

Appendix C1

Notifications and Letters

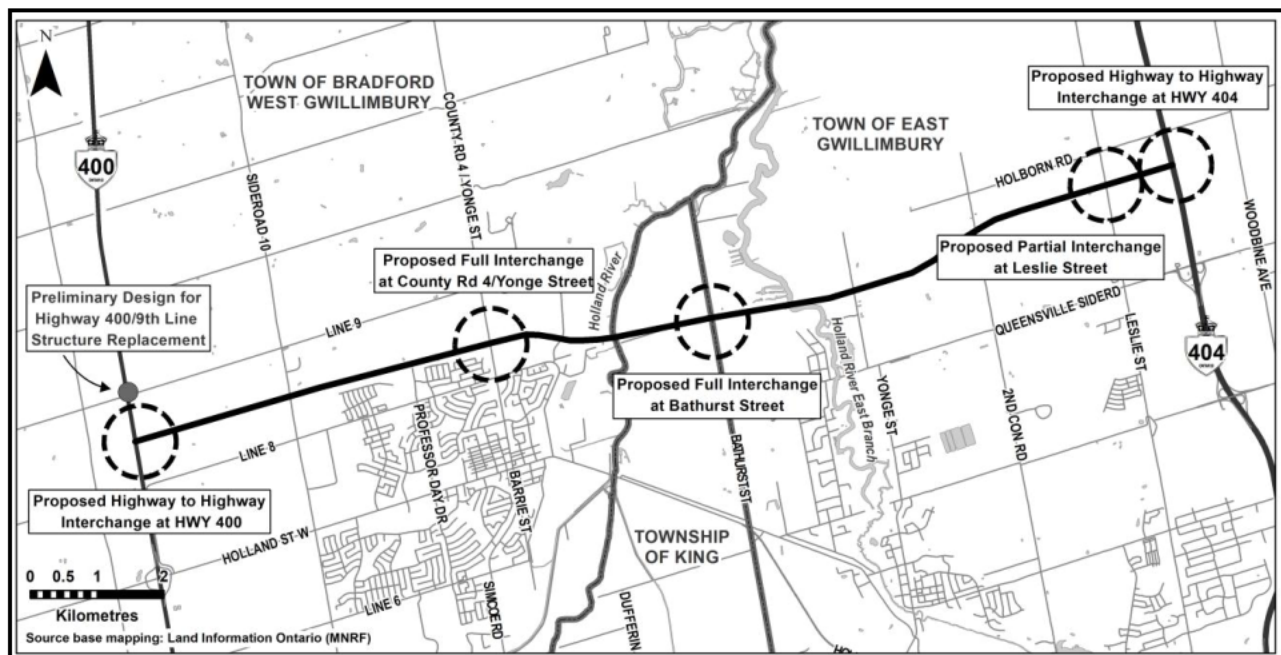


Notice of Study Commencement

**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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***Final Letter to Indigenous Communities***

September 23, 2020

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Purpose of this Letter: As part of the external consultation process for the Class EA, and the Ministry's Duty to Consult, this letter is intended to notify you of the commencement of this Preliminary Design and EA study, solicit your input and establish meetings or presentations with the Chief and elected council, as needed.

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.

We encourage you and your community members to visit the project website for project information and updates throughout the study and if required, contact the Project Team directly by email or telephone.

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For direct communication with the Ministry, please contact the MTO Project Manager by phone at (416) 235-3435 or by email at Cameron.Bevers@ontario.ca. Please feel free to contact us to request a meeting to discuss any of the reports or project details. We thank you for your participation and interest in the Preliminary Design and EA Study for the Bradford Bypass, and look forward to your involvement.

Sincerely,

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- Bradford West Gwillimbury Topic on Thursday September 17, 2020
- East Gwillimbury Express on Thursday September 17, 2020

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Final Stakeholder Letter

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN FORM TO THE PROJECT TEAM BY OCTOBER 9TH, 2020

- 1) Does your organization wish to participate in the study and continue to receive notices of project activities or information as this study progresses? If you do not wish to participate, you will be removed from the mailing list.
- Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

- 2) If “Yes” to Item #1 above, or if you wish to receive a response to your comments, please confirm the contact information for the individual who will act as the Project Team’s primary point of contact for your organization. Where an email is provided, this will be used as the primary form of correspondence unless otherwise requested.

Name: _____

Title:

Department/Organization:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

☐ Please send communications by post mail

Mailing Address:

- 3) Please indicate if the above noted project will affect the delivery of your organization's programs or services, and/or provide project related comments to the Project Team.

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HIGHWAY 400 – 404 LINK (THE BRADFORD BYPASS)
PRELIMINARY DESIGN & CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
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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:

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| <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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Mailing Instructions

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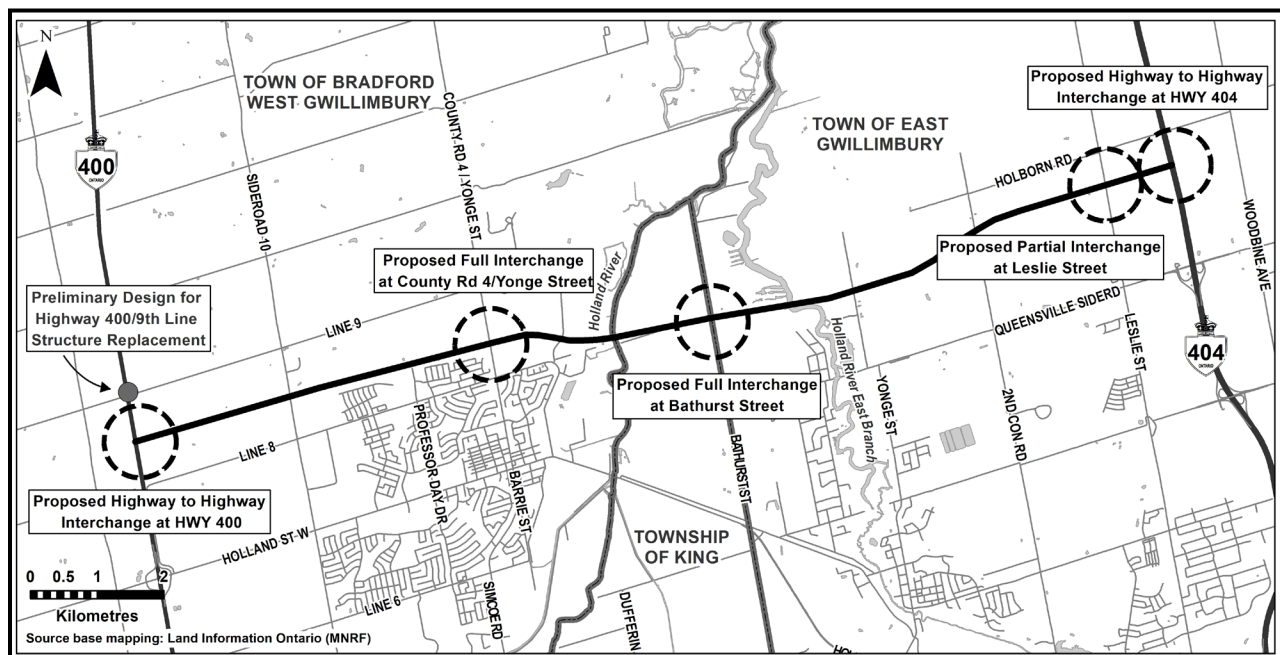
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2020-2022 Permission to Enter Package

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Region: Central

MTO Area Office: Central

HIGHWAY 400 – HIGHWAY 404 LINK (BRADFORD BYPASS)
WO # 19-2001
PERMISSION TO ENTER FORM

I/We,

Of the

In the Province of Ontario

As owners of:

Lot/Block:

Municipality:

Concession/RP:

PIN:

Town/Township:

LRO:

I/We grant permission to Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation, Ontario, Her employees, agents, contractors, consultants, etc., to enter the property on one or more occasions between **June 2020 and December 31st, 2022** for the purpose of carrying out fieldwork required for the completion of the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) and Preliminary Design Report (PDR) for the Highway 400 – Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass).

I/we understand that both non-intrusive and physical fieldwork will be required on my/our property in order to complete the necessary engineering and environmental investigations. I/we understand that the fieldwork falls into the two categories as detailed below:

Non-Intrusive Fieldwork which will not require any physical disturbance to my/our property and will consist of field staff documenting observations, taking photos, and mapping existing conditions.

Physical Fieldwork which may require some temporary alteration to my/our property. Once the investigations are complete, any physical disturbance or alteration to my/our property will be returned to the property's original condition at no cost to myself/us.

The granting of this permission in no way constitutes a release for damages that may be caused by the work, and I/We reserve the right to file a claim for compensation within one (1) year of the time the damage becomes known to me/us.

The Minister assumes the risk of injury or damages, and related reasonable legal fees of the Owner(s) to defend against third party claims, arising out of the Minister's use of the land except to the extent that the injury or damages are caused by the Owner(s)' negligence.

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, **2020**

Print Name(s) (and position held if corporation)

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Signature(s)

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Witness (where executing party is not a corporation)

Seal or Authority to Bind (if corporation)

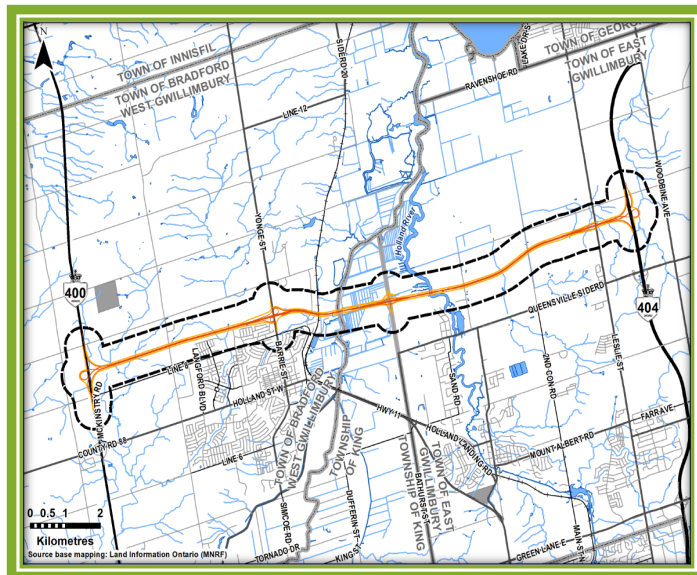
Preferred Contact Information / Comments / Additional Information

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2022- 2023 Permission to Enter Package

DATE XX, 2022

OWNER NAME

OWNER ADDRESS

REFERENCE PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: PIN

**Re: Request for Permission to Enter Your Property
Highway 400 – Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass)
Ontario Ministry of Transportation, WO # 19-2001**

Attention/To: OWNER NAME

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Project Overview and Request for Permission to Enter

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In order to undertake fieldwork within the Study Area for Preliminary Design study, we respectfully request permission to enter your property referenced by the above Property Identification Number (PIN). MTO requests that a Permission to Enter (PTE) Form be signed by the property owner to permit entry onto your property throughout the study to complete the following work:

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- Please review the PTE Form, sign and return no later than **January XX, 2023**, via email to projectteam@bradfordbypass.ca.
- In the space provided on the PTE Form, please advise if there are any special requirements or precautionary measures that staff should take while visiting your property (i.e., accommodate/do not impede sensitive farm operations, harvesting, seasonal breeding, pets, etc.).
- To facilitate communications throughout the study we respectfully request that you provide your **preferred contact information (phone/email)**.

