

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2
HIGHWAY 400 - HIGHWAY 404 LINK (BRADFORD BYPASS)
PRELIMINARY DESIGN & ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

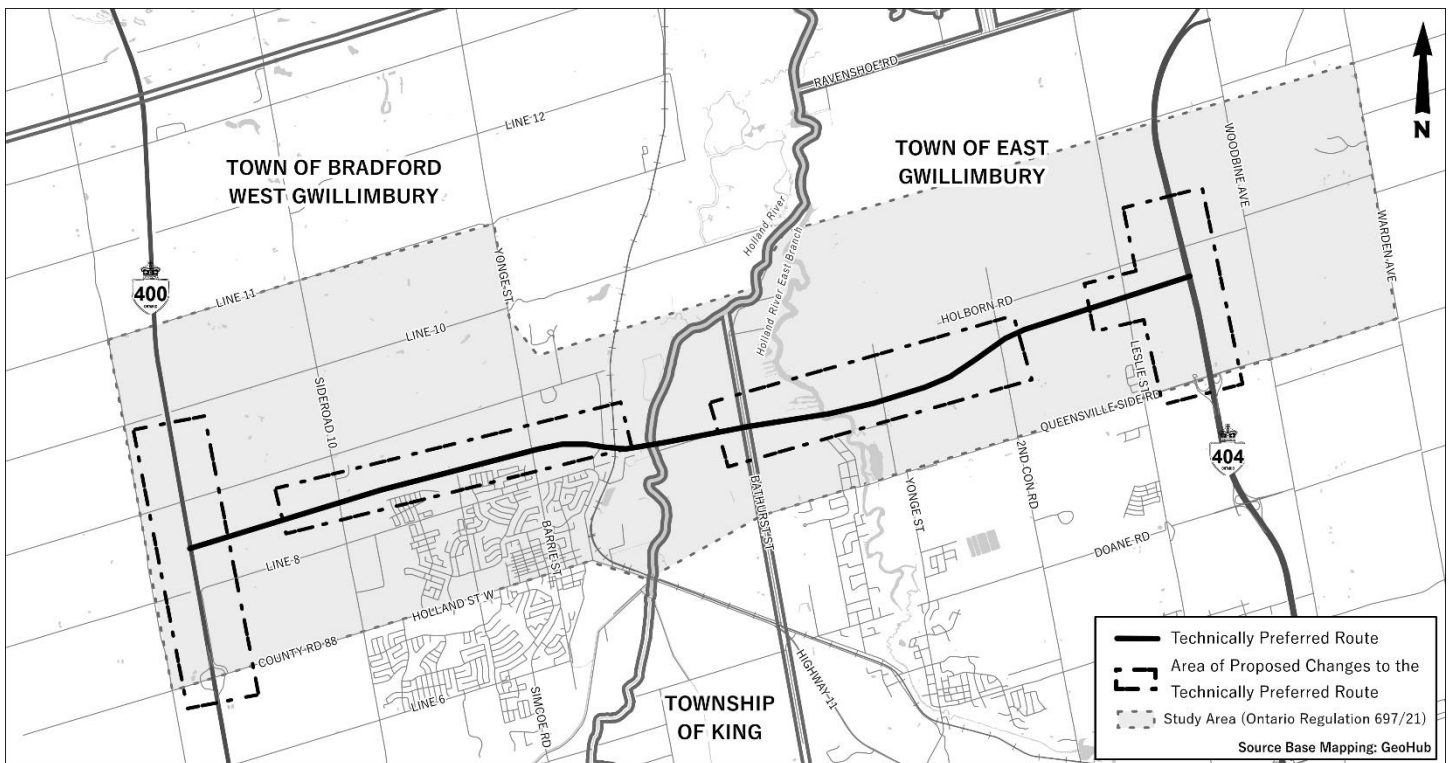
THE STUDY

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 (www.bradfordbypass.ca). Under the regulation, the study is following the streamlined assessment process that adheres to all relevant new and existing provincial and federal regulations and 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.



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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2 (ONLINE / VIRTUAL)

Preliminary design alternatives within the project Study Area have been generated and are being evaluated based on technical and environmental factors, and in engagement with Indigenous Nations and consultation with municipalities, government agencies and public stakeholders, including feedback from Public Information Centre (PIC) #1. The preferred preliminary design alternatives will be presented at PIC #2.

PIC #2 will be hosted virtually on **November 24th, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, Eastern Standard Time (EST) through the Zoom platform where you will be able to learn more about the preliminary design study and assessment of environmental impacts. At the beginning of the live event, the Project Team will provide an overview of the project followed by a live comment and response period. Registration is required to participate in the live event for PIC #2 and can be completed on the Project Website (<http://www.bradfordbypass.ca/consultation/>). Event call-in details will be made available on the Project Website the day of PIC #2.

The PIC #2 materials will be made available on the Project Website for a two-week stakeholder review period beginning the morning of **November 24, 2022** and ending on **December 8, 2022**.

A PIC #2 Comment Form can be found online on the Project Website on November 24, 2022 until December 8, 2022. As part of the project-specific assessment of environmental impacts under the regulation, and following PIC #2, the ministry will prepare and file a draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). The draft EIAR will be made available for public review and comment, and will be posted to the Project Website, in accordance with Section 26 of Ontario Regulation 697/21.

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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. Comments are being collected to assist the ministry in meeting the requirements of the 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. If there are any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this study, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.