NOTICE OF COMPLETION QUEEN ELIZABETH WAY AND HIGHWAY 403 FORT ERIE BOUND IMPROVEMENTS DETAIL DESIGN STUDY AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY (G.W.P 2065-17-00)

THE STUDY

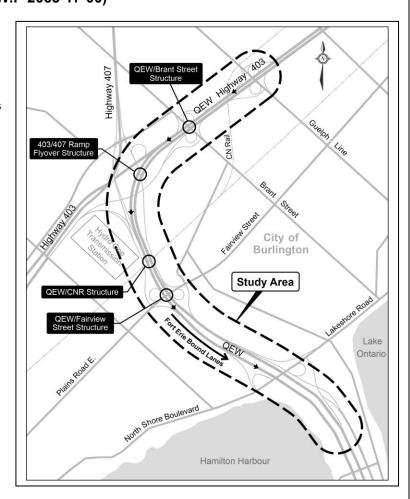
The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained WSP Canada Inc. (WSP) to undertake the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for improvements to the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) and Highway 403 Fort Erie Bound lanes in the City of Burlington. The Study Area is shown on the key plan.

This Project addresses improvements, which are focused on the rehabilitation and maintenance of existing transportation features for the Fort Erie bound lanes within the Study Area, including bridges, signage, widening of QEW to accommodate a median HOV lane in each direction and pavement rehabilitation.

THE PROCESS

This study has followed the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). In December 2020 the Preliminary Design phase of the project was completed and a Transportation Environmental Study Report for the QEW and Highway 403 (Freeman) Interchange was approved.

A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared to outline the environmental impacts and mitigation measures for the Detail Design plan. The DCR is available for a 30-day comment period from **November 7** to **December 7**, **2025** on the project website and at the review location below.



Public Review Location:

Burlington City Hall - Service Burlington Counter 426 Brant St, Burlington Ontario, L7R 3Z6

Times: Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Website:

www.QEW403improvements.ca

E-mail:

projectteam@qew403improvements.ca

COMMENTS

If you have questions or comments, you can send an email to the project team email or visit the Project Website noted above.

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring a comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on the constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for a comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to the Ministry of Transportation Senior Project Engineer as well as the MECP contacts below:

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Comments are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. 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 accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact the Project Team email above. Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant (289) 835-2474 (Francois Doyon).

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