A *Permission to Enter Fact Sheet* is enclosed with this letter, which provides additional information pertaining to the Study Area, the purpose of requesting a PTE, as well as the types of investigations that may occur on your property. If you have any questions about the project, the ministry's request, or require further information about the proposed fieldwork, please contact the individuals listed on the Fact Sheet. We would appreciate receiving a signed copy of the PTE Form to the Project Team by email to projectteam@bradfordbypass.ca not later than (**January XX, 2023**). The PTE Form can be submitted by providing a scanned copy or a photograph of the complete PTE Form if a scanner is not available.

If you are a tenant of the property noted on the attached PTE Form, or are not the property owner, please kindly contact the Project Team by phone or email, and we will arrange to forward this letter and form to the appropriate contact.

Unless you request otherwise, we will add you to the contact list for the Project so you can receive information on the project as it advances. We encourage you to visit the project website (www.bradfordbypass.ca) to learn more about the project. We are committed to ensuring that government information and services are accessible for all Ontarians. For communication support or to request material in an alternate format, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below through the project email, or by phone at 1 (877) 247-6036. 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.

Sincerely,

AECOM Canada Ltd.



Tim Sorochinsky, P.Eng.
Consultant Project Manager

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Enclosed: Bradford Bypass Permission to Enter Fact Sheet
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DATE

NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

Dear **NAME**:

A letter dated **[DATE]** was sent to you advising of the Ministry of Transportation's authority pursuant to Section 6 of the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act* (PTHIA) which was used to permit the ministry's staff and consultants access to the property at **[PROPERTY ADDRESS]** (**PIN #**) for the purpose of conducting field investigations in support of the preliminary design and project-specific assessment of environmental impacts of the Highway 400 – Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass Project) from April 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

It has been determined that additional field investigations on your property are required, therefore this letter is informing you that the Minister's authority pursuant to Section 6 of the PTHIA to enter upon your property is being extended to **[DATE]**.

Entry upon your property is required to allow the ministry's representatives to record existing field conditions and obtain other relevant information pertinent to the preliminary design of the highway. Please note that any disturbance or alteration to your property as a result of the field investigations will be restored to your property's original condition.

This letter is also to notify you, pursuant to Section 13 of the PTHIA, that the powers under Section 6 have been exercised with respect to your property.

Please note that every person having any claim to compensation for damages caused by the field investigations in 2022 must file the claim within six months of this notice. This notice will be sent to you again with respect to any entries on your property that occur in 2023. Any claim for compensation should be filed:

By email:

projectteam@bradfordbypass.ca
RE: Bradford Bypass Project Claim

Or by mail:

Attention: Nikki Fortner
Design and Engineering Branch

659 Exeter Road
London, Ontario N6E 1L3
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The ministry would prefer to coordinate entry with you wherever possible and every effort will be made to notify you prior to any visits. I encourage you to make arrangements with the ministry's consultant representative, Riyaz Sheikh, Deputy Project Manager from AECOM, at 905-213-5799 or via email at Riyaz.Sheikh@aecom.com. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wan Chi Ma, MTO Senior Project Manager, at 437-776-8026 or via email at WanChi.Ma@ontario.ca.

Yours truly,

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c: Wan Chi Ma, MTO
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Attachments: Schedule A: Parcel Mapping
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Region: Central
MTO Area Office: Central

HIGHWAY 400 – HIGHWAY 404 LINK (BRADFORD BYPASS)
WO # 19-2001
PERMISSION TO ENTER FORM

I/We, _____
Of the Town/City of _____
In the Province of Ontario _____

As owners of:
Lot/Block: _____ Municipality: _____
Concession/RP: _____ PIN: _____
Town/Township: _____ LRO: _____

I/We grant permission to Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation, Ontario, Her employees, agents, contractors, consultants, etc., to enter the property on one or more occasions between **January 3rd, 2023 and December 31st, 2023** for the purpose of carrying out fieldwork required for the completion of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Preliminary Design Report (PDR) in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21 for the Highway 400 – Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass).

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The Minister assumes the risk of injury or damages, and related reasonable legal fees of the Owner(s) to defend against third party claims, arising out of the Minister's use of the land except to the extent that the injury or damages are caused by the Owner(s)' negligence.

Dated at _____ this ____ day of _____ , _____

Print Name(s) (and position held if corporation) _____

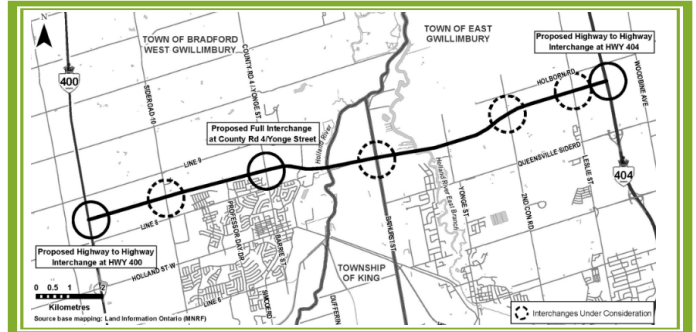
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Witness (where executing party is not a corporation) _____ Seal or Authority to Bind (if corporation) _____

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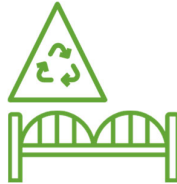
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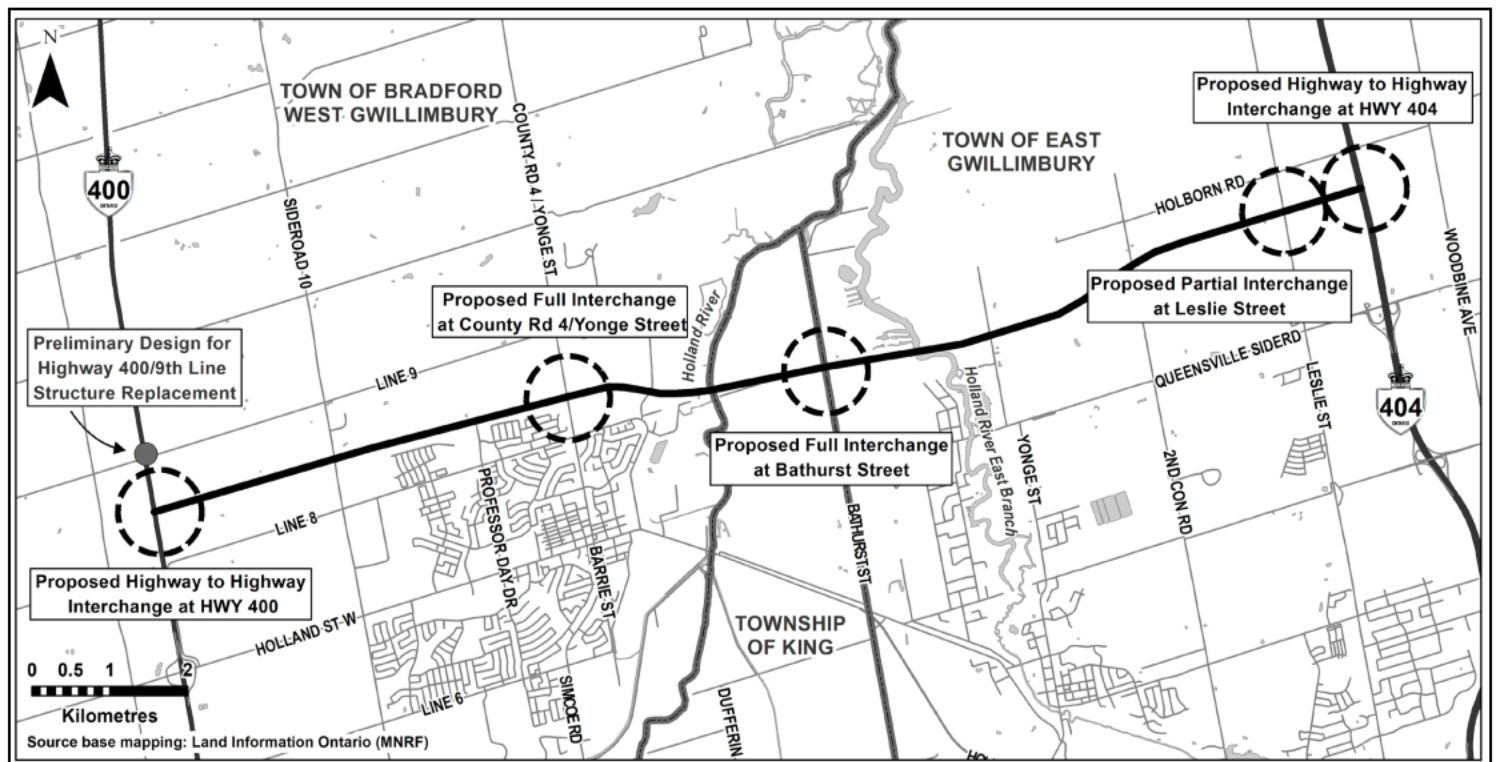
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Notice of Public Information Centre #1

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PRELIMINARY DESIGN & CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

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Where: <https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/consultation/>

CONTACT US

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Telephone: 1-877-247-6036

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*Final Letter to Indigenous Communities*

April 14, 2020

«Name»

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«Address»

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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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For direct communication with the Ministry, please contact the MTO Project Manager by phone at (437) 331-6649 or by email at Cameron.Bevers@ontario.ca. Please feel free to contact us to request a meeting to discuss the content of this PIC. We thank you for your participation and interest in the Preliminary Design and EA Study for the Bradford Bypass, and look forward to your involvement.

Sincerely,

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This Study follows the approved planning process for a Group 'A' project under the MTO Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) (Class EA). Upon study completion, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and be available for a 30-day public review period.

General improvements / enhancements to the approved 2002 route of the Bradford Bypass will be considered as part of this EA Study. Refinements will be generated and evaluated based on technical and environmental factors, and through engagement with Indigenous Communities, public stakeholders, municipalities and government agencies. The Project Team will review and assess environmental commitments made during the previous 2002 approved Route Planning EA Study, as well as assess any new impacts and prescribe new mitigation measures to be carried forward for the subsequent Detail Design phase for the Bradford Bypass. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held during this study to provide interested parties with the opportunity to discuss the study and provide input to the Project Team.

This first PIC is being hosted virtually in two (2) parts through the Project Website where you will be able to learn more about the preliminary design study.

PIC Part 1: The purpose of the first stage is to showcase the study, update and summarize existing conditions, illustrate the preliminary design refinements as compared to the 2002 approved EA study, outline the evaluation criteria, and solicit input, feedback and comments on the preliminary design refinements.

The PIC materials will be made available on the Project Website for a two (2) week stakeholder review period beginning **April 22, 2021** and ending on **May 6, 2021**.

PIC Part 2: The Project Team encourages you to attend the PIC Webinar presentation on **May 18, 2021** where you will be able to learn more about key topics raised during the PIC's stakeholder review period and receive additional project information.

Where: <https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/consultation/>

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

PIC Comment Form can be found online on the Study Website at the end of the PIC material.

Email: ProjectTeam@BradfordBypass.ca

Telephone: 1-877-247-6036

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We thank you for your participation and interest in the Preliminary Design and EA Study for the Bradford Bypass, and look forward to your involvement.

Sincerely,
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Encl. Notice of Public Information Centre #1

Project Update Letters

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October 27, 2021

107-2021-4374

Name

Organization

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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) 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.

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 8th Line and 9th 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
- 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
- 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 Crown Minister 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/.

