

# Appendix B1

## Notifications



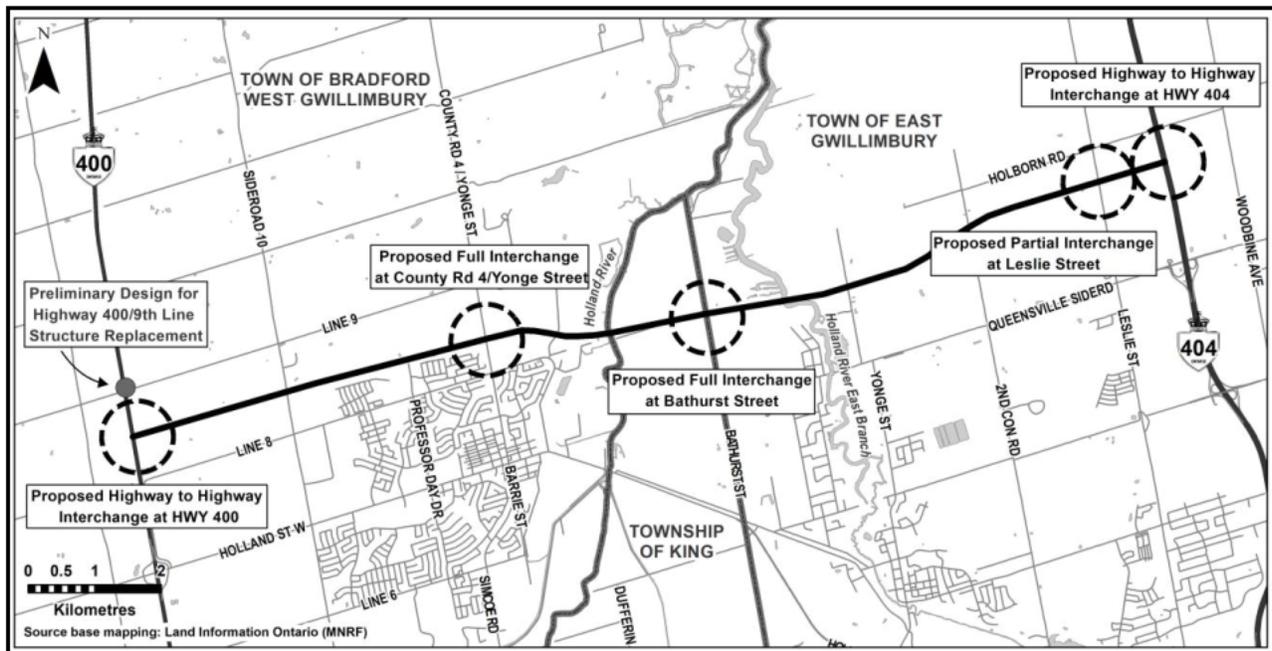
# Project Notices

# **Notice of Study Commencement**

**ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE  
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT  
HIGHWAY 400 - HIGHWAY 404 LINK (THE BRADFORD BYPASS) ASSIGNMENT NO. 2019-E-0048  
PRELIMINARY DESIGN & CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY**

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**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

Notifications advising of the time and location of the PICs and of the availability of the TESR for review will be published in local newspapers, distributed to the project contact list, and made available on the project website.

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For up to date project information, or to participate in the study, please visit the project website or contact the Project Team directly by e-mail or telephone.

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*Final Letter to Indigenous Communities*

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The design and future construction of the bridges may affect navigability within the Holland River and Holland River East Branch. We welcome receiving information about current and historical uses of the Holland River and Holland River East Branch by members of your community (i.e. recreation, commercial, or ceremonial). In addition to river use, we would appreciate receiving information on what types of vessels are, or were used by your community (e.g. canoe, kayak, motorized boats <5m in length, motorized boats 5-8m in length, motorized boats >8m in length).

This EA Study will also include the following assessments and documentation:

- Agricultural Impact Assessment;
- Air Quality Impact Assessment;
- Archaeological Assessment (Stages 2, 3, & 4, as required);
- Cultural Heritage Assessment;
- Drainage and Hydrology;
- Erosion and Sediment Control Risk Assessment;
- Fish and Fish Habitat Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment Report;
- Fluvial Geomorphology;
- Groundwater Impact Assessment;
- Land Use and Property Impact Assessment;
- Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment;
- Preliminary Landscape Composition Plan;
- Snowdrift Assessment;
- Terrestrial Ecosystems Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment Report (including an assessment of vegetation and vegetation communities, wildlife and wildlife habitat, species at risk and designated natural areas); and,
- Waste and Excess Materials Management Plan.

The MTO recognizes that Indigenous partners are prioritizing COVID-19 responses to protect the health and well-being of their communities, and as a result, this may impact their ability to respond to ministry projects. The MTO remains committed to fulfilling its duty to consult requirements and will endeavour to accommodate requests to delay, postpone or suspend consultation discussions at this time.

The continued operation of MTO infrastructure is vital to the health and safety of Ontarians during this state of emergency. This includes ensuring airports that serve remote First Nations continue to operate, as well as maintaining highways and bridges across the province so goods and services, like food and medical supplies, can continue to flow. MTO projects, and supporting policy and planning activities, play a vital role in ensuring Ontario's economy remains healthy, by providing jobs in engineering, design and construction fields.

MTO has reviewed planned infrastructure needs to ensure the continued safe and reliable operation of Ontario's highway network and transportation system. Policy and planning activities and infrastructure projects will be triaged to determine which are the highest priority to keep on track and must meet project timelines to remain on track and on budget. No response is required at this time, and MTO will be in touch with further information as this project progresses.

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Sincerely,

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4) **Navigability of the Holland River and Holland River East Branch:** The design and future construction of the bridges may affect current navigability within the rivers. For the purpose of protecting the existing navigable function of these waterways, please complete the following:

a. Does your organization use the Holland River or Holland River East Branch within the project limits for navigation (i.e., recreation or commercial uses), or are you aware of others doing so? **Yes**  **No**

b. If Yes, please indicate the vessel type(s) used:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoe/Kayak length            | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorized Boats <5m      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Vessels 8m length  | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorized Boats 5m to 8m |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sailboat with mast height >8m | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorized Boats >8m      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Vessels (specify)       |   |

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Please return by mail or email using the instructions below, or visit the Project Website at [www.BradfordBypass.ca](http://www.BradfordBypass.ca) to submit your information electronically. Comments are received in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act*.

