

APPENDIX A

Notification Materials and Agency Correspondence

Notification Material

From: Bevers, Cameron (MTO) <Cameron.Bevers@ontario.ca>
Sent: December 2, 2022 8:50 AM
To: Natalie.Pierre@pc.ola.org
Cc: Polonsky, Loren <Loren.Polonsky@wsp.com>; Hui, Ben <Ben.Hui@wsp.com>; Pak, Margaret (MTO) <Margaret.Pak@ontario.ca>
Subject: Notice of Project Start-Up - QEW and Hwy 403 Improvements

Dear MPP Pierre,

Attached, please find a letter outlining MTO's Notice of Study Commencement for upcoming highway improvements to the QEW and Hwy 403 in the City of Burlington. The notice itself will be published later next week in the Burlington Post. Should you have any questions about this upcoming project in your constituency, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cameron Bevers
Project Manager

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December 1, 2022

Ms. Natalie Pierre
MPP - Burlington
Constituency Office
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via email: Natalie.Pierre@pc.ola.org

**Re: Notice of Study Commencement
Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) and Highway 403 Improvements
Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study
(G.W.P.s 2065-17-00 & 2066-17-00)**

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The purpose of this letter is to notify your office of the commencement of the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study.

The enclosed Notice of Study Commencement will be published in the ***Burlington Post*** on **December 8, 2022**.

If you require further information regarding this project, feel free to contact me by phone at (437) 331-6649 or by e-mail at cameron.bevers@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,
Ontario Ministry of Transportation

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Project Manager

Encl. Ontario Government Notice

cc: Margaret Pak, Senior Environmental Planner – MTO
Ben Hui, Senior Project Manager – WSP Canada Inc.
Loren Polonsky, Senior Environmental Planner – WSP Canada Inc.

The OGN was directly mailed/emailed to potentially interested parties/stakeholders, property owners and members of the public.