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

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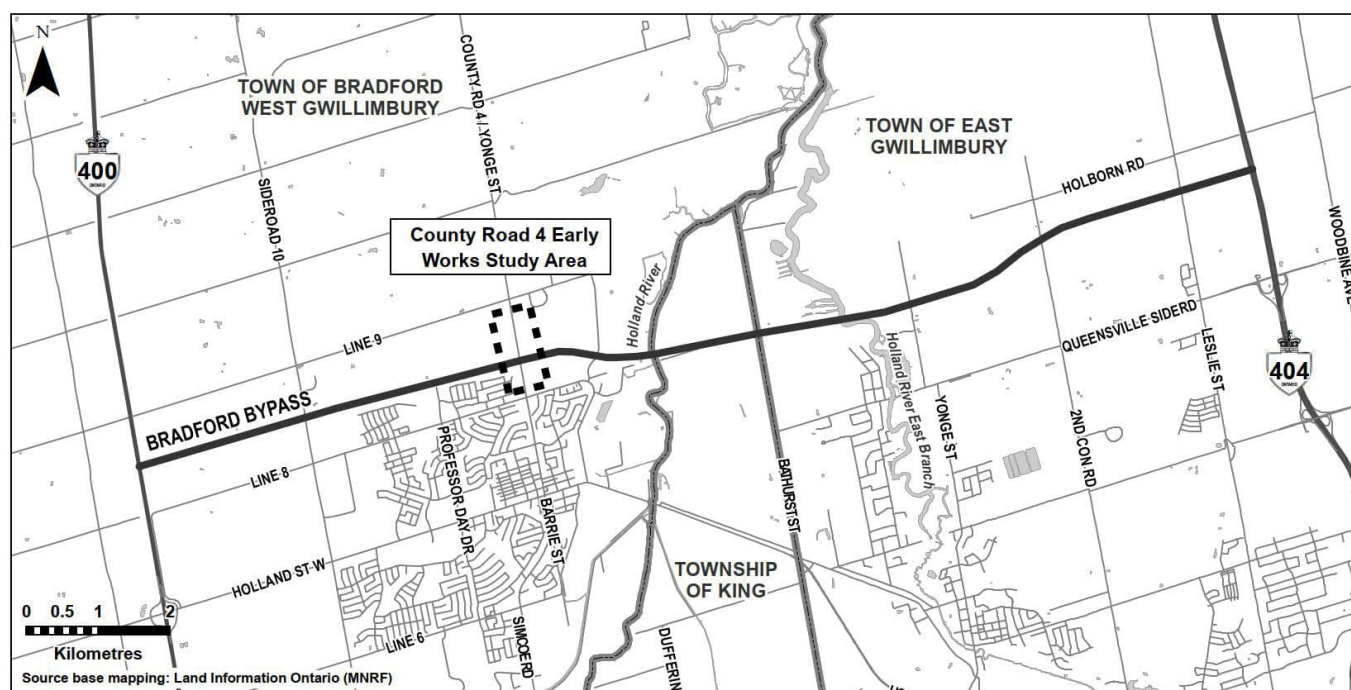
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The Early Works Study Area covers County Road 4 from south of Line 9 to Line 8, in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, County of Simcoe (see **Key Plan**).

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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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

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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.

To view or obtain a copy of the Draft County Road 4 Early Works Report, please visit the project website (www.BradfordBypass.ca/early-works/) or contact the Project Team by phone or email as listed below.

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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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«Organization»

«Address»

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County Road 4 Early Works - GWP 2008-21-00)
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Sincerely,
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Final Letter to Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament

January 7, 2022

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Purpose of this Letter: This letter is intended to notify you of the publication of the Draft County Road 4 Early Works Report. The enclosed "Notice of Publication of Draft Early Works Report" will be distributed to residents in the study area and the project contact list in accordance with O. Reg 697/21 on January 13, 2022.

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Sincerely,

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Final Letter to Indigenous Communities

January 7, 2022

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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:

- Agricultural Land Use;
- Air Quality;
- Archaeological Assessments (Stages 2, 3, & 4, as required);
- Cultural Heritage;
- Drainage and Hydrology;
- Erosion and Sediment Control;
- Fish and Fish Habitat;
- Groundwater;
- Land use and Property;
- Noise;
- Landscaping;
- Terrestrial Ecosystems (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.

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.

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Notice of Publication of Final Early Works Report

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

THE PROJECT

AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to advance this Early Works project in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Regulation 697/21. The Early Works, as set out in the regulation involves the design and construction of a grade separated bridge crossing for the Bradford Bypass on County Road 4 (Yonge Street).

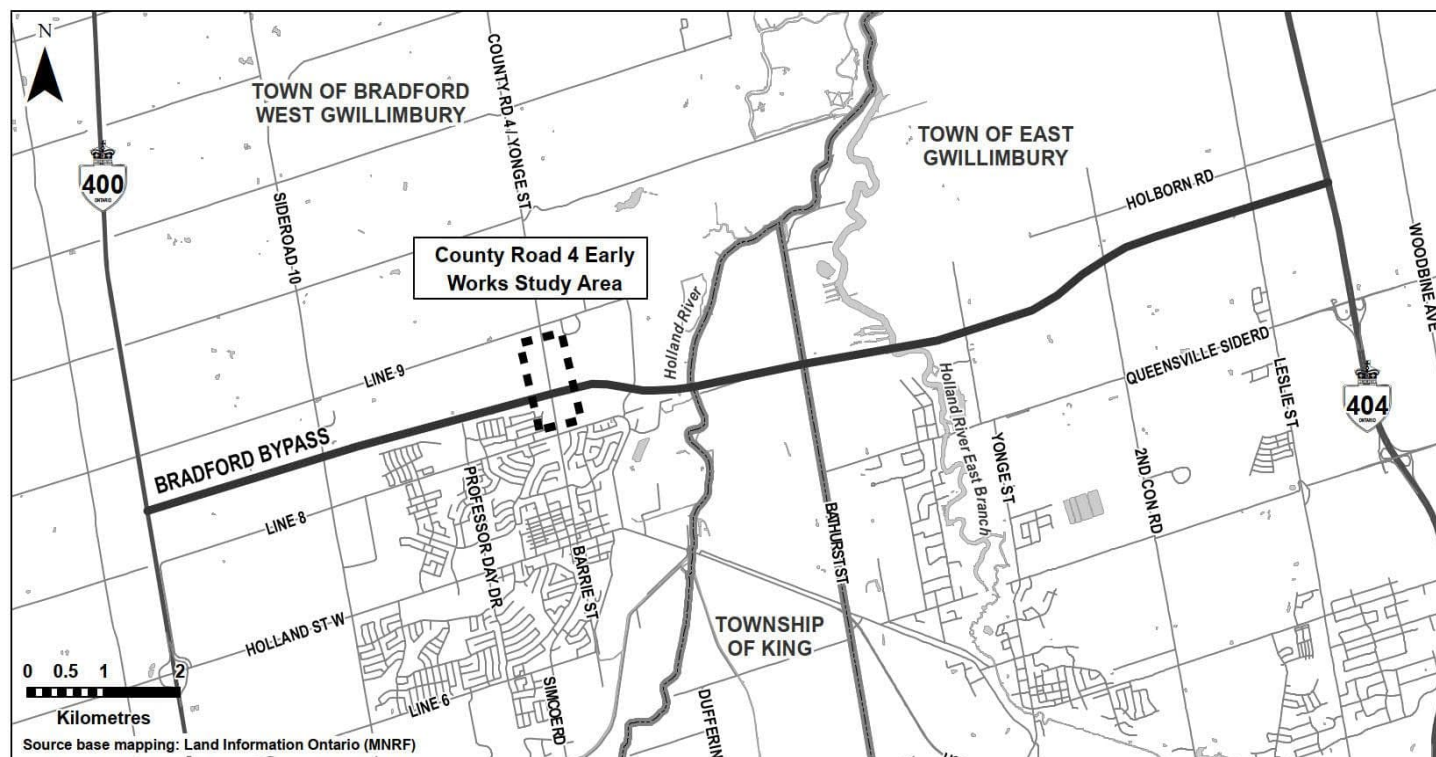
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FINAL EARLY WORKS REPORT

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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

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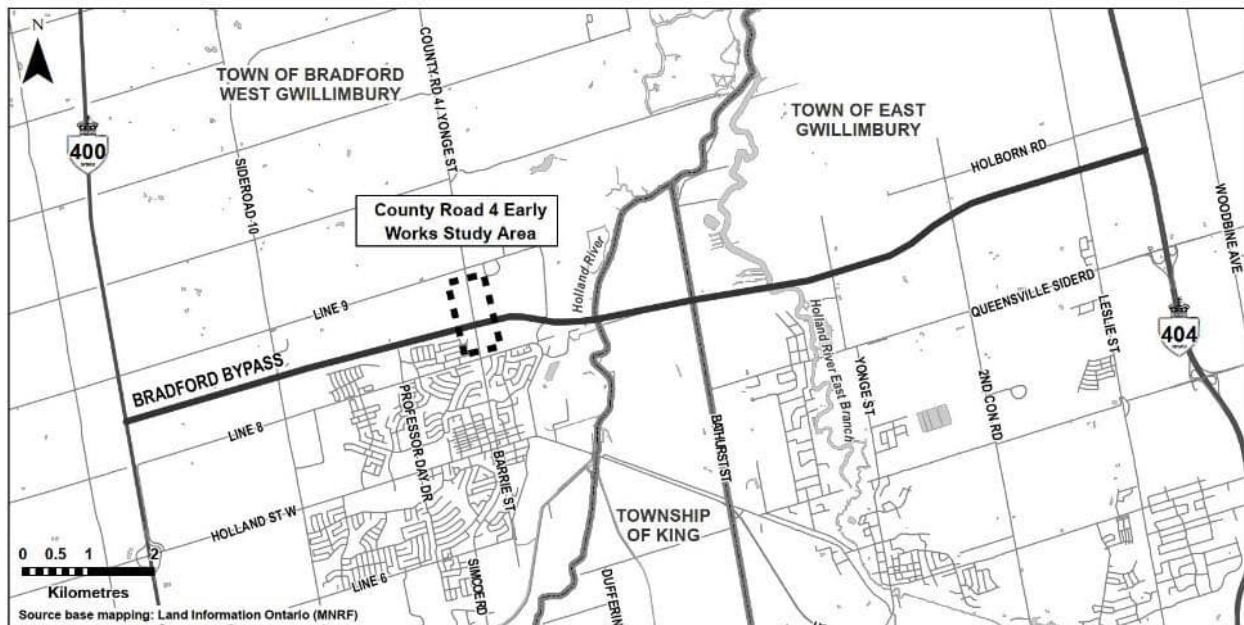
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Ontario Ministry of Transportation**

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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.

