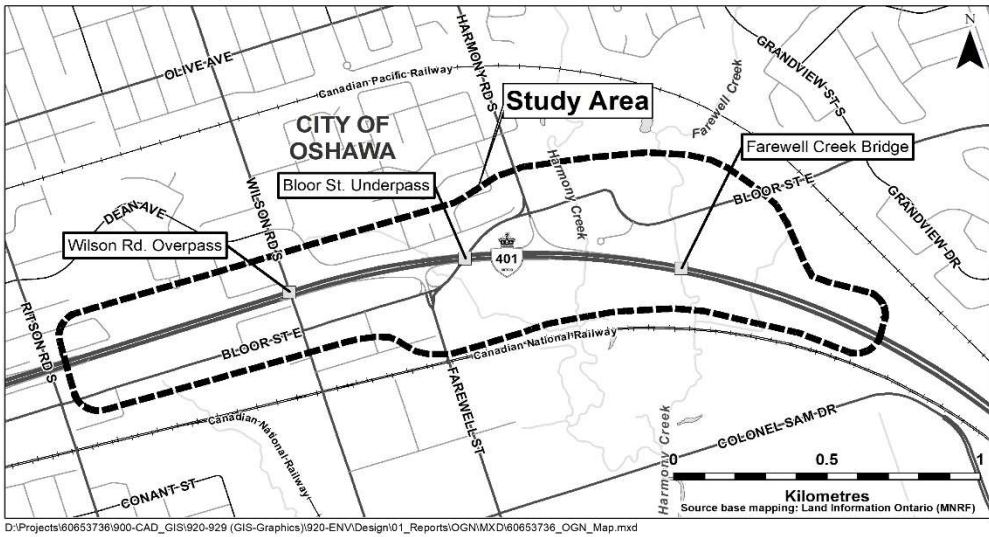


NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
HIGHWAY 401 / WILSON ROAD OVERPASS REPLACEMENT AND
HIGHWAY 401 BLOOR STREET / HARMONY ROAD INTERCHANGE RECONFIGURATION
DETAIL DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained AECOM to undertake a Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for two contracts located within the City of Oshawa in the Region of Durham. Contract A (GWP 2146-20-00) involves the replacement of the Highway 401 / Wilson Road overpass including the lowering of Wilson Road and improvements to the associated embankments, retaining walls, noise barriers, drainage, illumination and signage to facilitate the replacement. Contract B (GWP 2106-19-00) involves the reconstruction of the Highway 401 Bloor Street / Harmony Road interchange and includes the replacement of the Bloor Street Underpass and the Highway 401/Farewell Creek Bridge, a new structure over Highway 401 to accommodate the reconfigured Highway 401 eastbound off and on-ramps, as well as improvements to retaining walls, noise barriers, drainage, illumination, traffic signals and signage to accommodate the reconfiguration of the interchange.

The Recommended Plan for the above noted improvements was established through the Preliminary Design and EA Study (Group 'B') completed by the Ministry in 2015 for the segment of Highway 401 extending from Brock Road to Courtice Road and as documented in the *Highway 401 Rehabilitation and Long-Term Widening Needs from Brock Road to Courtice Road Transportation Environmental Study Report* (AECOM, 2015). The work is also being coordinated with the Region of Durham's ongoing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study (MCEA) for the realignment and widening of Bloor Street from east of Harmony Road to Grandview Street.



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THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' in accordance with the MTO *Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. A Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the study process including the recommended detail design improvements, anticipated environmental effects and proposed mitigation measures as well as the consultation undertaken throughout the process. Upon completion of this study, the DCR will be placed on the public record for a 30-day review period. The release of the DCR for review will be the subject of a future notice.

COMMENTS

To obtain additional information, provide comments, or to be placed on a mailing list for this project, please visit the project website at hwy401wilsonbloorharmony.ca or contact the Project Team as follows:

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There is an opportunity at any time during the study for interested persons to provide input to the Project Team including comments and information regarding the study. Comments are being collected to provide and obtain information, and to identify concerns in accordance with the Ontario *EA Act*. 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 you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact the Project Team as listed above.