# HIGHWAY 11/17 FOUR-LANING FROM OUIMET TO DORION Preliminary and Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study Notice of Public Information Centre #1

## THE STUDY

**MMM Group Limited, a subsidiary of WSP Global,** has been retained by the **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** to undertake a Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the four-laning of Highway 11/17 from 2.83 km west of Ouimet Overhead, easterly 8.63 km. The study 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, Poplar Lane, and Dorion Loop Road West; and
- Securing all the necessary environmental approvals for construction.

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### THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000),* with the opportunity for public input throughout. The Preliminary Design of the approved four-lane plan, as detailed in the 1997 *Environmental Study Report (ESR),* was approved following public input and review. This study is a continuation of the Class EA process to refine and finalize the design of the approved four-lane plan and to develop detailed construction documents.

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will take place during this study. The first PIC will provide an opportunity for interested parties to review and provide input on the existing environmental conditions, and to comment on the proposed changes to the original Approved Four-Lane Plan for Highway 11/17 that was documented in the 1997 ESR. The proposed changes include highway alignment revisions in some sections, modifications to public access at Meyers Road, Ouimet Canyon Road, Birch Lane, Poplar Lane, and Dorion Loop Road West, and an increase in right-of-way from 90 m to 110 m (minimum).

Following PIC #1, an Addendum to the 1997 ESR will be completed to document changes to the original Approved Four-Lane Plan for Highway 11/17 and will be made available for a 30-day public and agency review period. The Notice of Addendum filing will be posted on the project website, published in local newspapers, and mailed to individuals on the mailing list at that time to explain the review process and identify the locations where the report will be available for review.

A provincial funding commitment for the construction of the four-laning of this portion of Highway 11/17 is included in the 2016 Ontario Budget.

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

PIC #1 will be held as a drop-in style, open house format as follows:

Date:	Wednesday, April 13, 2016	
Location:	Dorion Public School and Community Centre	
Time:	Gymnasium 175 Dorion Loop Road, Dorion, ON POT 1K0 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	

Members of the Project Team will also be available to answer questions and receive comments. The PIC venue is fully accessible and all PIC material presented will be compliant with the requirements under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.* If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below.

#### COMMENTS

If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments or if you would like to be added to the study's mailing list, please contact the individuals listed below, or visit our website at www.Hwy11-17Four-LaningfromOuimettoDorion.ca.

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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.