**Mailing Instructions**

Mail a hard copy of the form to the **Project Team**  
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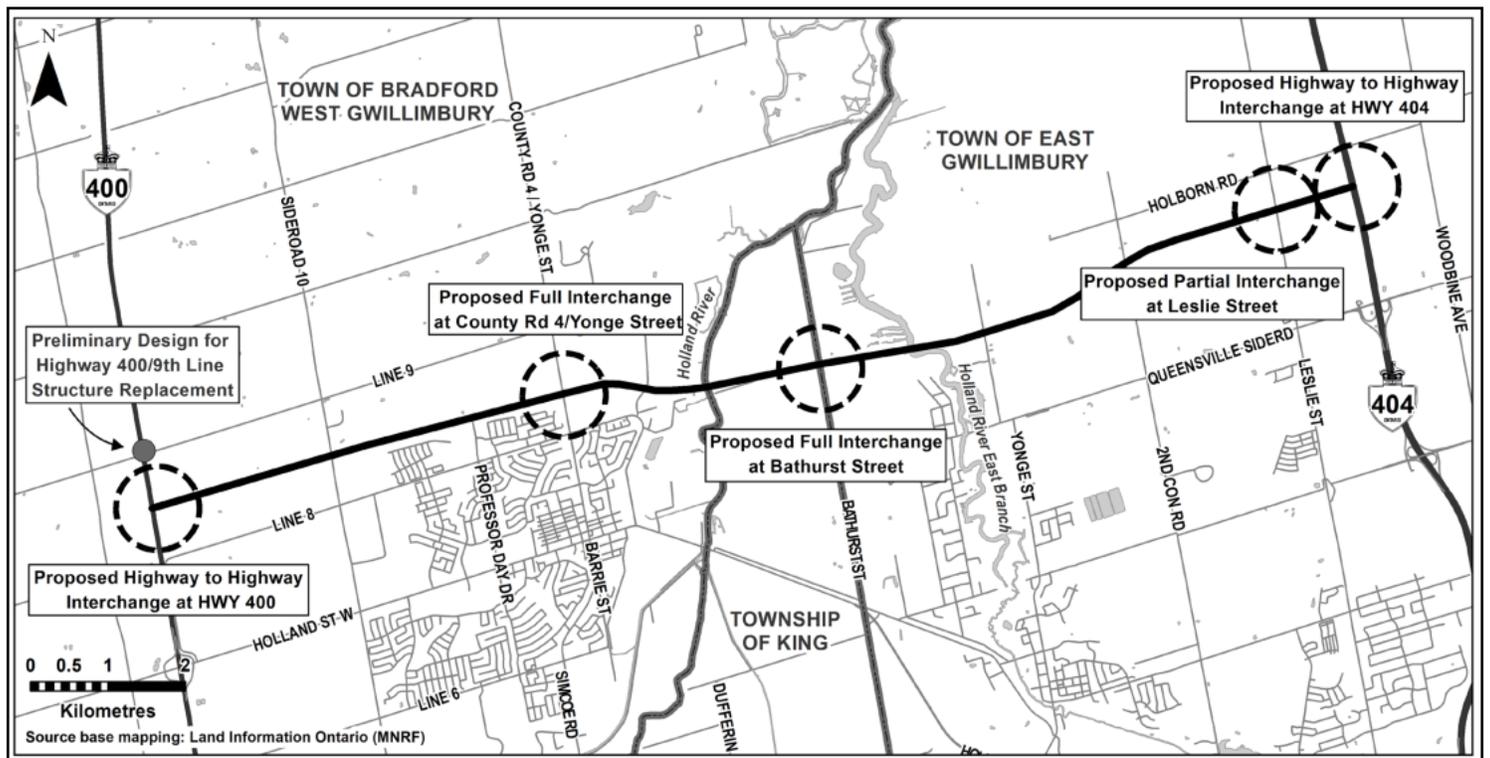
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*Final Letter to Indigenous Communities*

April 14, 2020

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The Project Team invites your community to an advanced PIC viewing session to be held the **morning of April 22, 2021**. The PIC material will be available for members of the public, municipalities and other stakeholders at **noon of April 22, 2021**. You can access the PIC material by entering the following password into the Project Website:

*PIC Password: **BBP1PIC***

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The MTO recognizes that Indigenous partners are prioritizing COVID-19 responses to protect the health and well-being of their communities, and as a result, this may impact their ability to respond to ministry projects. The MTO remains committed to fulfilling its duty to consult requirements and will endeavour to accommodate requests to delay, postpone or suspend consultation discussions at this time.

The continued operation of MTO infrastructure is vital to the health and safety of Ontarians during this state of emergency. This includes ensuring airports that serve remote First Nations continue to operate, as well as maintaining highways and bridges across the province so goods and services, like food and medical supplies, can continue to flow. MTO projects, and supporting policy and planning activities, play a vital role in ensuring Ontario's economy remains healthy, by providing jobs in engineering, design and construction fields.

MTO has reviewed planned infrastructure needs to ensure the continued safe and reliable operation of Ontario's highway network and transportation system. Policy and planning activities and infrastructure projects will be triaged to determine which are the highest priority to keep on track and must meet project timelines to remain on track and on budget. No response is required at this time, and MTO will be in touch with further information as this project progresses.