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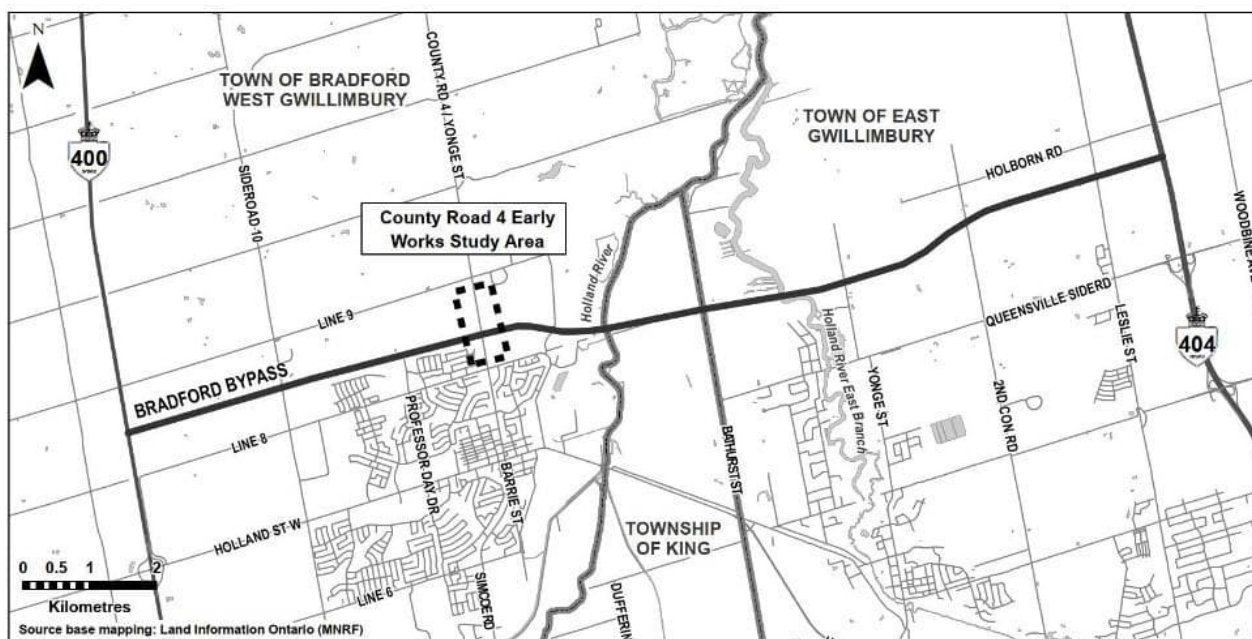
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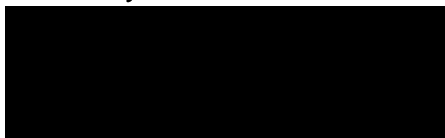
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For direct communication with the Ministry, please contact the MTO Project Manager by phone at 647-267-5053 or by email at John.Mackinnon@ontario.ca. We thank you for your participation and interest in the County Road 4 Early Works assessment and look forward to your involvement.

Sincerely,



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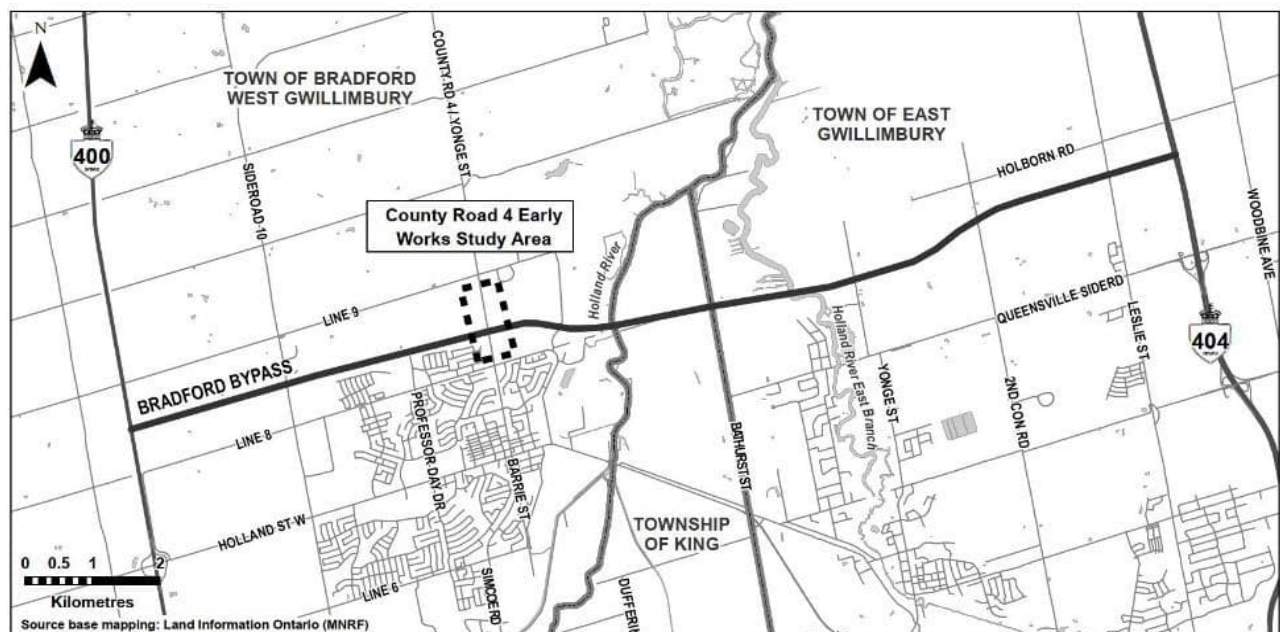
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Background

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 rural controlled access freeway) for 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 is working with the County of Simcoe to include the widening within the County Road 4 Early Works study limits and has prepared this Early Works report for the construction of the new bridge over the future highway.

Final Early Works Report

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Purpose of this Letter: As part of the consultation process for the Early Works assessment, and the Ministry's Duty to Consult, this letter is to notify you of the publication of the Final Early Works Report, and offer a meeting or presentations with your community, as needed.

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

- Agricultural Land Use;
- Air Quality;
- Archaeological Assessments (Stages 2, 3, and 4, as required);
- Climate Change;
- Cultural Heritage;
- Drainage and Hydrology;
- Erosion and Sediment Control;
- Fish and Fish Habitat;
- Groundwater;
- Land Use and Property;
- Landscaping;
- Noise;
- Terrestrial Ecosystems (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.

It should be noted that fluvial geomorphology and snowdrift assessments were not applicable to the County Road 4 Early Works and therefore were not completed.

The Final County Road 4 Early Works Report is available on the project website (www.BradfordBypass.ca/early-works/). We encourage you and your community members to visit the project website or contact the Project Team directly by email or telephone, as listed below, to view or obtain a copy of the Final County Road 4 Early Works Report.

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Sincerely,



John MacKinnon
MTO Project Manager

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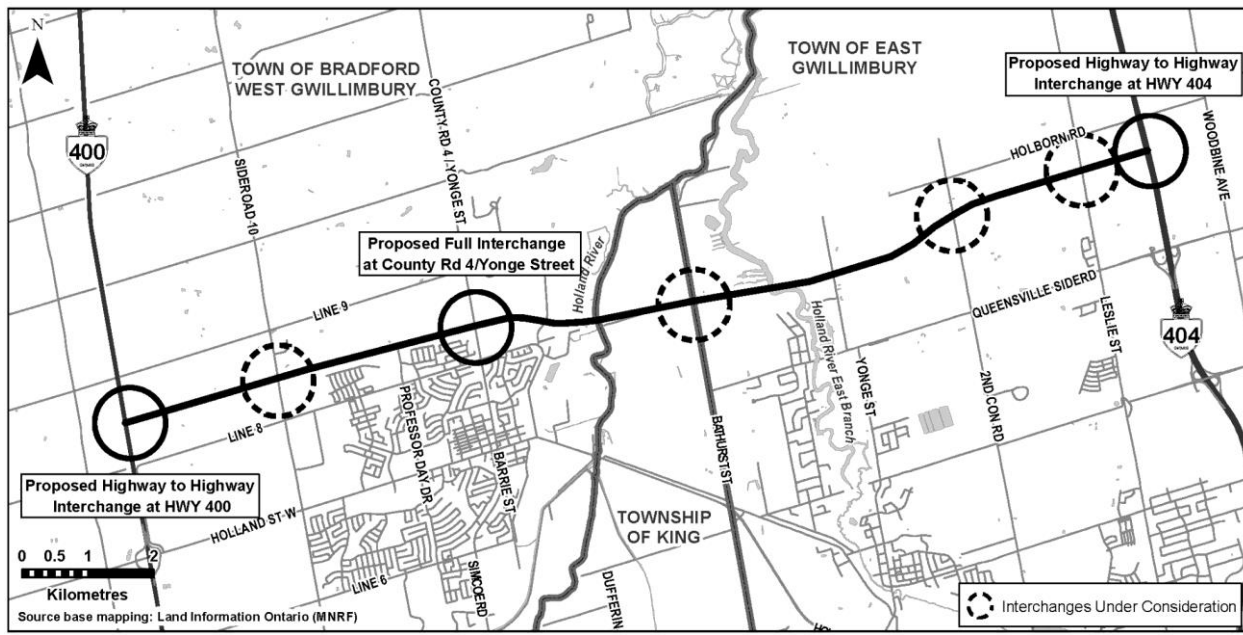
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Notice of Consultation: Preliminary Design Interchange Considerations

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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 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). 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 9th 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 10th Sideroad and 2nd 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 10th Sideroad and 2nd 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 10th Sideroad and 2nd 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

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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 MTO 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.

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Final Indigenous Communities Letter

April 14, 2022

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Sincerely,

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Final MP Letter

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April 14, 2022

Final MPP Letter

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HIGHWAY 400 - HIGHWAY 404 LINK (BRADFORD BYPASS)

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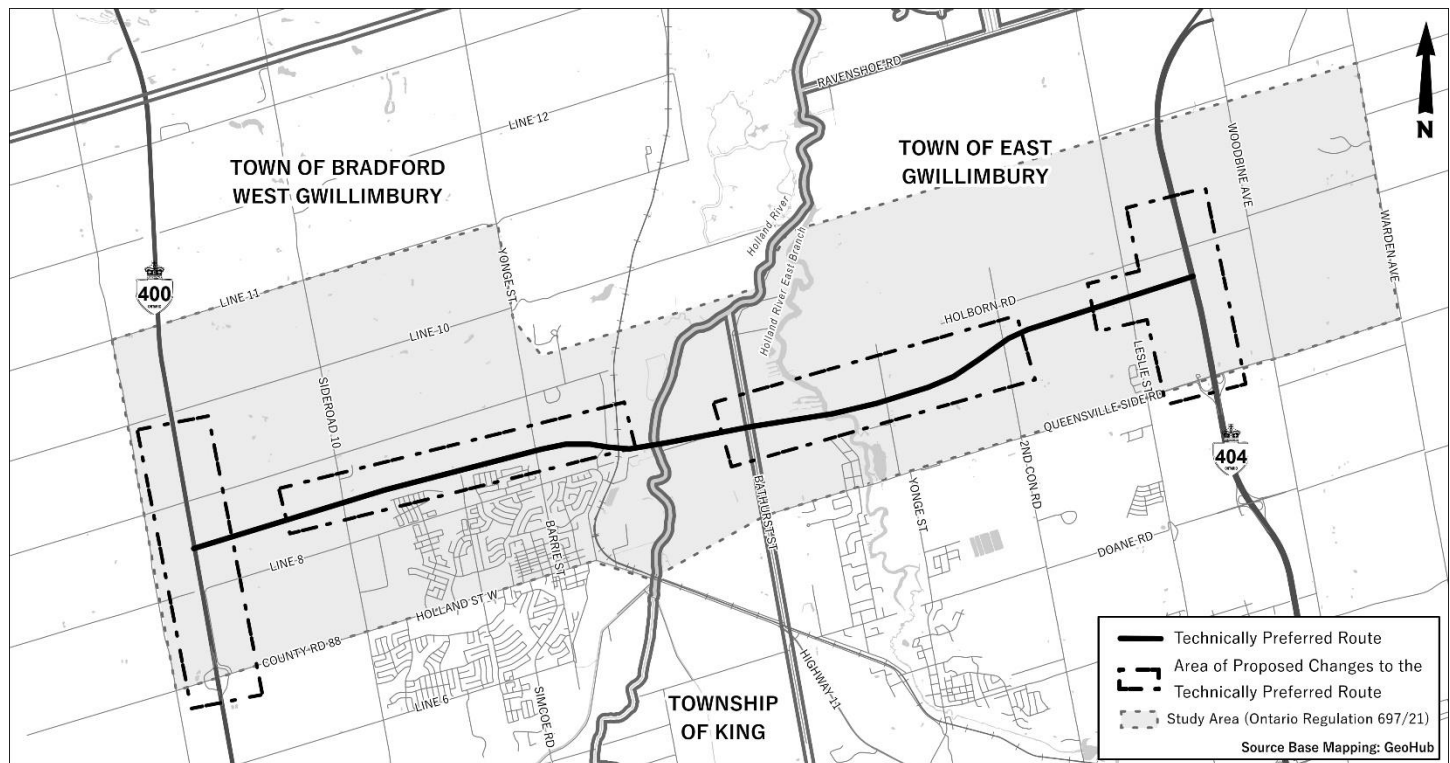
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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS REPORT

