

# NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

## Preliminary and Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

### Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Ouimet to Dorion

#### THE STUDY

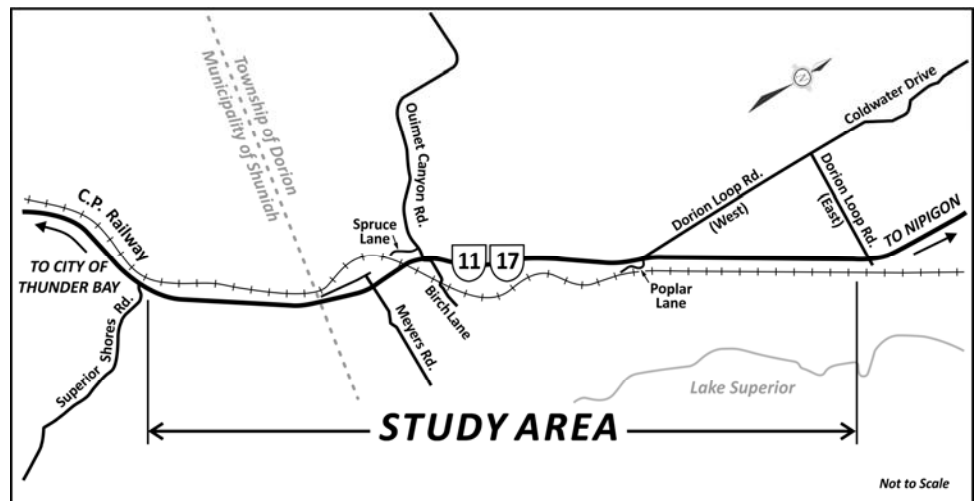
MMM Group Limited, on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), has initiated a Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the four-laning of Highway 11/17 from 2.83 km west of Ouimet Overhead, easterly 8.63 km as shown in the key plan.

#### BACKGROUND

Following the planning and preliminary design phase in 1997, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) was filed for public review and comment, and subsequently the project was cleared to proceed. The EA approved plan included:

- Some areas of twinning the existing highway;
- Some areas of new four-lane alignment; and
- Improvements at / modifications to intersecting roads.

The four-lane highway corridor was designated (protected) in 2003.



#### THE PROCESS

The study will follow the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* process for Group 'B' projects.

Consultation will take place throughout the study with external agencies, property owners and the public. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned during the study. Notices providing the time and location of the PICs will be posted on the project website ([www.Hwy11-17Four-LaningfromOuimettoDorion.ca](http://www.Hwy11-17Four-LaningfromOuimettoDorion.ca)), the Municipality of Shuniah and the Township of Dorion websites, published in local newspapers, and sent to persons on the project mailing list.

As part of the Preliminary Design Study, an Addendum to the Environmental Study Report will be prepared to document any changes to existing environmental conditions from 1997 and any proposed changes to the previously approved plan for Highway 11/17 within the study limits. Potential changes to the 1997 approved plan may include widening the proposed right-of-way from 90 m to 110 m, alignment revisions to some sections of the highway alignment and alignment revisions to the intersecting roads. Upon completion of the Detail Design Study, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the Detail Design for the proposed improvements to Highway 11/17 and the proposed environmental mitigation measures.

The Addendum to the ESR and DCR will be available for a 30-day review period at later points during the Study process. Notices will be posted and published when the Addendum to the ESR and the DCR are available for viewing.

Currently, the four-laning of this portion of Highway 11/17 is not included in the Northern Highways Program (e.g. not funded).

#### 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:

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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.

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