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April 13, 2021

*FINAL External Letter*

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# **Notice of Publication of Draft Early Works Report**

**ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF DRAFT EARLY WORKS REPORT  
COUNTY ROAD 4 EARLY WORKS- GWP 2008-21-00  
HIGHWAY 400 - HIGHWAY 404 LINK (BRADFORD BYPASS)**

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## The Project

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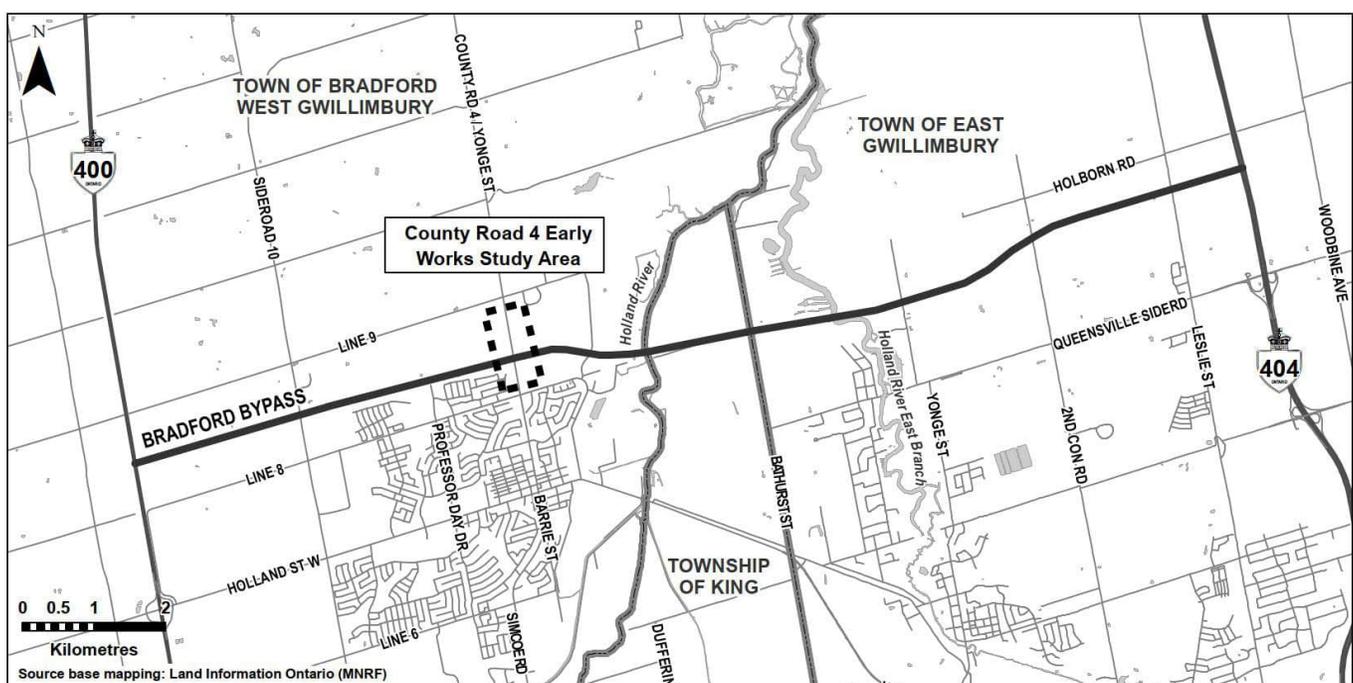
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The Early Works Study Area covers County Road 4 from south of Line 9 to Line 8, in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, County of Simcoe (see **Key Plan**).

## Background

The County of Simcoe prepared an Environmental Study Report (2012) for the widening of County Road 4 from north of Line 8 to north of County Road 89 that was approved under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. The County of Simcoe has since started site preparation works for the widening of County Road 4 from the southern limit (Line 8) to Line 11. In September 2020, MTO initiated the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for the Bradford Bypass (a new 16.2 km controlled access freeway) per the 2002 Environmental Assessment approved recommended plan and alignment and began discussions with municipalities to coordinate projects in the Study Area. As the Bradford Bypass will require a bridge to carry County Road 4 over the new highway, MTO, through consultation with the County of Simcoe, will complete the widening of County Road 4 within the Bradford Bypass study limits and has prepared this Early Works report for the construction of the new bridge over the future highway.

## Key Plan



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## **Draft Early Works Report**

The environmental impacts related to the Early Works have been assessed in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21. In accordance with Section 5 of Ontario Regulation 697/21, MTO has prepared the Draft Early Works Report that is now available for public review.

The Draft Early Works Report summarizes the local environmental conditions within the Early Works Study Area. The report also provides an assessment and evaluation of potential impacts that Early Works will have on the environment, a description of mitigation measures and monitoring activities, and a consultation record.

## **Review and Comment Period**

The Draft County Road 4 Early Works Report will be available for review on the project website ([www.BradfordBypass.ca/early-works/](http://www.BradfordBypass.ca/early-works/)) as of January 13, 2022. You can provide comments on the report from January 13, 2022 until February 12, 2022 via the online form provided on the website or address them to the project email ([ProjectTeam@BradfordBypass.ca](mailto:ProjectTeam@BradfordBypass.ca)).

Section 11(4) of Ontario Regulation 697/21 provides for an issues resolution process for the County Road 4 Early Works. Any concerns raised during the public review period of the Draft County Road 4 Early Works Report by Indigenous Nations and interested persons (and stakeholders) will be documented in Section 4.7 of the Final Early Works Report.

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For up-to-date project information, or to participate in the study, please visit the project website or contact the Project Team directly by e-mail or telephone.

This notice was issued on January 7, 2022 in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21: Section 10(3).

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*Final Stakeholder Letter*

January 7, 2022

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Dear «Greeting»:

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To promote design efficiencies between the Bradford Bypass Project and the County of Simcoe's widening of County Road 4 (2012 approved Municipal Class Environmental Assessment), MTO will incorporate the widening elements for this section of County Road 4 and include the construction of a multi-use path.

The environmental impacts related to the Early Works have been assessed in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21. In accordance with Section 5 of Ontario Regulation 697/21, MTO has prepared the Draft Early Works Report that is now available for public review.

The Draft Early Works Report summarizes the local environmental conditions within the Study Area. The report also provides an assessment and evaluation of potential impacts that Early Works will have on the environment, a description of mitigation measures and monitoring activities, and a consultation record.

**Purpose of this Letter:** This letter is intended to notify you of the publication of the Draft County Road 4 Early Works Report and to solicit your input.

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Sincerely,  
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*Final Letter to Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament*

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## Draft Early Works Report

The environmental impacts related to the Early Works have been assessed in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21. In accordance with Section 5 of Ontario Regulation 697/21, MTO has prepared the Draft Early Works Report that is now available for public review.

The Draft Early Works Report summarizes the local environmental conditions within the Study Area. The report also provides an assessment and evaluation of potential impacts that Early Works will have on the environment, a description of mitigation measures and monitoring activities, and a consultation record.

**Purpose of this Letter:** As part of the external consultation process for the Early Works assessment, and the Ministry's Duty to Consult, this letter is intended to notify you of the publication of the Draft Early Works Report, solicit your input and establish meetings or presentations, as needed.

