

**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION  
HIGHWAY 11 / 17 FOUR-LANING FROM OUMET TO DORION  
PRELIMINARY DESIGN, DETAIL DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY  
G.W.P. 135-90-00**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016  
INFORMATION PACKAGE**

## **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, as shown on the key plan on the back of this page. 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, Birch Lane, Poplar Lane, and Dorion Loop Road West; and
- Securing all the necessary environmental approvals for construction.

This study will build upon the preliminary design phase (completed in 1997) to determine the four-lane design for Highway 11/17 within the study area.

## **POTENTIAL CHANGES FROM THE 1997 ESR REPORT**

The proposed changes to the approved four-lane plan, as detailed in the 1997 Environmental Study Report (ESR) 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).

## **THE PROCESS**

The study is following the approved planning process for Group 'B' Projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout.

An Addendum to the 1997 ESR is necessary to document any changes to the original design decisions and environmental conditions that have occurred since the submission of the original report.

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 made available for a 30-day public and agency review period.

## **HIGHWAY 11/17 FOUR-LANING PROJECT BENEFITS**

The benefits of four-laning Highway 11/17 are:

- Reduced delays caused by slower moving vehicles;
- Improved movement of goods and services will have a positive economic impact on the area;
- Reduced collisions and decreased severity of some types of collisions;
- Addresses future travel demand along the highway; and
- Allows for a parallel, continuous, alternative route system in the event of roadway collisions, natural disasters or structural loss which could lead to the closure of the existing highway.

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES**

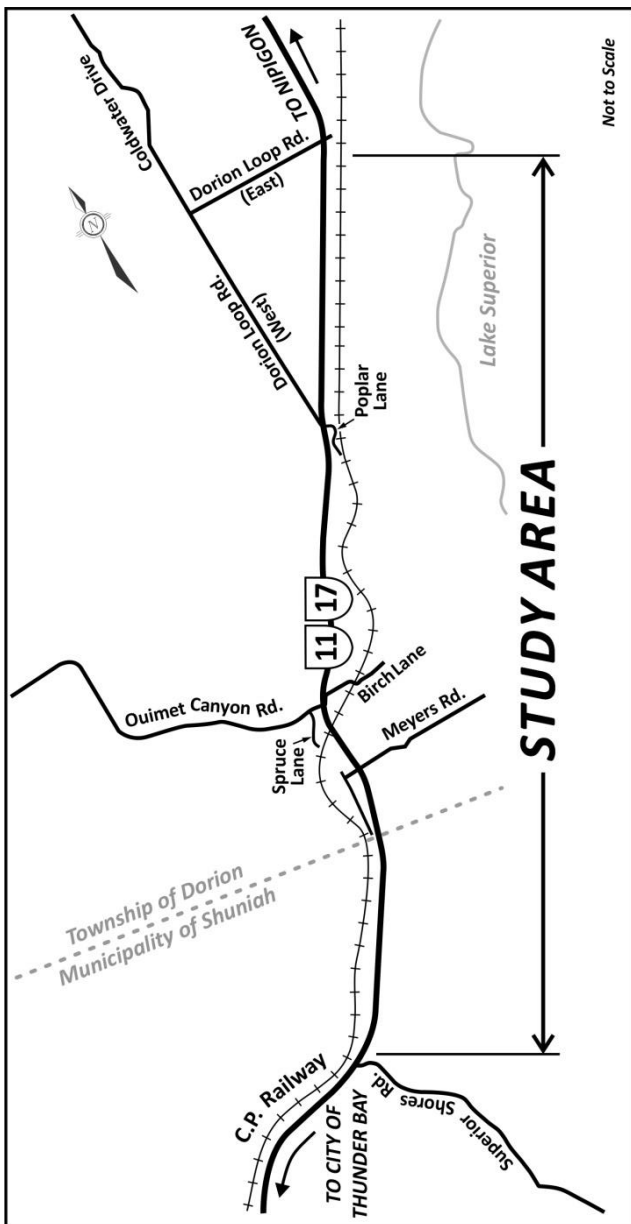
Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will take place during this study. This PIC (PIC #1) has been arranged to provide an opportunity for interested parties to review and provide input on the existing environmental conditions, and to comment on the proposed changes to the original Approved Four-Lane Plan for Highway 11/17 that was documented in the 1997 ESR.

PIC #2 is anticipated to be held later in the study and will provide the opportunity for interested parties to review and comment on the detail design plan, updates to the environmental impacts, and mitigation measures, and commitments for construction.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Following this PIC, the Project Team will:

- Review the comments received and respond to any questions.
- Confirm the preferred changes to the approved four-lane plan - **anticipated in Spring / Summer 2016.**
- Prepare the Addendum to the 1997 Environmental Study Report and submit for a 30-day public review period - **anticipated in Spring / Summer 2016.**
- Proceed with the detail design phase.



## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please use the available comment sheet to provide us with your comments about the study. Comments can be left in the comment box provided or forwarded to the Project Team by **Friday, May 13, 2016.**

For further information, please visit the study website at <http://www.hwy11-17four-laningfromouimettdorion.ca> or contact one of the Project Team members below.

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**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!**