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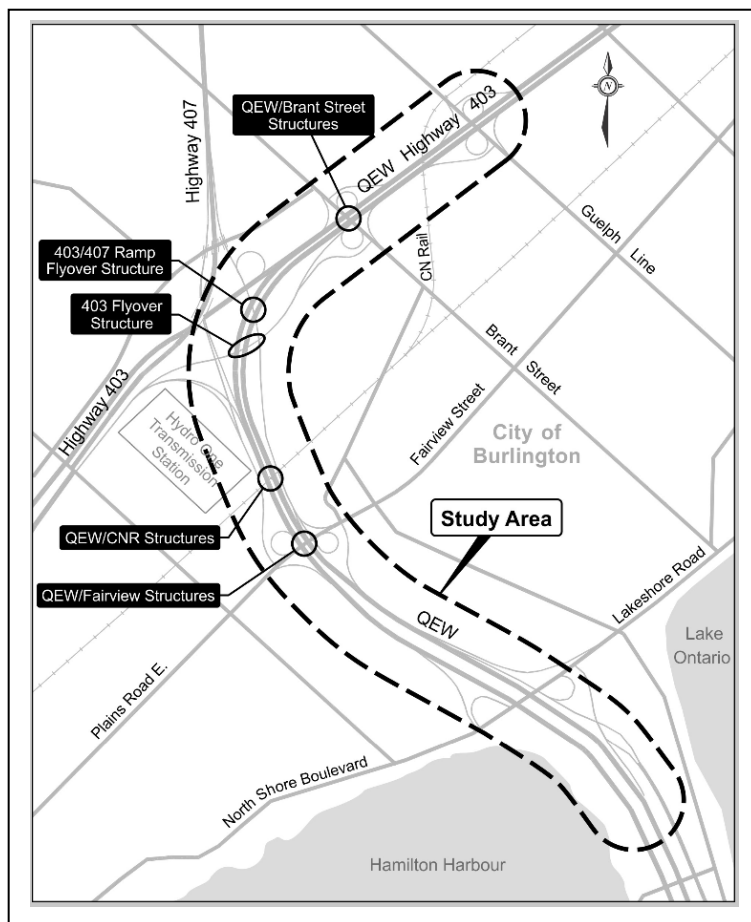
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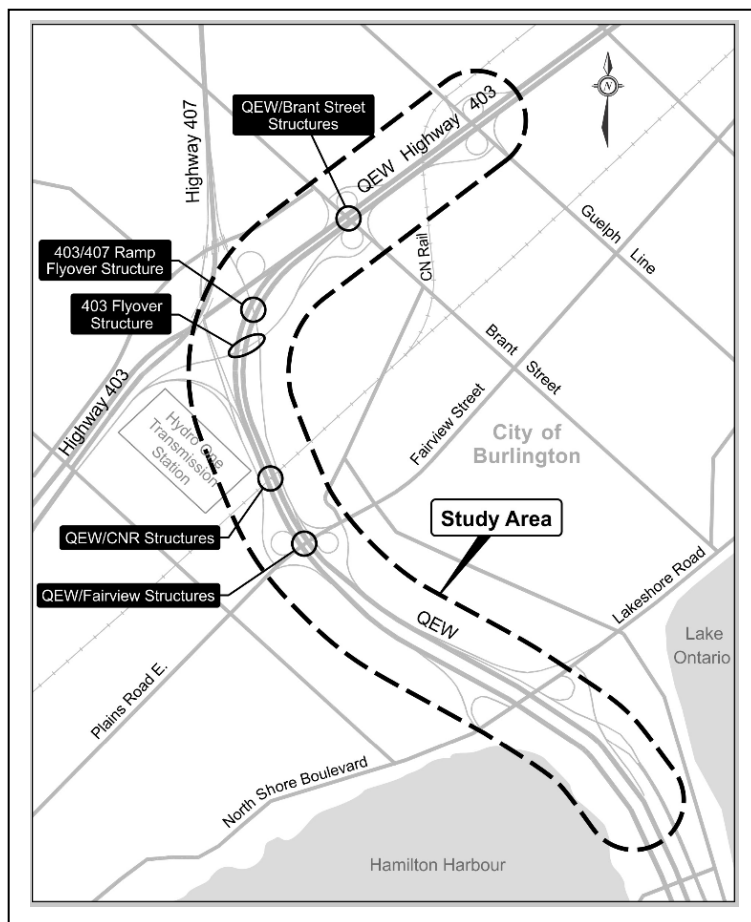
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Directly mailed/emailed to provincial agencies, municipalities, school boards, emergency services and utilities. A copy of the OGN and Comment Form were enclosed with the agency Notice of Commencement Letter.

December 5, 2022

«Title» «FirstName» «LastName»
«JobTitle»
«Company», «Branch»
«Address1»
«Address2»
«City», «Province» «PostalCode»

**Re: Notice of Study Commencement
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Sincerely,

Ben Hui, P.Eng., M.Eng.

Senior Project Manager

WSP Canada Inc.

