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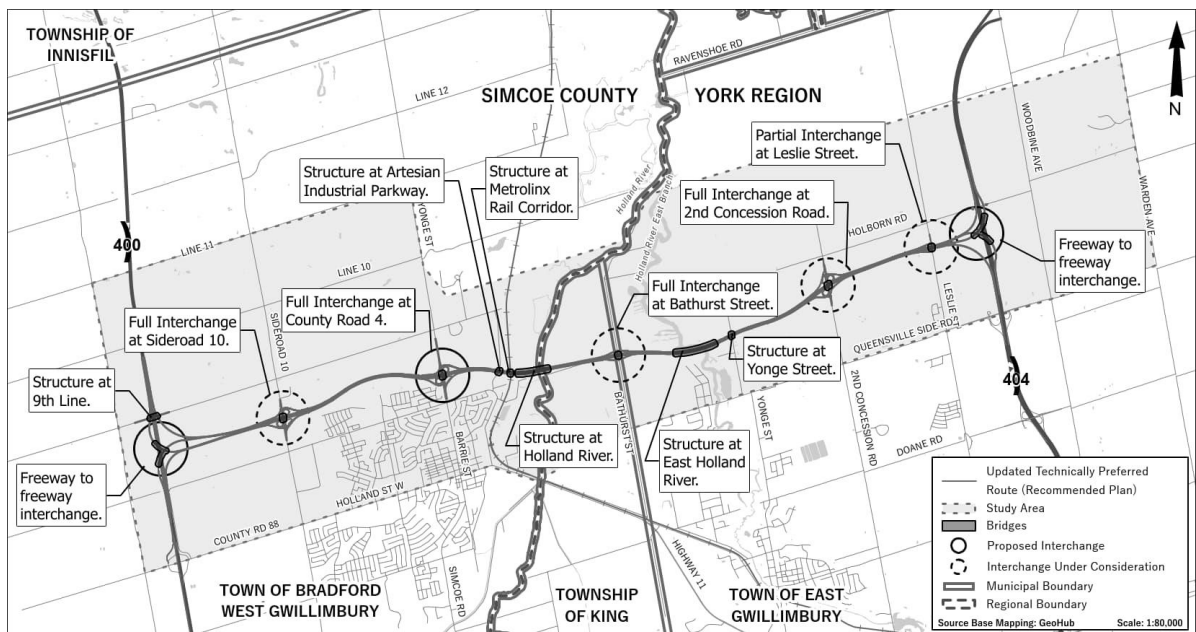
**Draft Groundwater Protection and Well Monitoring Plan  
 Highway 400 – Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass) Preliminary Design and Assessment of  
 Environmental Impacts Ontario Ministry of Transportation**

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 16.3-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 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).

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, two of which are 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 9<sup>th</sup> Line structure on Highway 400.

The key map illustrates the study area, the Updated Technically Preferred Route (Recommended Plan), and locations of the proposed interchanges, bridge and rail structures.



## Draft Groundwater Protection and Well Monitoring Plan

In accordance with Section 23 of Ontario Regulation 697/21, a Draft Groundwater Protection and Well Monitoring Plan has been prepared. The Plan outlines the following:

- Identified areas where the Bradford Bypass Project may directly or indirectly affect groundwater
- A groundwater monitoring program for the identified areas
- A description of the locations and parameters for the monitoring of groundwater quality and quantity
- Proposed start date and frequency of groundwater monitoring; and
- A well water survey with plans to collect appropriate water quality and quantity information.

## Review and Comment on the Draft Groundwater Protection and Well Monitoring Plan

The Draft Groundwater Protection and Well Monitoring Plan will be available for review on the Project Website as of March 24, 2023 (<https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/draft-groundwater-gpwmp/>). You can provide comments from **March 24, 2023 until April 14, 2023**, via the project email ([ProjectTeam@BradfordBypass.ca](mailto:ProjectTeam@BradfordBypass.ca)) or contact the Project Team by phone as listed below.

**Website:** [www.BradfordBypass.ca/consultation/](http://www.BradfordBypass.ca/consultation/)

**Email:** [ProjectTeam@BradfordBypass.ca](mailto:ProjectTeam@BradfordBypass.ca)

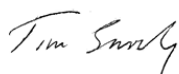
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In accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21, comments provided on the Draft Groundwater Protection and Well Monitoring Plan will be considered and the Final Groundwater Protection and Well Monitoring Plan will be published on the Project Website upon completion of the consultation period (<https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/study-process/>).

If you have accessibility requirements in order to participate in this study, or to be placed on the Project Contact List, please use a contact method above or visit the “Contact Us” page on the Project Website. 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 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.

We thank you for your participation and interest in the Preliminary Design and project-specific assessment of environmental impacts for the Bradford Bypass project and look forward to your involvement.

Sincerely,  
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