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July 28, 2022

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[COMMUNITY]

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July 28, 2022

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«Dear_»«Greeting»:

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Highway 400 – Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass)
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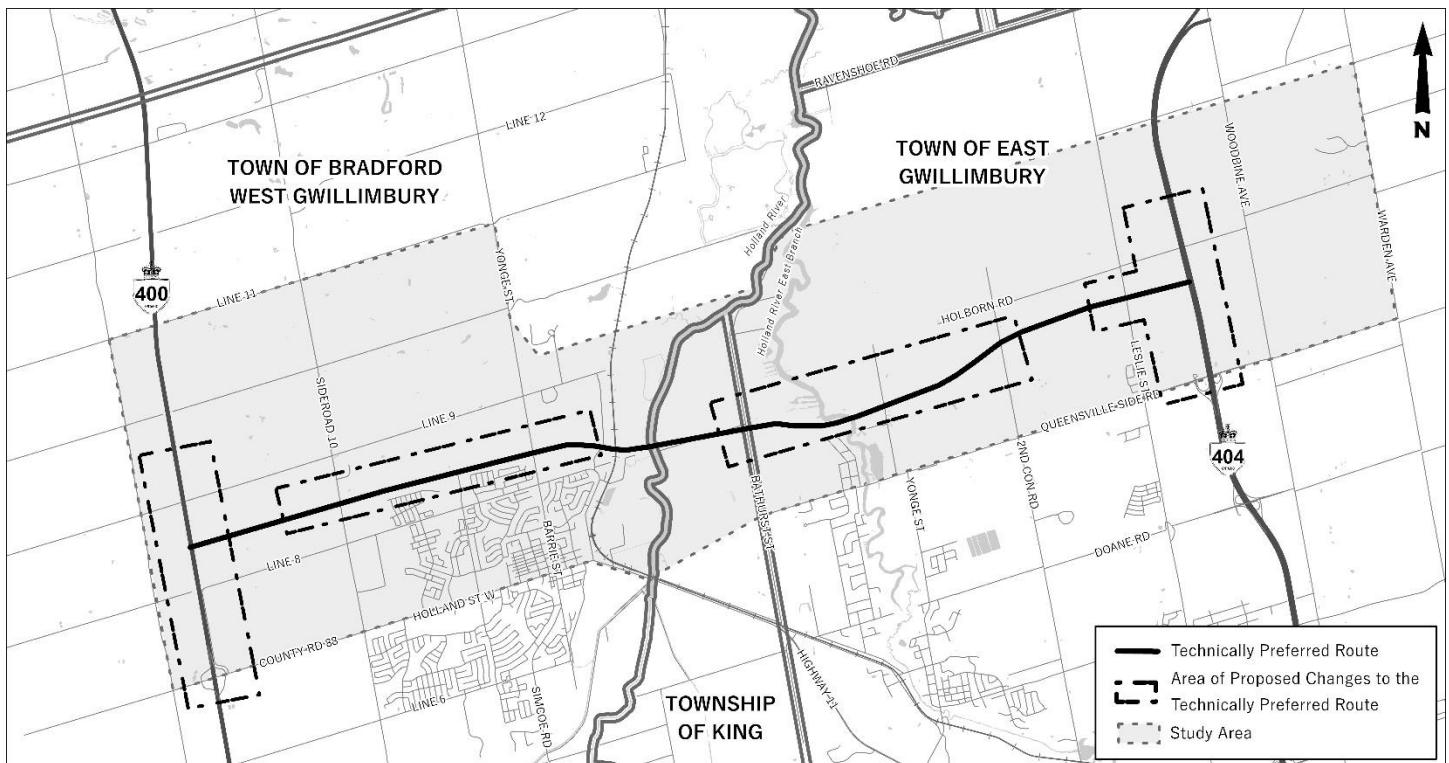
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CONSULTATION PERIOD AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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August 12, 2022

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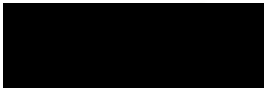
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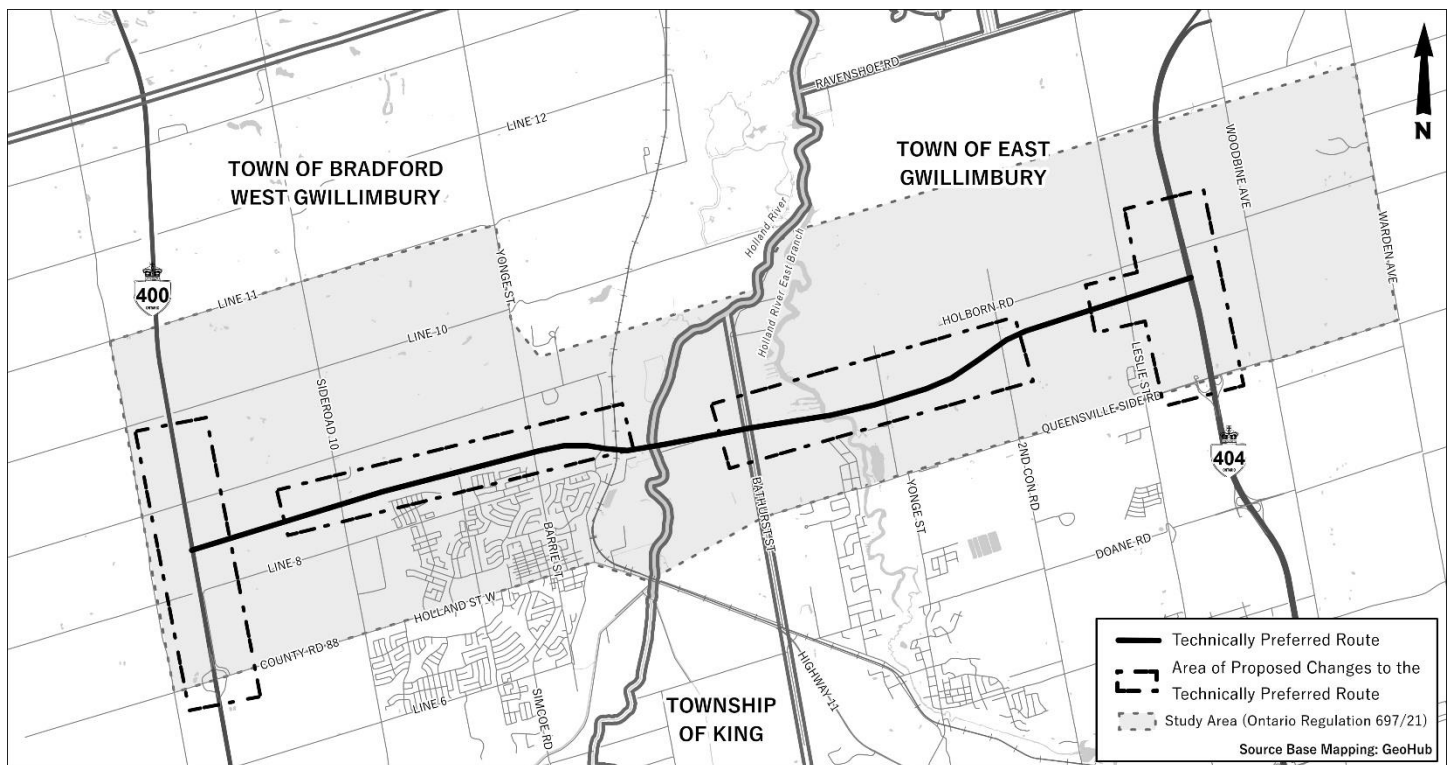
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October 27, 2022

Indigenous Nations Letter

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October 27, 2022

MP Letter

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MP York-Simcoe
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Through the development of the design alternatives for the Bradford Bypass, MTO would like to inform you that your property may be impacted. **The purpose of this letter is to offer you an opportunity to meet with the Project Team including MTO's Property Section representative(s) to discuss the anticipated impacts to your property (PIN# «PIN»), allow you to ask any questions you may have about this project, and to explain the property acquisition process.** A *Property Fact Sheet* has also been included to provide you with further information regarding MTO's property acquisition process.

If you are interested in having a virtual (online) meeting with the Project Team, please indicate your top three preferences for a timeslot. Meetings are being scheduled using the Microsoft Teams virtual platform for 30 minutes each on November 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2022 starting at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, if you are not able to join virtually, you can still book a timeslot and a member of the Project Team will call you.

Please indicate your preferred time (e.g., 9:00 a.m. -9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., etc.):

Timeslot #1 _____ Timeslot #2 _____ Timeslot #3 _____

Please provide the contact information that you would like us to send the invitation to:

Name(s): _____

Email: _____ and/or Telephone Number: _____

Please note, we will do our very best to accommodate your preferred times; however, if we cannot, we will contact you to schedule another time that works.

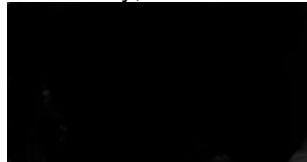
Next Steps:

Over the next several months, the Project Team will continue to consult stakeholders on the project. As we proceed to the next phase of the study, plans for the project will be developed in more detail and property requirements will be finalized. Impacted property owners will continue to be consulted as we proceed with the study. Public Information Centre (PIC) #2 is anticipated to occur in late November. You will be notified of the date and format of the PIC by mail prior to PIC #2.

We would also like to inform you that you may receive further notices over the remainder of the study for upcoming activities, including completion of a well water survey with the assistance of our consultant staff and "Permission to Enter" notifications to undertake additional site investigation on your property. Please be assured that staff will not enter onto your property and no site investigations will be undertaken without your prior authorization.

If you have any questions related to the Bradford Bypass, potential impacts to your property or if you require further information related to the advance purchase procedure, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (437) 776-8026 or by email at WanChi.Ma@ontario.ca. Alternatively, you can also obtain more information about the project and contact the Project Team via (<https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/contact-us/>) or calling the Project Toll Free line at 1-877-247-6036. We thank you for your participation and interest in the Preliminary Design and project-specific assessment of environmental impacts for the Bradford Bypass and look forward to your continued involvement in the project.

Yours truly,



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Encl: Property Fact Sheet

Bradford Bypass

Highway 400 to Highway 404 Link
Property Acquisition Fact Sheet

Property Acquisition

This fact sheet has been prepared to provide basic information regarding the acquisition of property during the Highway 400 to Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass) Project Specific Assessment of Environmental Impacts study. The Ministry of Transportation (the ministry) will respect and protect the rights of property owners under the laws of Ontario.

WHAT IS THE STUDY PROCESS OF THE BRADFORD BYPASS PROJECT?

Before plans for a new transportation facility (example: highway, transitway, etc.) are implemented, years of research and planning take place, utilizing the skills and knowledge of multidisciplinary experts. Traffic volumes, demand studies and traffic flow patterns are analyzed for the project. Aerial photographic surveys, environmental investigations, engineering, feasibility, ground survey and soil test studies are carried out as required.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) study was undertaken for the Highway 400 to Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass), and approved in 2002, which identified a transportation facility as the recommended alternative to the undertaking and identified a technically preferred route.