Encl. Ontario Government Notice and Comment Form

cc: Cameron Bevers, Project Manager – MTO
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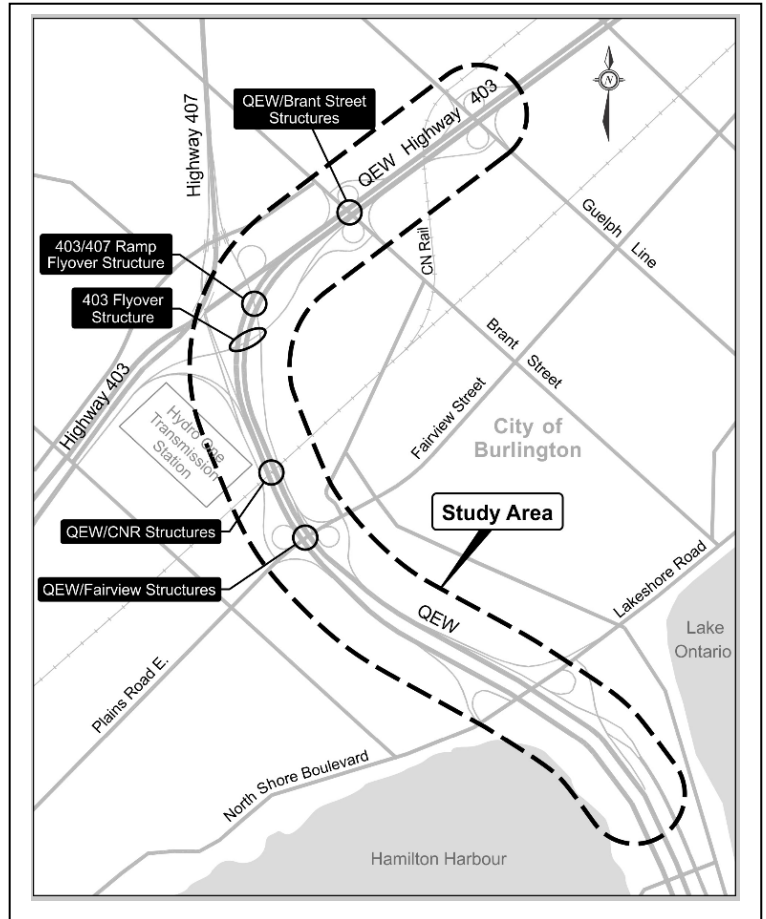
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Type of Project:

Environmental Assessment

Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (Group 'B' project)

Type:

Project Location:

City of Burlington – See Ontario Government Notice

Agency Name & Division or Branch:	
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1. Does your organization wish to participate in this project?

☐ YES☐ NO

2. If yes to the above, please provide the contact name, telephone #, address and e-mail for future correspondence.

Contact Name:	
Telephone #:	
Address:	
E-mail:	

3. Preferred method of correspondence?

 Email

 Regular Mail

4. Please provide any information, questions, comments, or concerns your agency may have at this time.

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For further information regarding this project, please contact the undersigned at the address listed below.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FEEDBACK BY JANUARY 5, 2023, TO:

The Project Team

WSP Canada Inc.

E-mail: projectteam@gew403improvements.ca

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From: projectteam@qew403improvements.ca
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 2:43 PM
Cc: Polonsky, Loren; Hui, Ben; 'Pak, Margaret (MTO)'; 'Bevers, Cameron (MTO)'
Subject: Notice of Study Commencement - QEW and Highway 403 Improvements, Detail Design and Class EA Study
Attachments: GWP 2065-17-00 2066-17-00 QEW 403 Improvements - General Agency Commencement Letter.pdf

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Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached letter for the Notice of Study Commencement for the highway improvements to the QEW and Highway 403 in the City of Burlington.

Thank you,

Sent on behalf of the QEW and Highway 403 Improvements Project Team

From: Vazz, Christine
Sent: December 6, 2022 1:58 PM
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Attachments: streamlined_ea_project_information_form_QEW 403 Improvements Commencement.xlsx; G.W.P. 2065-17-00 & 2066-17-00_QEW Highway 403 Rehabilitation _Notice of Study Commencement.pdf

Hello,

On behalf of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), please find attached the Notice of Study Commencement for QEW and Highway 403 Improvements Detail Design and the completed MECP Study Commencement Project Information Form (PIF).

Thanks,

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Vacation Alert : December 23 – January 6. Returning January 9th.

