: highway alignment revisions in some sections, modifications to public access as well as an increase in right-of-way width from 90 m to 110 m (minimum).

In consideration of concerns raised at the Public Information Centre (PIC) held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, and further discussions with the Township of Dorion and the Dorion Four-Lane Community Consultation Committee, the Ministry has proposed several design changes to the recommended plan presented at the PIC. The public access option for Meyers Road West has been revised to provide full access to Highway 11/17 for both east and westbound lanes. The Ministry is also proposing that existing Highway 11/17 from east of Ouimet Canyon Road westerly for approximately 1 km be converted to a service road with full access to the four-laned Highway 11/17 and a new connection to Poplar Lane. The 1997 ESR did not include a provision for a direct connection to Highway 11/17 from Birch Lane. However, the Ministry will further review the feasibility of providing a road connection between Birch Lane and Meyers Road East during Detail Design. A second Addendum to the 1997 ESR will be required to address the potential road connection between Birch Lane and Meyers Road East.

THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. In accordance with the Class EA, an Addendum to the original ESR has been prepared to document the proposed changes. The ESR Addendum is available for review at the following locations:

Township of Dorion
Clerk's Office
170 Dorion Loop Road, Dorion, ON

Municipality of Shuniah
Clerk's Office
420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
Thunder Bay Regional Office
435 James Street South, Thunder Bay, ON

Dorion Public Library
170 Dorion Loop Road, Dorion, ON

Red Rock Public Library
42 Salls Street, Red Rock, ON

The report and additional study information will also be available on the project website at www.Hwy11-17Four-LaningfromOuimettoDorion.ca.

The Addendum will be available for a 30-day review period ending **Monday, November 14, 2016**. If after consulting with ministry staff and consultants, you have serious unresolved concerns, you may request a Part II Order ("bump-up") from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (77 Wellesley Street West, 11th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2T5). There are no opportunities to request a Part II Order for the approved four-lane project, only for concerns associated with the proposed changes.

A copy of your request should also be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation at the address below. If no requests are received by **Monday, November 14, 2016**, the proposed changes will have met the requirements of the Class EA and Detail Design and will proceed.

COMMENTS

We are interested in any comments or concerns you may have regarding the Addendum and study. Please submit your comments and/or concerns to one of the individuals listed below by **Monday, November 14, 2016**.

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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.