The current Preliminary Design and Project Specific Assessment of Environmental Impacts study is being completed in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21, *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

The current study includes building upon and updating the 2002 Approved EA, which serves to reflect changes and confirm the Recommended Plan for the project in accordance with current ministry design standards for safety and engineering design, and in consideration of the 15 environmental studies being undertaken.

WILL ANY OF MY LAND THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PREFERRED ROUTE NEED TO BE ACQUIRED?

As the project advances, the number of properties that need to be fully or partially acquired for the Bradford Bypass Project will be determined. The ministry will meet with individual landowners prior to Public Information Centre (PIC) #2 to discuss impacts to individual properties, understand concerns from landowners and identify opportunities to mitigate impacts.

The ministry aims to acquire the properties needed to support important infrastructure improvements like this by amicable agreement through negotiations as early as possible.

WHAT IF I CANNOT REACH AN AGREEMENT, WILL I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE MY CONCERNS TO MY PROPERTY BEING ACQUIRED?

The ministry's preferred approach is to negotiate in good faith with owners as early as possible to reach amicable agreements for the acquisition of any properties needed to support important infrastructure improvements like this. Expropriation is only used when agreements cannot be reached within suitable project timeframes.

The ministry has established a process for receiving comments from property owners about a proposed expropriation and for considering those comments. Any owner of lands who is served a notice of expropriation is given the opportunity to comment on the proposed expropriation. They can do so by submitting comments about the proposed expropriation to the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Transportation Infrastructure Management Division, within thirty days of receiving the notice.

The ministry will review the comments and a written response will be provided from the ADM to the property owner.

WHAT IS THE BASIS OF COMPENSATION FOR THE LAND REQUIRED?

Compensation is based on the market value of a property. The market value is based on what similar lands have sold for on the open market by a willing seller to a willing buyer. An appraisal report will be prepared by an independent appraiser that is accredited with the Appraisal Institute of Canada. After completion of the appraisal report, a ministry real estate officer will present an offer of compensation based on the appraisal report. If the ministry needs to acquire only a portion of the property, the effect of the acquisition on the rest of the property will be taken into consideration. In addition, there is provision for payment of other reasonable expenses actually incurred upon final settlement.

WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE COMPENSATION OFFERED?

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WILL THE MINISTRY CONSIDER ADVANCE PROPERTY PURCHASE?

Property acquisition is typically initiated in advance of the ministry's scheduled construction period. In instances where construction has not yet been scheduled, owners may initiate the advance purchase of their property on a willing seller/willing buyer basis.

Advance property purchases will be considered on a case-by-case basis where the subject property is substantially impacted by the new Technically Preferred Route. Advance property purchases will only be made if funding is available within a given program year and on the basis of a willing seller/willing buyer. Negotiations are conducted on the basis of market value as appraised by the ministry.

All advance purchase requests should be made in writing to the ministry's Project Team.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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Notice of Public Information Centre #2

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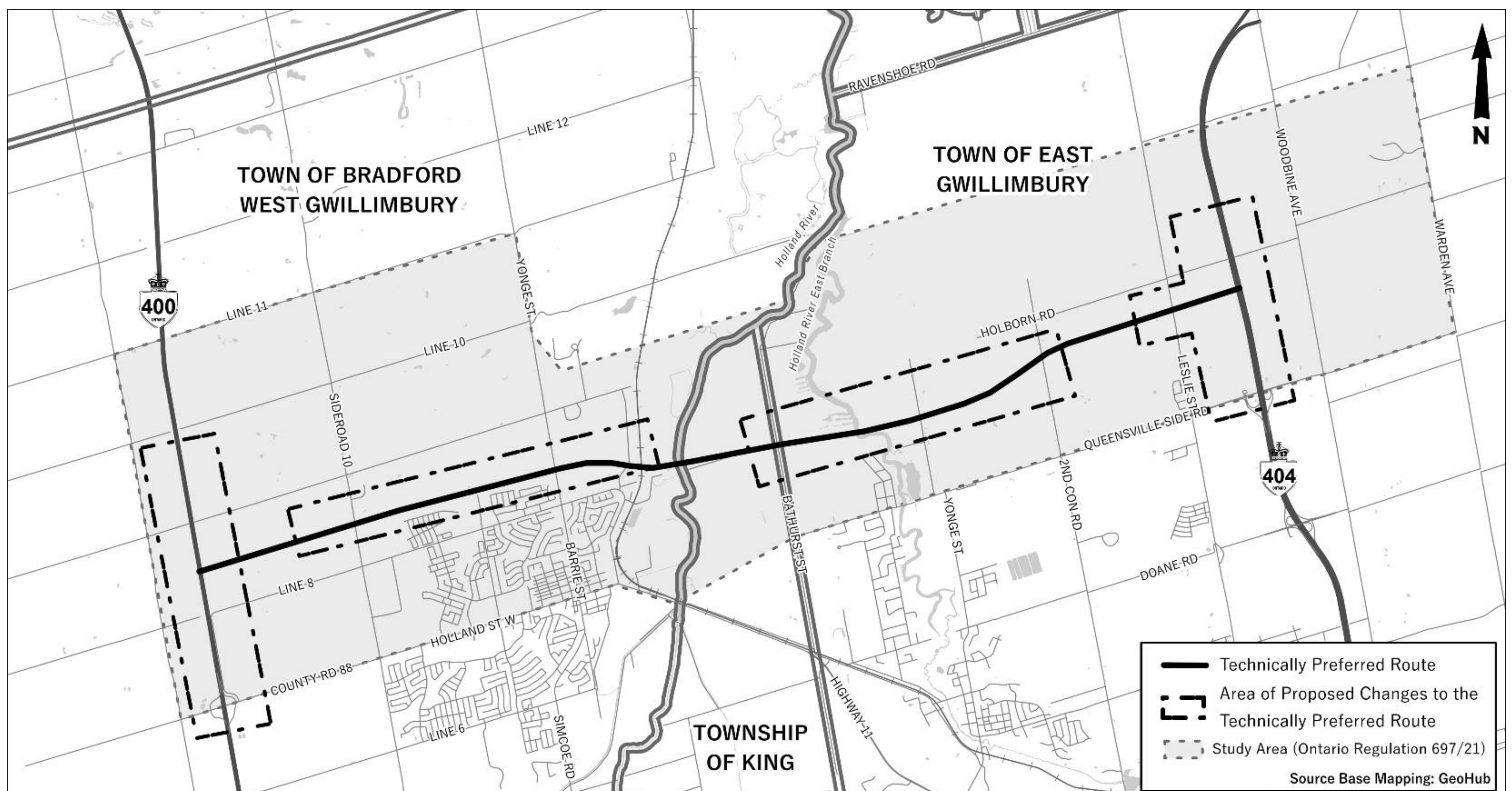
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Highway 400 – Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass)
Preliminary Design and Assessment of Environmental Impacts
Ontario Ministry of Transportation**

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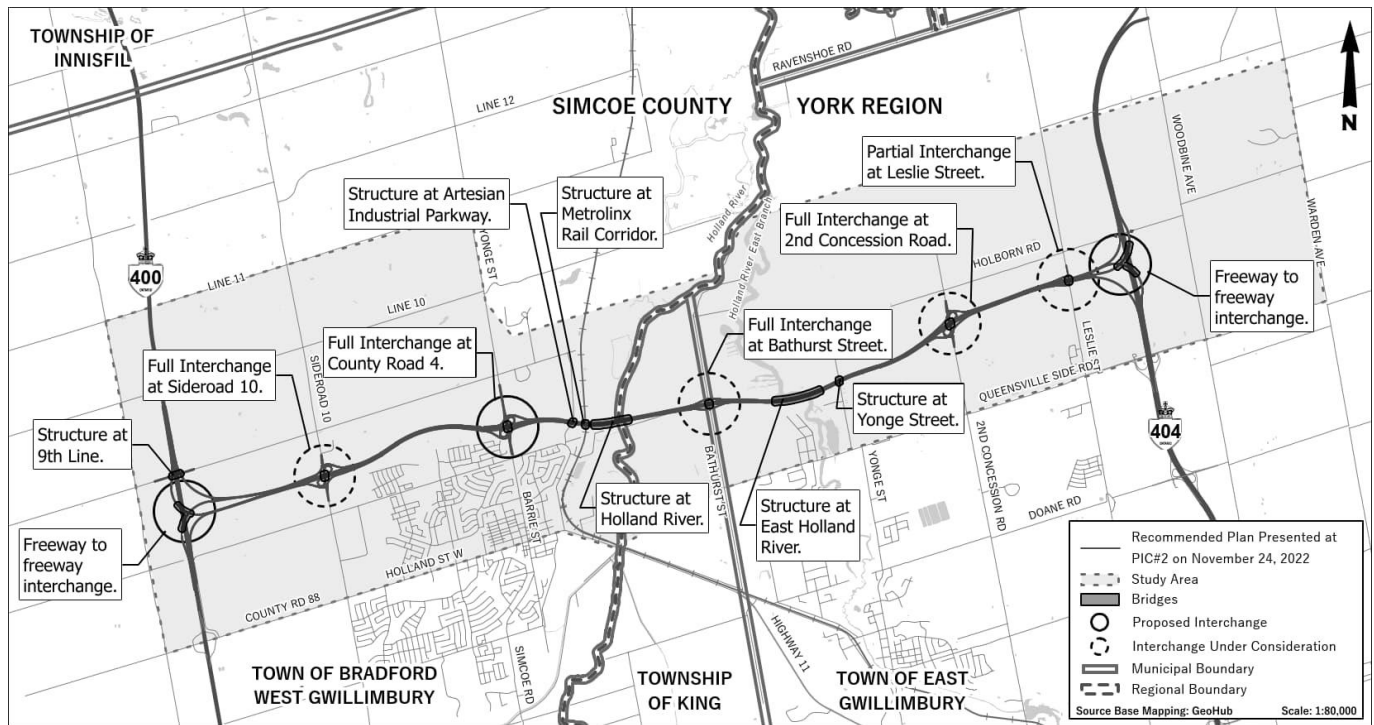
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Requested Information:

We encourage you to please provide any information pertaining to the historical and current use of the affected watercourses located within the Study Area, including information about the types and sizes of vessels used by your community members.

Please provide us with the following information for any watercourses within the Study Area, but in particular the Holland River and Holland River East Branch:

- Are there any current, traditional, or historical uses of any specific watercourse of which you would like to make the Ministry aware?
- Type of vessel(s):
 - Vessel height
 - Clearance height required
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 - Vessel length, keel (if applicable), draft etc.
 - Other vessel specifications.

