

Notice of Public Information Centre No. 2

Hawkesbury Bridge Replacements Transportation Environmental Study Report Review and Addendum

THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) has retained Dillon Consulting Limited and Jacobs to complete the Preliminary Design and Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) Review and Addendum for the replacement of the CNR/Hawkesbury Creek Overhead and the County Road 17 Underpass at Highway 34 in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell. County Road 17 forms the boundary between the Town of Hawkesbury and Champlain Township. Both bridges have reached the end of their useful service life and require replacement.

In November 2020, a Class Environmental Assessment Study was completed for the Hawkesbury Bridge Replacements Project (the Project). A TESR was posted for public review documenting a Preferred Design for the Project, including anticipated environmental impacts, road closures, and proposed mitigation measures.

Major components of the Project include:

- Replacement of the bridge structures;
- Modifications to the east bound off-ramp and west bound on-ramp at the County Road 17 and Highway 34 interchange; and
- Short duration road closures (required to minimize property impacts and reduce the overall duration of construction), during which traffic will be detoured.

Between 2021 and 2023, additional interchange configuration alternatives (and associated bridge design and construction staging alternatives) for the Project were identified. As a result, it has been determined that a TESR Review and Addendum is required to reassess and confirm the Preferred Design for the Project.

THE PROCESS

The Project is following the approved environmental planning process for Group B undertakings in accordance with MTO's Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities, 1999, as amended in 2000 (MTO's Class EA). In accordance with MTO's Class EA, any significant modification to the Project that occurs after the Notice of Completion of the TESR has been issued must be reviewed by the proponent (TESR Review) and the proponent must prepare a TESR Addendum in respect of the change.

At completion of the TESR Review, a TESR Addendum report, documenting the TESR Review process including the Preferred Alternative Method (i.e., Preferred Design), impacts and mitigation measures, and the results of stakeholder, Indigenous Community and public consultation, will be made available on the project website (www.cr17bridges.com) for a 30-day public comment period. A notice will be published in local newspapers and posted on the project website at that time to advertise that the document is available for review.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Two in-person Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held during the TESR Review to share project information and to collect feedback. PIC No. 1 was held in May 2024 to provide an update on the project and to present the interchange configuration and construction staging alternatives under consideration. PIC No. 2 is being held to present the evaluation of alternatives and the technically preferred alternative.

The purpose of this notice is to advise that PIC No. 2 will be held on **October 17, 2024** from **4:00 PM to 7:00 PM** at the **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 472** located at **152 Nelson Street East, Hawkesbury, ON**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any comments or questions at this time, or wish to be added to the project mailing list to receive future notices, please use the "Contact Us" function on the project website (www.cr17bridges.com) or contact one of the following Project Team members:

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Information will be collected 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 one of the Project Team members listed above.

Cet avis est disponible en français sur demande.

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