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PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

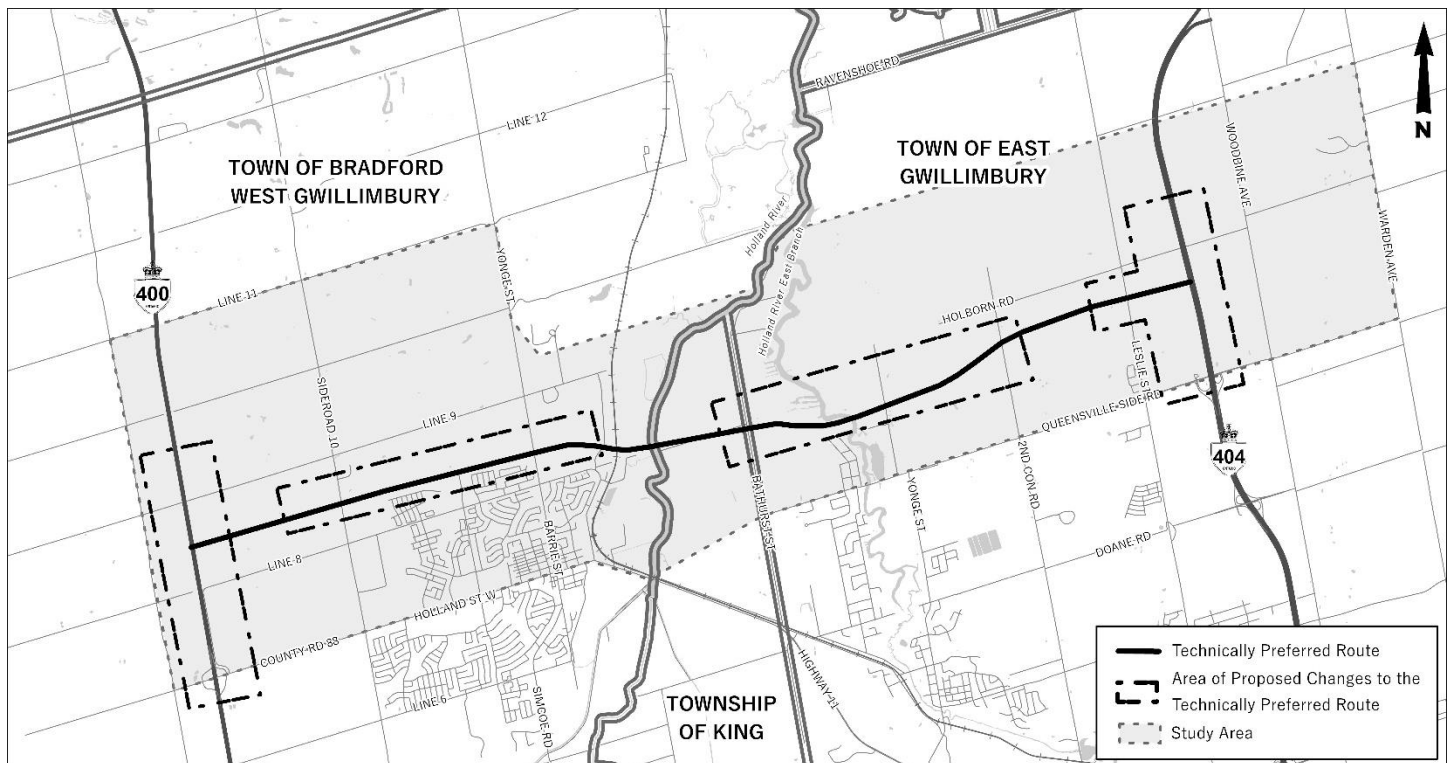
THE STUDY

The Ministry of Transportation has retained AECOM Canada Ltd. to undertake a Preliminary Design and project-specific assessment of environmental impacts in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21 for the Bradford Bypass. Under the regulation, the study is following the streamlined assessment process that includes environmental commitments from the 2002 Approved Environmental Assessment for preliminary design of the Technically Preferred Route.

The Bradford Bypass will be a 16.2 kilometre, controlled access freeway to connect Highway 400 and Highway 404 with proposed full and partial interchanges, and grade separated crossings. The route extends from Highway 400 between 8th Line and 9th Line in Bradford West Gwillimbury (County of Simcoe), will cross a small portion of King Township, and will connect to Highway 404 between Queensville Sideroad and Holborn Road in East Gwillimbury (Regional Municipality of York).

The current study proposes preliminary design refinements to the route alignment and interchanges, design standard updates to the freeway interchanges, and grade separated crossings at local roads and watercourses, including new bridges over the Holland River and Holland River East Branch. This project will also include design integration with planned work on Highway 400, such as the design development for the replacement of the 9th Line structure on Highway 400.

The key map shows the study area, the Technically Preferred Route, as well as areas where changes are proposed to the Technically Preferred Route. Alternatives and refinements have been generated that are currently being evaluated within the study area.



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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS REPORT

The Draft Environmental Conditions Report is available on the project website for public review and consultation in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21, Sections 16, 17, 18. The purpose of this report is to document the update to the environmental conditions and identify design changes to the Technically Preferred Route. The Environmental Conditions Report will provide a preliminary assessment and evaluation of design changes that result from a change in environmental condition.

Upon completion of the engagement and consultation for the Draft Environmental Conditions Report, the ministry will prepare and file the Final Environmental Conditions Report in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21, Section 19.

CONSULTATION PERIOD AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The ministry is undertaking engagement and consultation on the Draft Environmental Conditions Report between **August 12, 2022, and September 16, 2022**. For comments to be considered please submit your feedback to the Project Team on or before **September 16, 2022**. Comments and feedback on the report can be provided to the ministry via the project website, email or by telephone.

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There is an opportunity at any time during the study for interested persons to provide input to the Project Team regarding the study, including at future project milestones. Future engagement and consultation milestones include Public Information Centre (PIC) #2, followed by filing of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for a public review period. Comments are being collected to assist the ministry in meeting the requirements under Ontario Regulation 697/21. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

This notice was issued in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21: Section 17.