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 - Seasonal harvesting activities
 - Cultural events tied to specific watercourses
 - Any other events that would require the river to remain open (not closed for construction) at a specific time each year
- Which months do you see the highest vessel traffic on the rivers? And what times of the day are considered peak hours?
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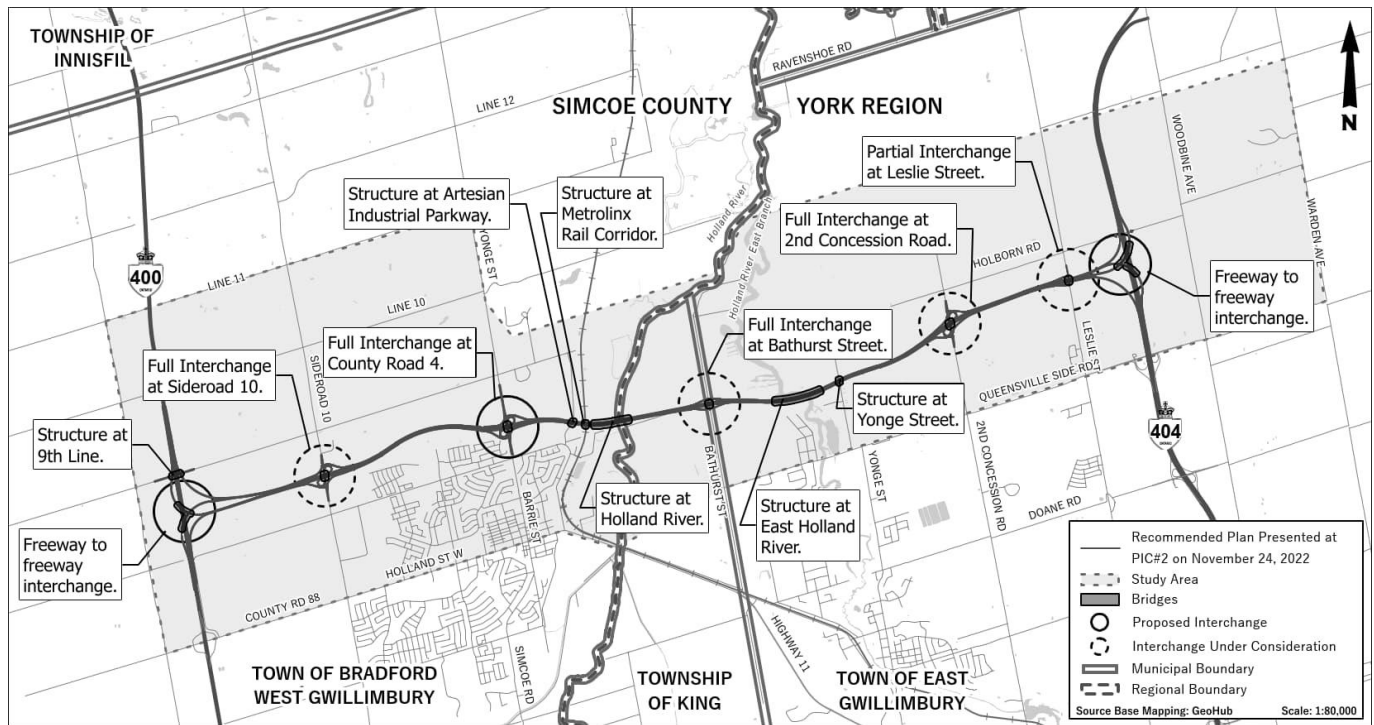
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Stakeholder Requested Information:

We encourage you to please provide any information pertaining to the types and sizes of vessels your customers use within the Holland River, Holland River East Branch and any other watercourses that may be considered navigable. Please provide us with the following information:

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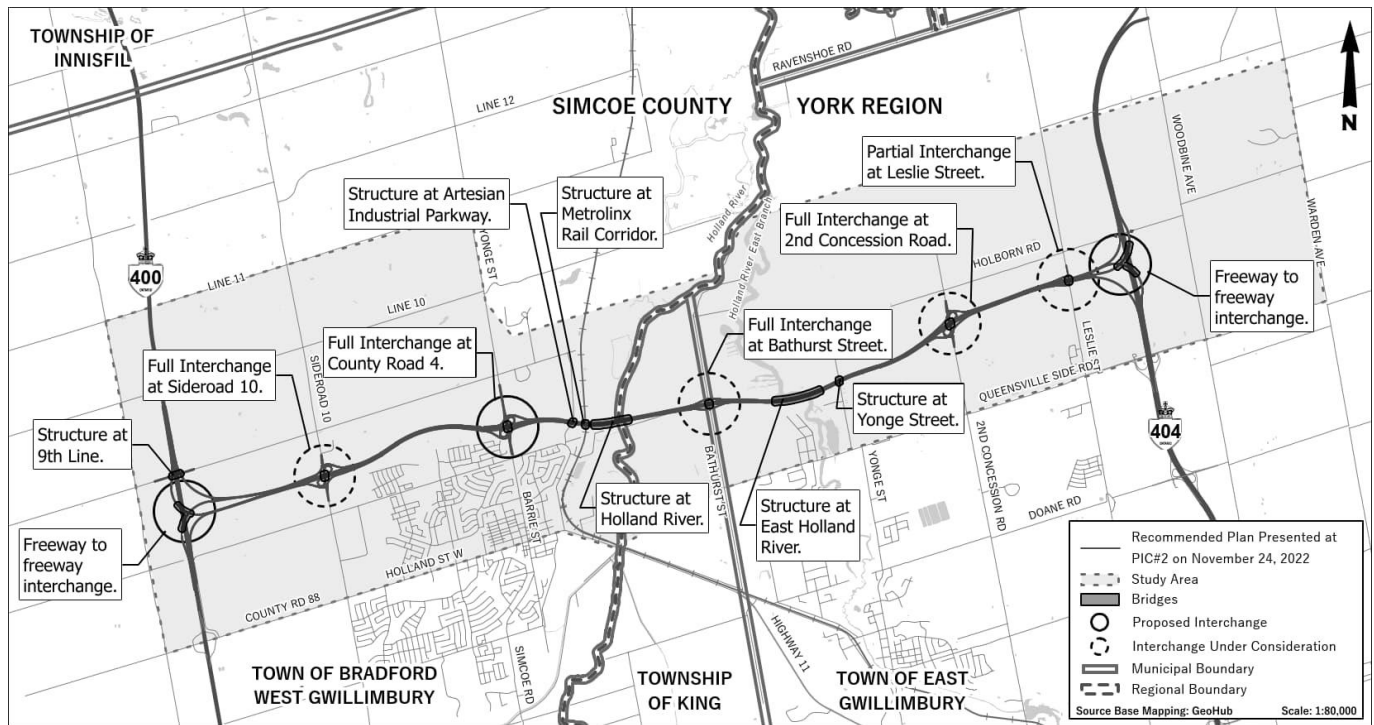
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The purpose of this letters is to kindly request additional information regarding your use of both the Holland River, Holland River East Branch and any other watercourses that may be considered navigable. To help better inform the Project Team as we near completion of the Preliminary Design, we would like to better understand the different types of vessels used in these waterways. We are seeking your input regarding the following questions:

- Do you use the Holland River and/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?
 - If Yes, please indicate the vessel type(s) used:
 - i. Canoe/Kayak length
 - ii. Commercial Vessels 8m length
 - iii. Motorized Boats <5m

- iv. Motorized Boats 5m to 8m
- v. Motorized Boats >8m
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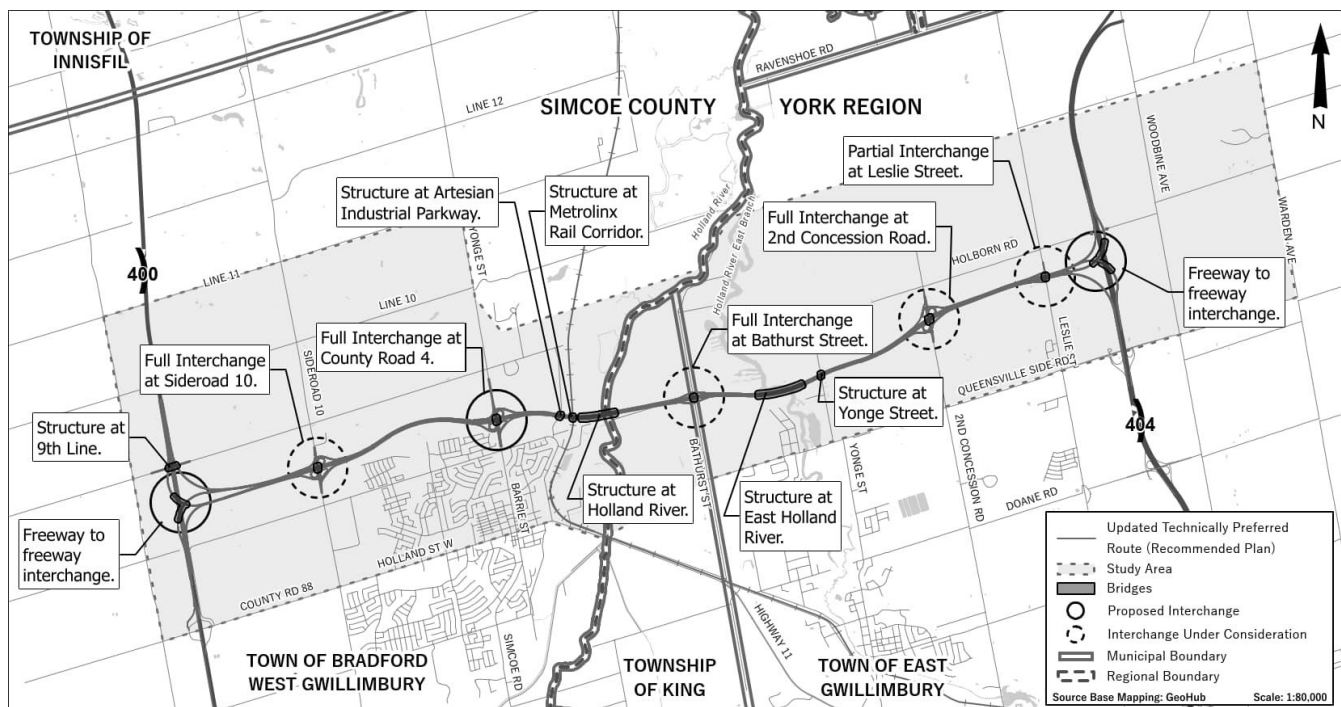
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Draft Stormwater Management Plan:

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21 Section 22, a **Draft Stormwater Management Plan** has been prepared and is attached for your review and comment. Please provide any comments to the project email, ProjectTeam@BradfordBypass.ca, by **April 12, 2023** or feel free to call the Toll-Free Number at 1-877-247-6036. Comments provided on the Draft Stormwater Management Plan will be considered and the Final Stormwater Management Plan will be published on the Project Website.

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 noted 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.