The Early Works Report includes documentation and assessment of the following:

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In accordance with Section 11(4) of Ontario Regulation 697/21, MTO established an issues resolution process for the County Road 4 Early Works. Any concerns raised during the public review period of the Draft County Road 4 Early Works Report by Indigenous Nations and interested persons will be documented in Section 4.7 of the Final Early Works Report.

Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of 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, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact the Project Team as listed above.

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Sincerely,

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MTO Project Manager

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**Notice of Publication of Final  
Early Works Report**

**ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF FINAL EARLY WORKS REPORT**  
**COUNTY ROAD 4 EARLY WORKS- GWP 2008-21-00**  
**HIGHWAY 400 - HIGHWAY 404 LINK (BRADFORD BYPASS)**

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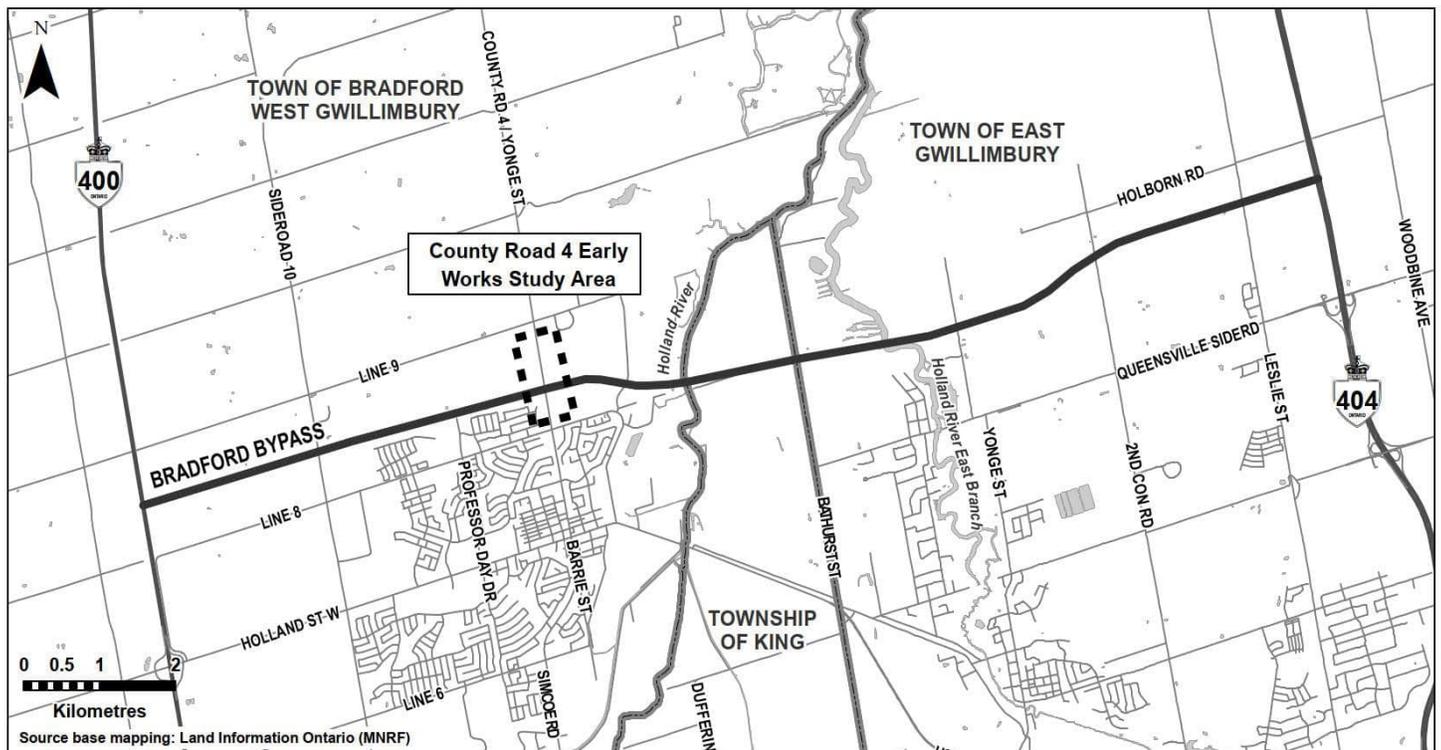
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**Key Plan**



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**FINAL EARLY WORKS REPORT**

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**CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM**

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This notice is issued in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21: Section 12(2).

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*Final Stakeholder Letter*

«March 21, 2022»

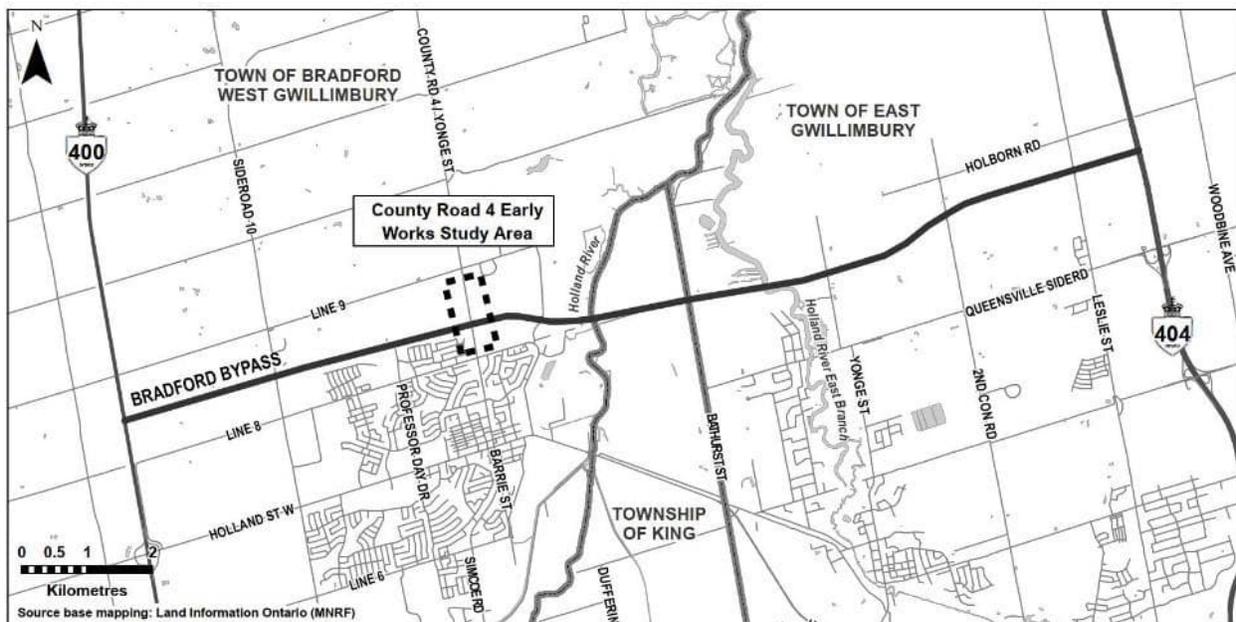
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We thank you for your participation and interest in the Preliminary Design and Assessment Study for the County Road 4 Early Works assessment.