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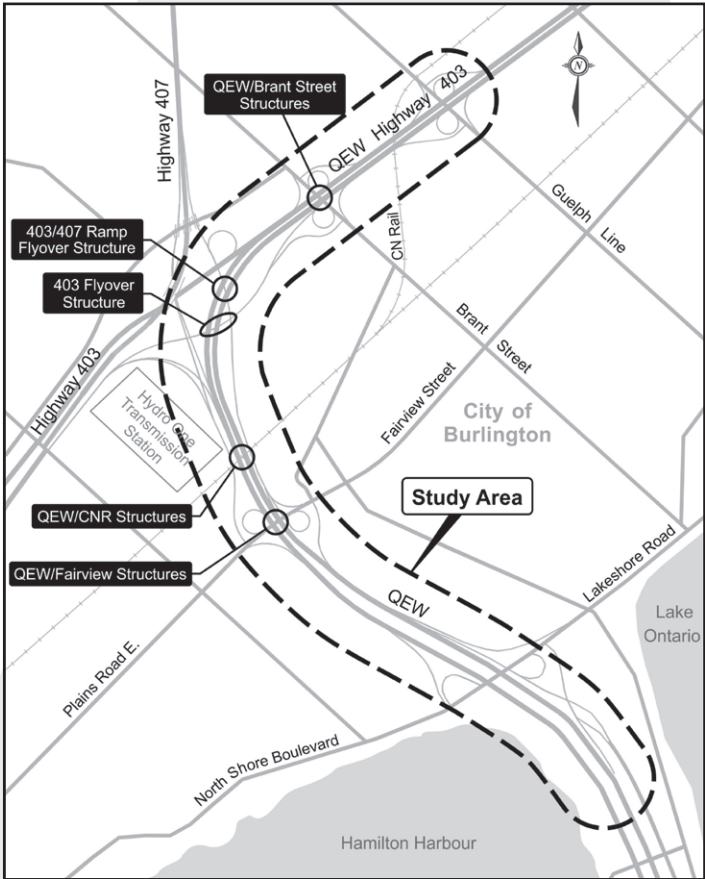
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Hello Ann,

Thank you for your interest in the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the Queen Elizabeth Way and Highway 403 Improvements in Burlington, Ontario.

The MTO Bikeways Design Manual is being used as MTO's design guide for any work within the interchange, with references to OTM Book 18 as appropriate. In the event of discrepancy/conflict with design guidance, parameters or dimensions for Active Transportation features within MTO's right-of-way, the MTO Bikeways Design Manual shall override any OTM Book 18 requirements. The Study Team is evaluating a variety of Active Transportation alternatives as part of this project, although on-street cycling lanes were recommended as part of the previous Freeman Interchange Preliminary Design Study.

A future meeting with Halton Region and the City of Burlington is currently being arranged and further discussion in regard to Active Transportation will be discussed at this time.

Please also refer to our website at www.gew403improvements.ca for additional project details and do not hesitate to reach out should you have any further questions or comments.

Kind Regards,

The QEW and 403 Improvements Project Team

From: Larkin, Ann <Ann.Larkin@halton.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 2:51 PM
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Subject: QEW and Highway 403 Improvements

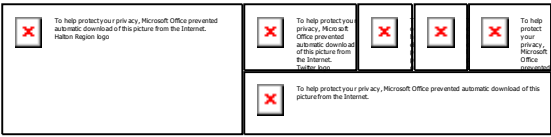
Good afternoon,

Thank you for the letter regarding the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for various improvements to the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) and Highway 403 in the City of Burlington, within the Regional Municipality of Halton. We understand from the project website's FAQs that that as part of this project, the MTO will be constructing a paved shoulder through the Brant Street interchange, but it will not be signed as a cycling lane until such time as cycle lane are implemented north of the interchange. Could you please confirm this design would align with the new OTM Book 18?

Thank you,

Ann

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Dorton, Andrea

From: Stirling, Tom <Tom.Stirling@halton.ca>
Sent: January 11, 2023 2:56 PM
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Cc: Basile, Rosa
Subject: QEW and Highway 403 Improvements
Attachments: 20230111144512836.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached our Comment Form for the above noted project. Halton Region Paramedic Services is mainly interested in being informed of road/ramp closures that may impact paramedic operations related to accessing collisions or hospitals.

