

HIGHWAY 11/17 FOUR-LANING FROM OUIMET TO DORION

Preliminary and Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

Notice of Public Information Centre #2

THE STUDY

WSP (formerly MMM Group Limited), has been retained by the Ontario **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
- A proposed new municipal road connection between Meyers Road East and Birch Lane (pending EA approval).

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).

Following Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 held on April 13, 2016, the Project Team prepared and filed an Addendum to the original 1997 Environmental Study Report (ESR) to document the proposed changes to the original design decisions (i.e. highway alignment revisions in some sections, modifications to public access, and an increase in right-of-way width from 90 m to 110 m (minimum)). MTO received EA approval to proceed with the proposed plan in September 2017. The original design has since been revised to add a new municipal road connection between Meyers Road and Birch Lane. Information on this new connection will be provided at PIC #2 and is documented in a separate ESR Addendum, which is currently filed for public review.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

PIC #2 has been scheduled to provide an opportunity for interested parties to review and provide input on the detail design plan, and the anticipated environmental impacts and mitigation measures. PIC #2 will be held as a drop-in style, open house format and members of the Project Team will be available to answer questions and receive comments. PIC #2 is scheduled as follows:

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Location: Dorion Public School and Community Centre
Gymnasium
175 Dorion Loop Road
Dorion, ON P0T 1K0
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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 in advance of the PIC.

Following PIC #2, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be completed to document the Detail Design, and environmental impacts and mitigation measures. The DCR will be made available for a 30-day public and agency review period. The DCR is not eligible for a Part II Order (i.e. "bump-up") under the provisions of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Construction is anticipated to start as early as 2019.

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.