Sincerely,  
**AECOM Canada Ltd.**

**Tim Sorochinsky, P.Eng.**  
AECOM Senior Project Manager

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*Final Letter to Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament*

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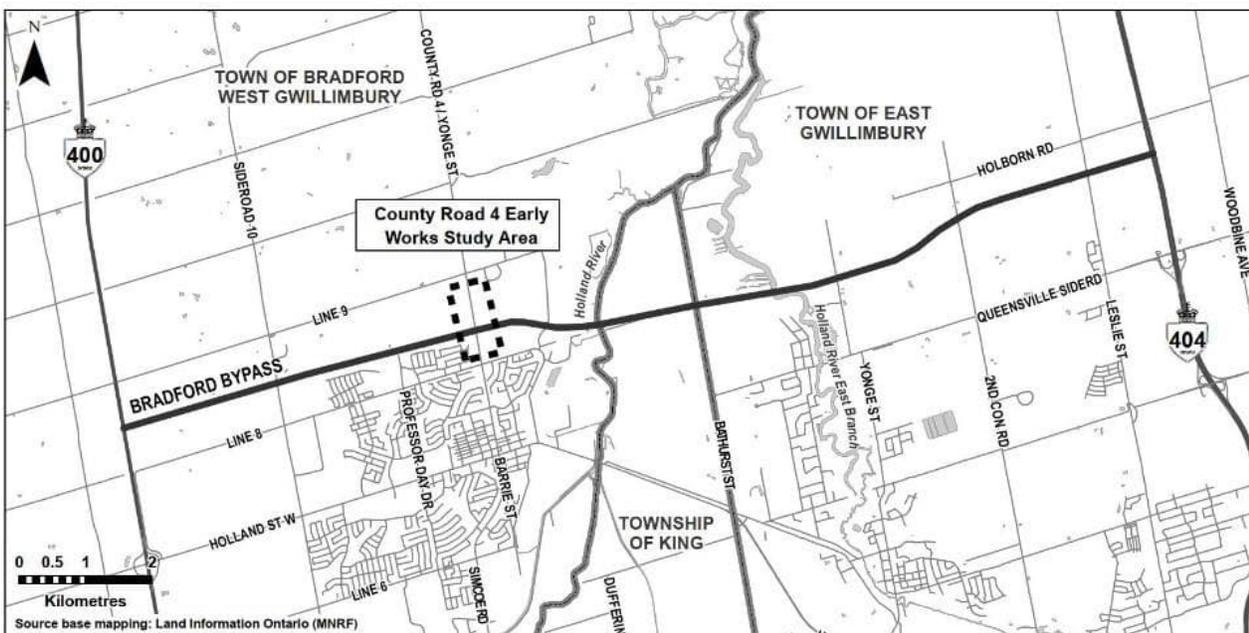
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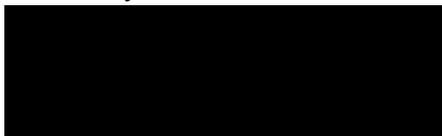
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*Final Letter to Indigenous Communities*

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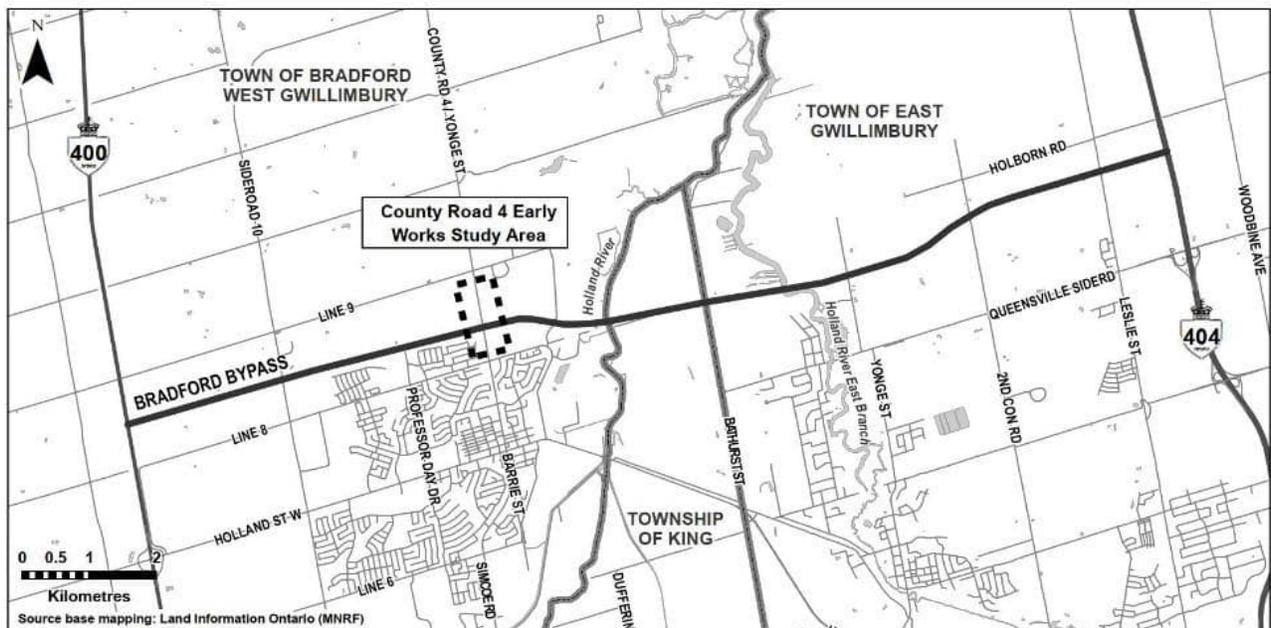
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Sincerely,



