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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT
HIGHWAY 400 - HIGHWAY 404 LINK (BRADFORD BYPASS)
PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

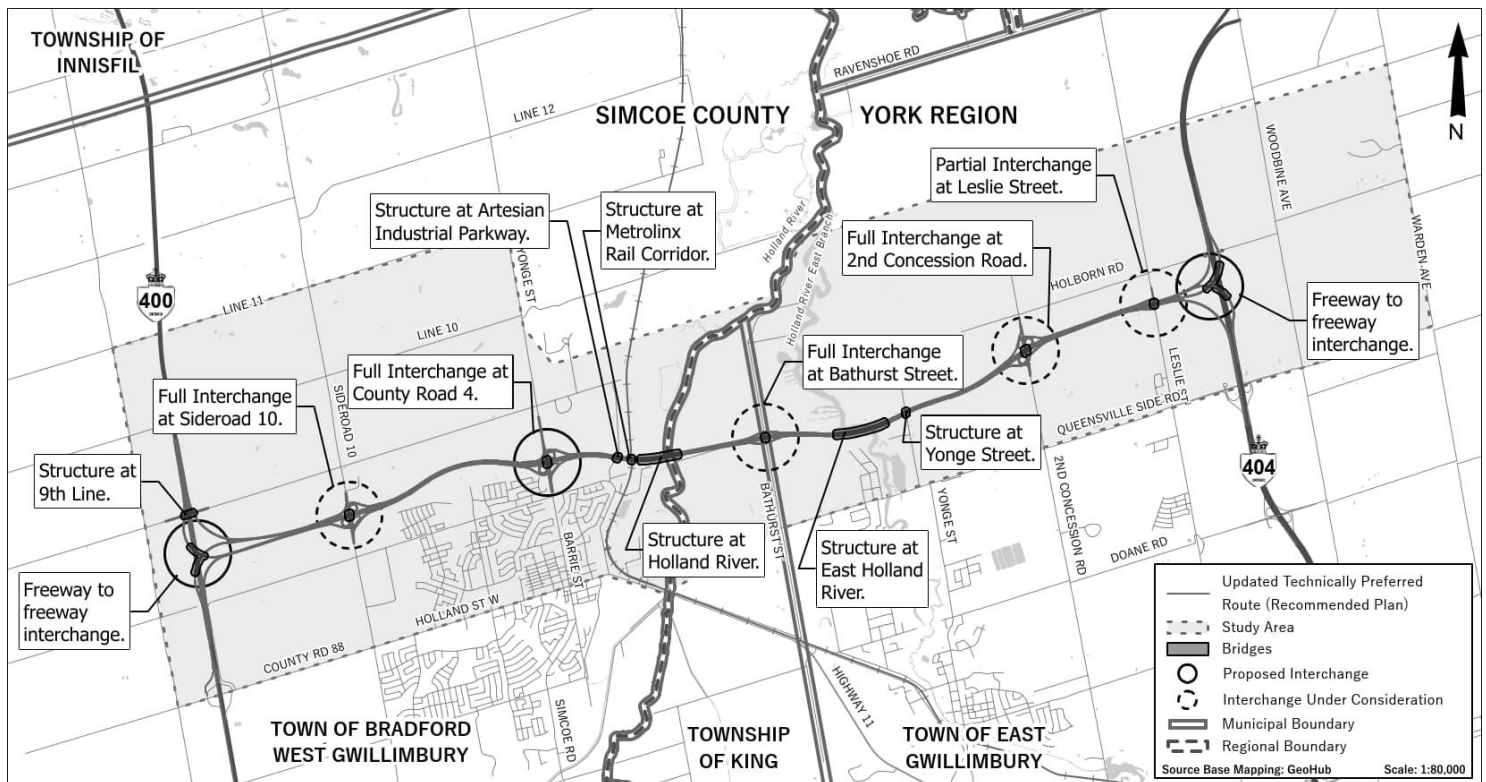
The Study

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

The Bradford Bypass will be a 16.3-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 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 updates to the freeway interchanges, and grade separated crossings at local roads and watercourses, including bridges over the Holland River and Holland River East Branch. This project also included 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 Updated Technically Preferred Route (Recommended Plan), and locations of the proposed interchanges and bridge and rail structures.



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Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report

The Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report was available for review on the Project Website (<https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/study-process/>) from June 1, 2023, until June 30, 2023.

The Updated Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report was available for review on the Project Website (<https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/study-process/>) from July 13, 2023, until August 14, 2023.

The ministry has updated the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report in accordance with Section 27 of Ontario Regulation 697/21. Any concerns raised during the public consultation and review periods of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Updated Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report by Indigenous communities and interested persons have been documented in Section 8 of the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report. The Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report is now available on the Project Website (<https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/study-process/>).

Contact Information

To view or obtain a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Assessment Report, please visit the Project Website (<https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/study-process/>) or contact the Project Team by phone or email as list below.

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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.

This notice was issued on **November 16, 2023**, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 697/21: Section 27.