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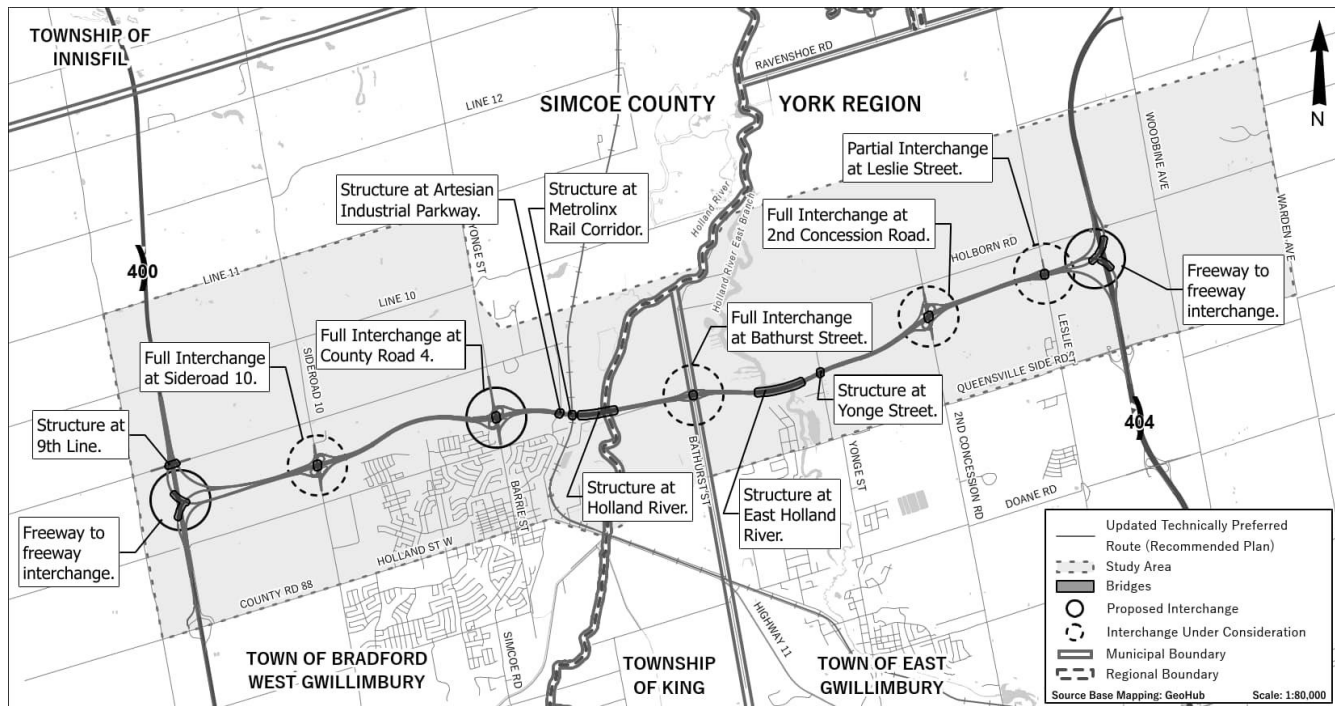
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Draft Groundwater Protection and Well Monitoring Plan

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- 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-gpwp/>). You can provide comments from **March 24, 2023 until April 14, 2023**, via the project email (ProjectTeam@BradfordBypass.ca) or contact the Project Team by phone as listed below.

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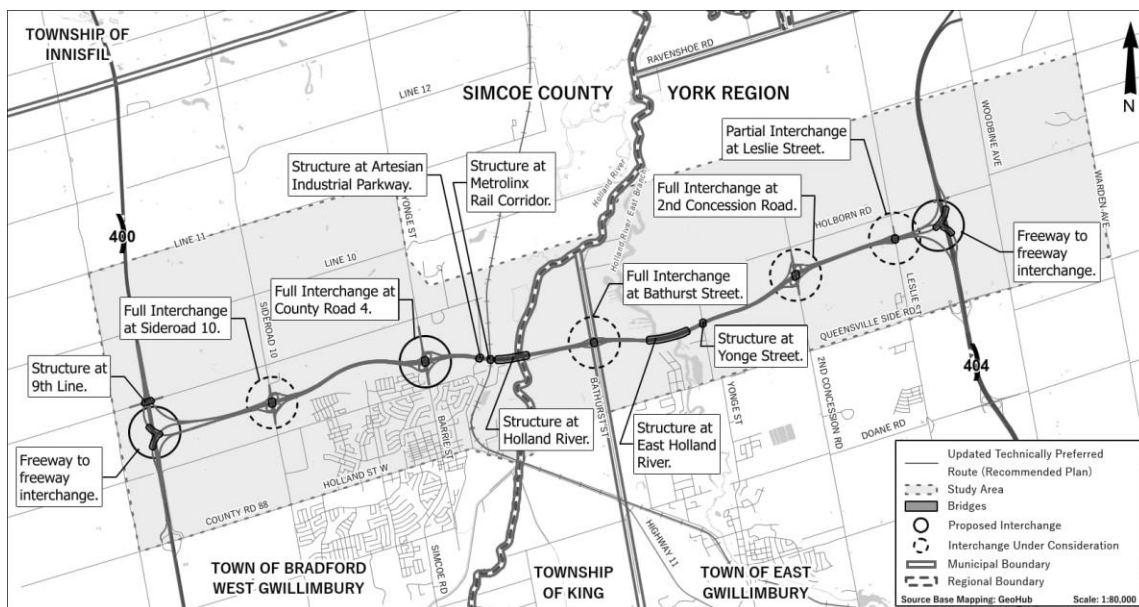
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**DRAFT – Draft EIAR Indigenous Letter**

[May 25, 2023]

[NAME]
[COMMUNITY]
[ADDRESS]

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May 25, 2023

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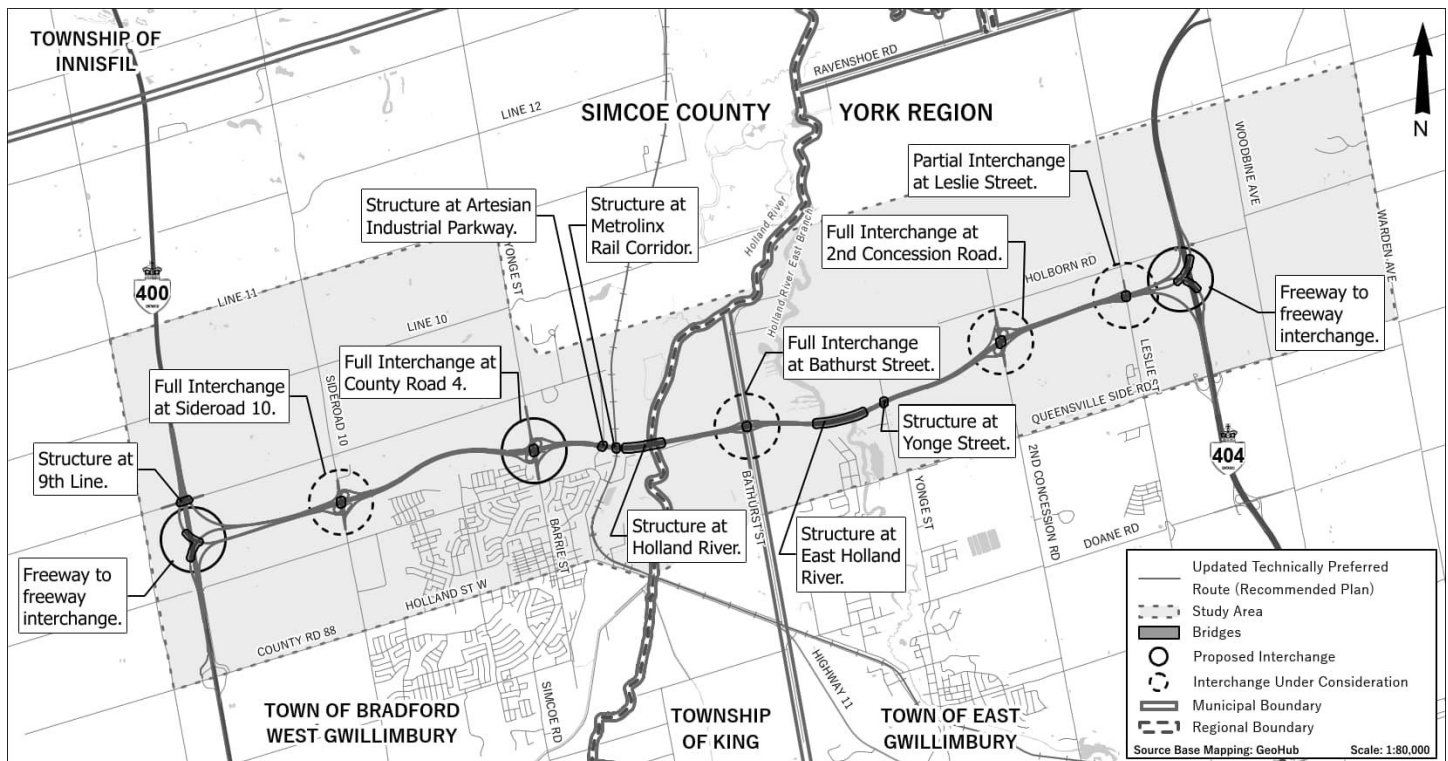
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Updated Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report

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Consultation Period and Contact Information

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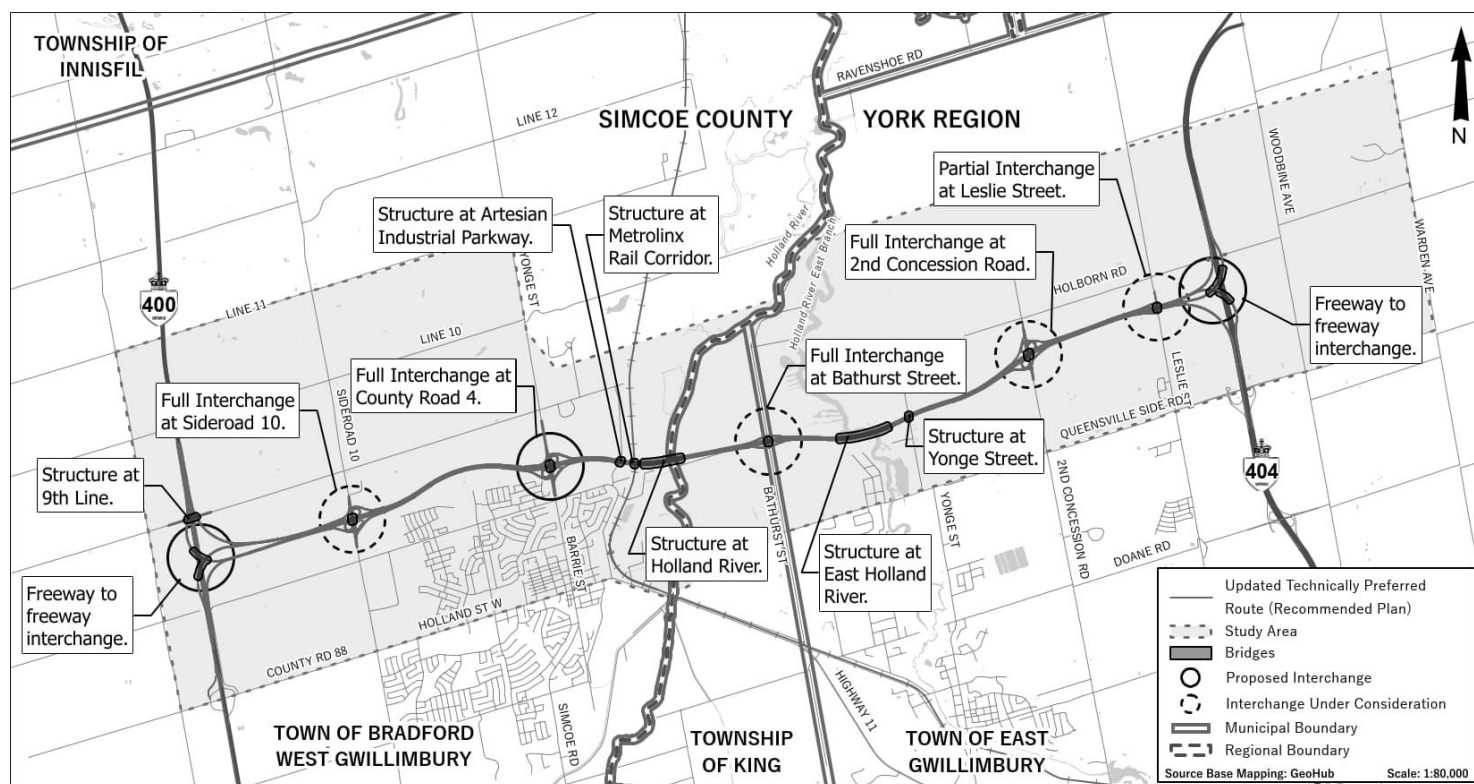
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We thank you for your participation and interest in the Preliminary Design and project-specific assessment of environmental impacts for the Bradford Bypass and look forward to your involvement.

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