Do not hesitate to contact either myself or Rosa should you have any questions.

Regards,

Tom

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From: QEW and 403 Improvements Project Team
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Sent: December 5, 2022 5:18 PM
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Subject: QEW and 403 Improvements: Web Contact

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From: DOUG Willson BROWN band@cogeco.ca

Comment:

The Burlington Road Safety Committee has a long involvement in the safety of pedestrians and cyclists using Fairview Avenue to traverse the QEW/Fairview interchange. In 1997, a pedestrian and a cyclist were struck and killed in separate collisions, while attempting to cross the access ramp that connected eastbound Fairview vehicles to the QEW southbound.

In 1997, vehicles could exit Fairview Avenue east bound to the QEW southbound by an oblique ramp entry configuration that allowed high speed entry to the ramp. Given that there is extensive residential development west of the ramp and a major shopping area to the east of the ramp, this create a dangerous situation for the pedestrians and cyclists who had to cross the ramp.

Public outrage following these tragic deaths compelled the City of Burlington and the MTO to rebuild this ramp access changing the highspeed, oblique access to a much safer configuration with access to the ramp changed to a normal right hand turn at a controlled intersection.

This re-configuration was funded through a cost-sharing agreement between the City of Burlington and the MTO. Unfortunately, there was considerable opposition to this new configuration from MTO engineers which was only overcome with the intervention of Mayor then Burlington Mayor Walter Mulkewich, then local MPP Cam Jackson, and then MTO Minister Al Paladini.

A year or so after the new configuration was completed, MTO attempted to restore the original oblique angle ramp entry - but had to back off after strong objections were made by the City of Burlington.

The new configuration for ramp access has proven to be very successful with no collisions, injuries or fatalities having occurred over the past 25 years. Therefore, the Burlington Road Safety Committee would be very concerned if the study proposed significant changes to the present configuration for access from Fairview Avenue eastbound to QEW southbound.

Doug Brown, Chair, Burlington Road Safety Committee

Response required? Yes

From: Bell, Trevor (MECP) <Trevor.Bell@ontario.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 4:12 PM

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Subject: QEW Burlington Skyway Improvements - Group C MTO Class EA

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter and supporting documents from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Environmental Assessment Branch, regarding the above mentioned project. The ministry responded to the Notice of Commencement when it was issued in 2021. We are providing our updated acknowledgement letter in response to the project updates notice we received. Feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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December 29, 2022

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BY EMAIL ONLY

Re: **QEW and Highway 403 Improvements**
Ministry of Transportation
Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities,
Group B
Acknowledgement of Notice of Commencement

Dear Cameron Bevers,

This letter is in response to the Notice of Commencement for the above noted project. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) acknowledges that the Ministry of Transportation has indicated that the study is following the approved environmental planning process for a Group B project under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (Class EA).

The **updated (August 2022)** attached “Areas of Interest” document provides guidance regarding the ministry’s interests with respect to the Class EA process. Please address all areas of interest in the EA documentation at an appropriate level for the EA study. Proponents who address all the applicable areas of interest can minimize potential delays to the project schedule. **Further information is provided at the end of the Areas of Interest document relating to recent changes to the Environmental Assessment Act through Bill 197, Covid-19 Economic Recovery Act 2020.**

Please send a copy of the final notice to the MECP’s Central Region EA notification email account (eanotification.cregion@ontario.ca), and please send a copy of the final report(s) to me for download.

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the material above, please contact me at trevor.bell@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Trevor Bell
Regional Environmental Planner – Central Region

Cc: Gavin Battarino, Supervisor, Project Review Unit, EAB, MECP
Tina Dufresne, Manager, Halton Peel District Office, MECP
Margaret Pak, Environmental Planner, MTO
Ben Hui, Senior Project Manager, WSP
Christine Vazz, Senior Environmental Planner, WSP

Enclosed: Areas of Interest

Attached: Client's Guide to Preliminary Screening for Species at Risk