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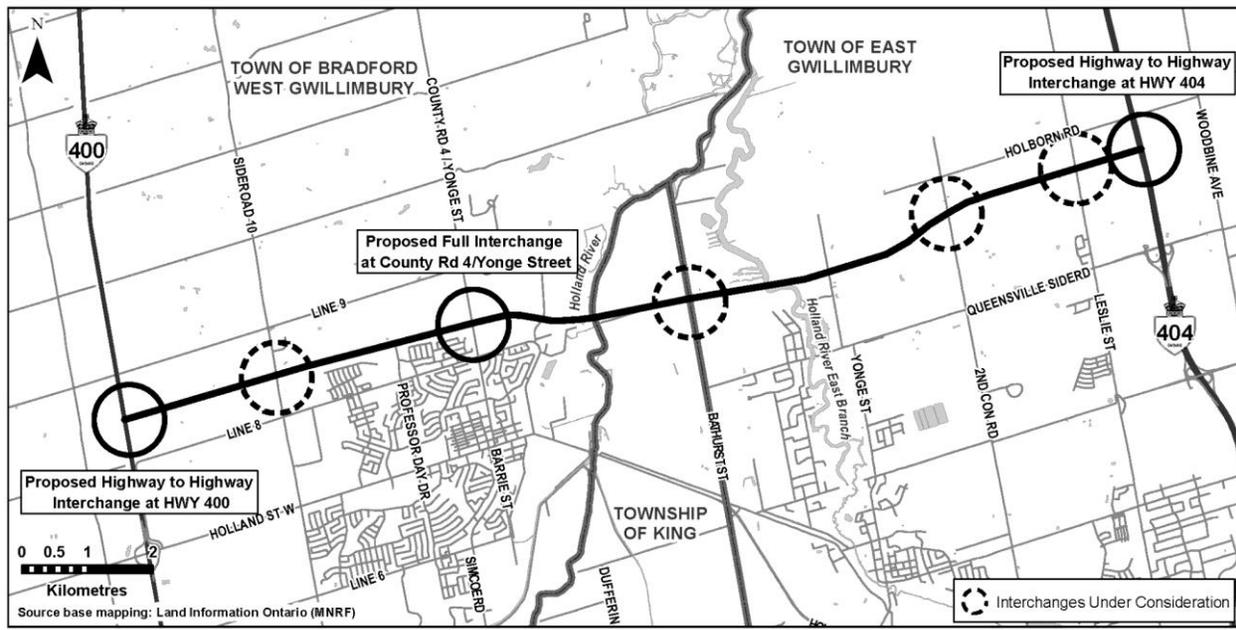
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**Notice of Consultation: Preliminary  
Design Interchange Considerations**

**ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE**  
**PRELIMINARY DESIGN: INTERCHANGE CONSIDERATIONS**  
**HIGHWAY 400 - HIGHWAY 404 LINK (BRADFORD BYPASS) ASSIGNMENT NO.2019-E-0048**  
PRELIMINARY DESIGN & ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

**THE STUDY**

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) to undertake a Preliminary Design and project-specific assessment of environmental impacts in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21, for the Bradford Bypass. Previously, MTO completed a route planning study for the Highway 400 – Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass), and a subsequent Environmental Assessment (EA) and Recommended Plan were approved in 2002. The Technically Preferred Route for the Bradford Bypass consists of a 16.2 km controlled access freeway to connect Highway 400 and Highway 404 with proposed full and partial interchanges, and grade separated crossings. The freeway will extend from Highway 400 between 8<sup>th</sup> Line and 9<sup>th</sup> 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). There are proposed full and partial interchanges, as well as grade separated crossings at intersecting municipal roads and watercourses, including the Holland River and Holland River East Branch. This project will also include the Preliminary Design for the replacement of the 9<sup>th</sup> Line structure on Highway 400 as a result of the proposed future ramps north of the Bradford Bypass corridor. In response to municipal requests, MTO is evaluating the feasibility of interchanges at 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession Road as part of the Preliminary Design. The key map shows the proposed highway and interchange locations.



**THE PROCESS**

This study is following the streamlined assessment process as set out in Ontario Regulation 697/21 and carries forward environmental commitments outlined in the 2002 Approved EA, as set out in the regulation. Alternatives within the project Study Area have been generated and will be evaluated based on technical and environmental factors, and in consultation with Indigenous communities, public stakeholders, municipalities, and government agencies. As part of the project-specific assessment of environmental impacts under the regulation, MTO will prepare and file a draft Environmental Conditions Report (ECR) and a draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). Both draft documents will be made available for public review, and final reports will be posted to the Project Website in accordance with the regulation. Preliminary Designs for interchanges are

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being considered as an update to the Preliminary Design alternatives presented at Public Information Centre #1 in 2021. Additional information is being provided to interested parties with an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the interchanges at 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession Road.

**Preliminary Design: Interchange Considerations**

The Preliminary Design Interchange Considerations are being posted virtually through the Project Website where you will be able to learn more about the additional interchanges for the Bradford Bypass. This includes updated information for the study, key objectives, and the Preliminary Design alternatives for the interchanges at 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession Road, and interchange location considerations. The Project Team is encouraging your review and submission of feedback on these interchange design alternatives.

The materials will be made available on the Project Website for a two (2) week stakeholder consultation review between **April 21, 2022** and **May 5, 2022**. The materials will remain on the Project Website.

