

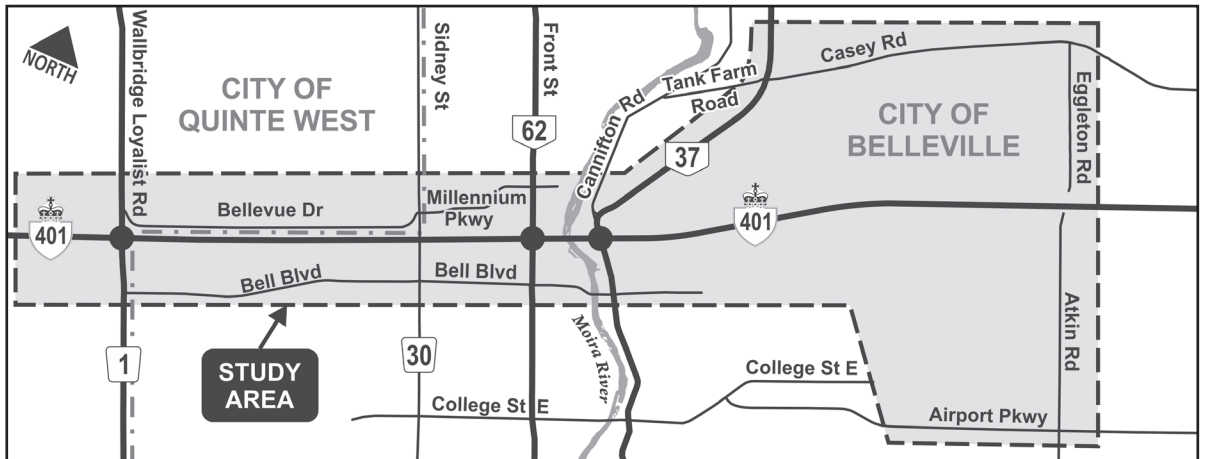
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Highway 401 Widening in Belleville (GWP 4193-15-00) Preliminary Design

THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **MMM Group** to undertake the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study (Class EA) for the widening of Highway 401 from the Wallbridge-Loyalist Road interchange easterly to 5 km east of the Highway 62 interchange. The design will accommodate a widening from four to six lanes in the interim, and an ultimate widening from six to eight lanes. This undertaking takes into consideration the proposed location of the Belleville East Arterial Road interchange ('BEAR') and includes improvements to the Wallbridge-Loyalist Road, Highway 62 and Highway 37 interchanges and seven existing structures, including:

- Highway 401 Wallbridge-Loyalist Road Underpass (Site No. 11-157);
- Highway 401 Highway 62 Underpass (Site No. 11-160);
- Highway 401 Sidney Street Underpass (Site No. 11-161);
- Highway 401 Moira River Bridge (Site No. 11-162);
- Highway 401 Highway 37 Underpass (Site No. 11-163);
- Highway 401 CNR Overhead (Site No. 11-164); and
- Highway 401 Potter Creek Culvert (Site No. 11-316/C).



THE PROCESS

This project is being carried out in accordance with the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* and will be documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR).

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held throughout the planning process to allow the public an opportunity to review and comment on project details. Notices will be published in local newspapers in advance of the PIC to advertise the time, date, and location of the meeting. Three Public Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings will also be held to maintain ongoing dialogue with public representatives as the study progresses. If you are interested in the study and would like to participate as a member of the PAC, please contact the members of the Project Team listed below. Upon completion of the preliminary design, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and filed for a 30-day public review period. A Notice of Submission will be published in local newspapers to provide an overview of the study, clearly identify the start and end dates of the review period, list locations where the TESR may be reviewed, and describe the process for submitting comments, including Project Team contact information.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have regarding this study. If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments, please contact the Consultant Project Manager or MTO Project Manager listed below, or visit the project website at www.Hwy401Belleville.ca

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.