**CONTACT US**

To provide feedback on the interchange alternatives, obtain additional information or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact the Project Team via one of the methods below:

**A Comment Form** can be found online on the Project Website at <https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/consultation/>

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*Final Indigenous Communities Letter*

April 14, 2022

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Dear «Greeting»:

**RE: Interchange Considerations  
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April 14, 2022

*Final MP Letter*

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MP York-Simcoe  
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**Where:** <https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/consultation/>

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**A Comment Form** can be found online on the Project Website at <https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/consultation/>

**Email:** ProjectTeam@BradfordBypass.ca

**Telephone:** 1-877-247-6036

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# **Notice of Publication of Draft Environmental Conditions Report**

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PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

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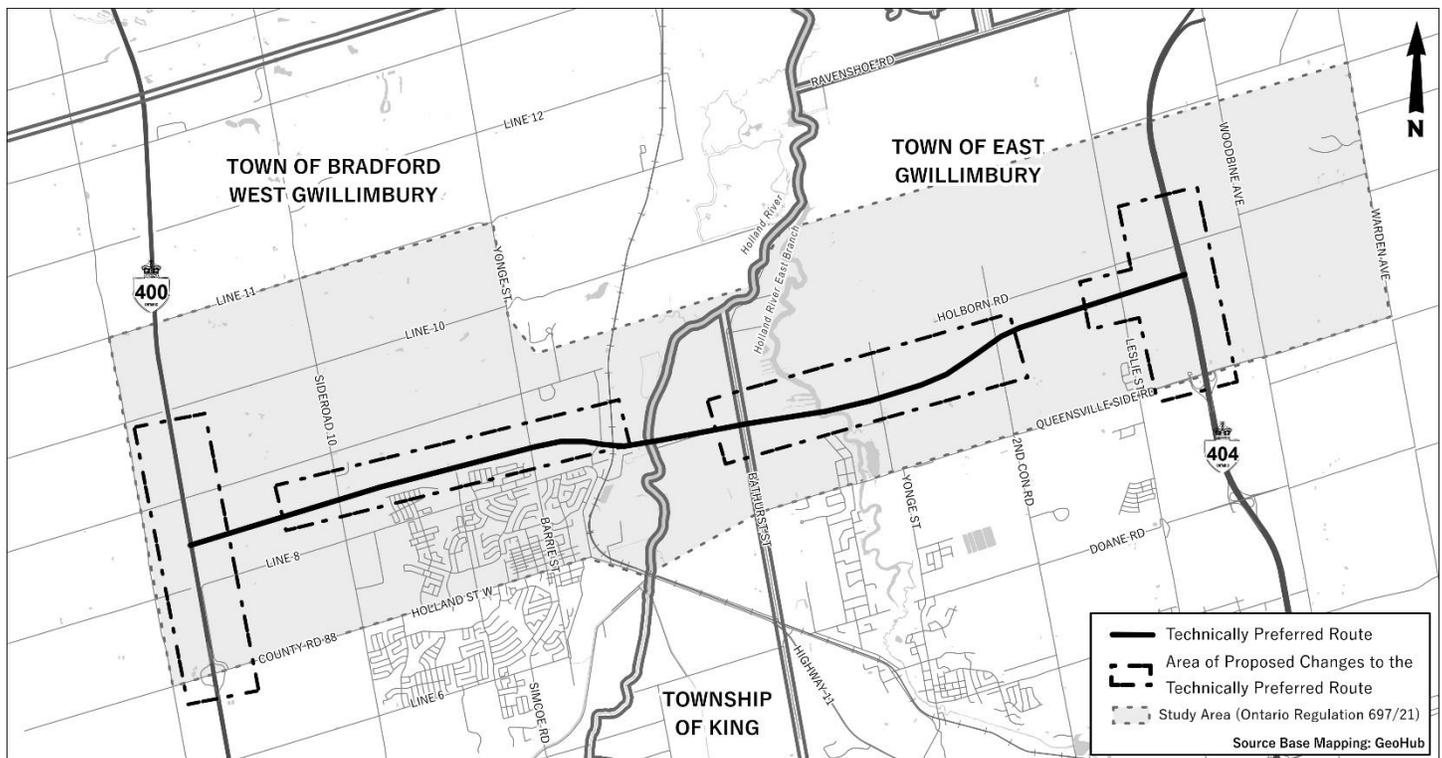
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**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS REPORT**

As of August 4, 2022, a 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 4, 2022**, and **September 4, 2022**. For comments to be considered during the 30-day consultation period, please submit your feedback to the Project Team on or before September 4, 2022. Comments and feedback on the report are to be provided to the ministry via the project website, email or by telephone.

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This notice was issued on July 28, 2022, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21: Section 17.

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July 28, 2022

[NAME]

[COMMUNITY]

[ADDRESS]

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Preliminary Design and Assessment of Environmental Impacts  
Ontario Ministry of Transportation**

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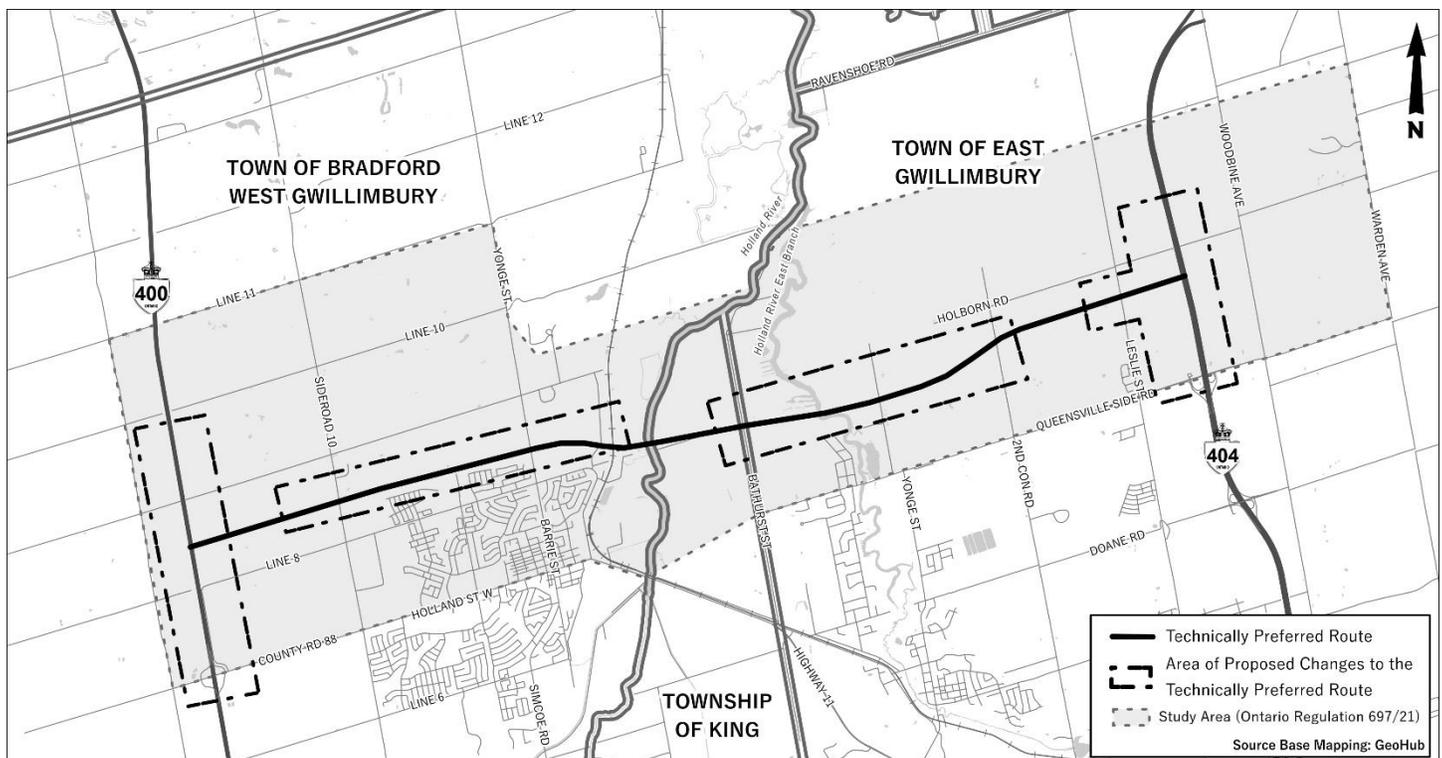
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October 27, 2022

*MP Letter*

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MP York-Simcoe  
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October 27, 2021

107-2021-4374

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Dear <Greeting>:

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the Bradford Bypass Project including information regarding Ontario Regulation (O. Reg) 697/21 that came into effect on Oct. 7, 2021.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) posted a proposal on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) on July 8, 2020, for a 45-day public comment period to conditionally exempt the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) Bradford Bypass project from the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA).

O. Reg 697/21 (URL: [www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r21697?search=697](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r21697?search=697)) exempts the Bradford Bypass Project from the requirements of the EAA, subject to conditions, to promote environmental protection and provide for continued consultation with government agencies, Indigenous communities and members of the public. For more information on the government's decision, please see the complete Oct. 7, 2021 ERO Decision Notice at the following link [www.ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1883](http://www.ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1883).

The regulation sets out a streamlined process with a goal of maintaining strong environmental oversight for the planning, assessment, documentation, and consultation objectives necessary to advance the project to implementation and continue environmental protection. This will reduce timeline delays for building important infrastructure for Ontario communities that will facilitate the movement of people across the province, while maintaining environmental considerations and opportunities for public and Indigenous engagement.

The regulation conditionally exempts the Bradford Bypass project from the duplicative requirements which have already been completed through other regulatory processes that consider environmental protection. This will allow MTO to advance the implementation of this critically needed transportation infrastructure in an efficient and timely manner.

The regulation provides flexibility for early works at County Road 4 to proceed, subject to MTO fulfilling requirements regarding consultation, identification and assessment of impacts and mitigation measures. Early works include a grade separated crossing at County Road 4 (Yonge Street) to accommodate the County of Simcoe's widening of County Road 4 from two to four lanes for the portion of the area between the 8<sup>th</sup> Line and 9<sup>th</sup> Line, including a multiuse recreational trail on the east side of County Road 4.

To maintain continued environmental protection, and further opportunities for consultation, the regulation incorporates key environmental assessment planning process requirements into regulatory conditions. This will ensure that MTO advances the planning and assessment of the Bradford Bypass through a decision-making process that is consistent with the requirements of the EAA.

The regulation, in general, incorporates all but Condition 4 of the 2002 EA Notice of Approval, which had directed MTO to follow the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (MTO Class EA)* for the design and construction of the project.

MTO will still be required to follow all other relevant provincial and federal legislative requirements, standards, and practices, as they apply to the design, construction and operation of the project to ensure continued environmental protection. The regulation requires MTO to fulfil technical design commitments made in the EA, such as completion of an archaeological assessment, a stormwater management plan, a groundwater protection and well monitoring plan, and a noise report. MTO will still prepare technical studies, including:

- Agricultural Impact Assessment
- Air Quality Impact Assessment
- Archaeological Assessment (Stages 2, 3, & 4, as required)
- Drainage and Hydrology
- Erosion and Sediment Control Risk Assessment
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- Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment
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- Snowdrift Assessment
- Terrestrial Ecosystems Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment
- Waste and Excess Materials Management Plan
- Human Health

MTO is required to notify MECP, certain municipalities and government agencies, any interested persons, and Indigenous communities of proposed changes to the project that would be significant. MTO will continue consultation with Indigenous communities and submit Indigenous Consultation Plans to MECP and for distribution to potentially impacted and interested Indigenous communities.

The regulation requires MTO to establish an issues resolution process that will focus on addressing concerns raised by Indigenous communities and interested persons. While still under development, it will include a process to outline and guide discussions with Indigenous communities and other interested persons regarding the potential environmental impacts of the project; documentation that records the issues raised, how they were considered, and any changes to the project as a result; and notification to the commenter on the results of the issues resolution process. In addition, MTO as a CroMinistry will continue to be subject to its constitutional obligations to consult with Indigenous communities that have established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights that could be adversely impacted by the project.

As the project moves ahead, an Early Works Report will be provided for stakeholder review and input later this fall, with final design and construction for early works anticipated to commence in 2022. My ministry is on track to prepare an Environmental Conditions Report for the overall Bradford Bypass highway and to present the project at Public Information Centre 2 (PIC 2) in Fall 2022. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report shall be prepared for stakeholder review following PIC 2, and Preliminary Design completion is anticipated in early 2023 with Detail Design to follow.

For additional information and details regarding the proposed early works as well as the Bradford Bypass Project, please visit the following website: [www.bradfordbypass.ca/](http://www.bradfordbypass.ca/).

My ministry will also carefully consider all impacts and will continue to work with municipalities and other concerned stakeholders to identify principles and recommendations for mitigating the environmental impacts of placing new or expanded provincial highways and transitways within this area.

Sincerely,

Caroline Mulroney  
Minister of Transportation

cc. Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks