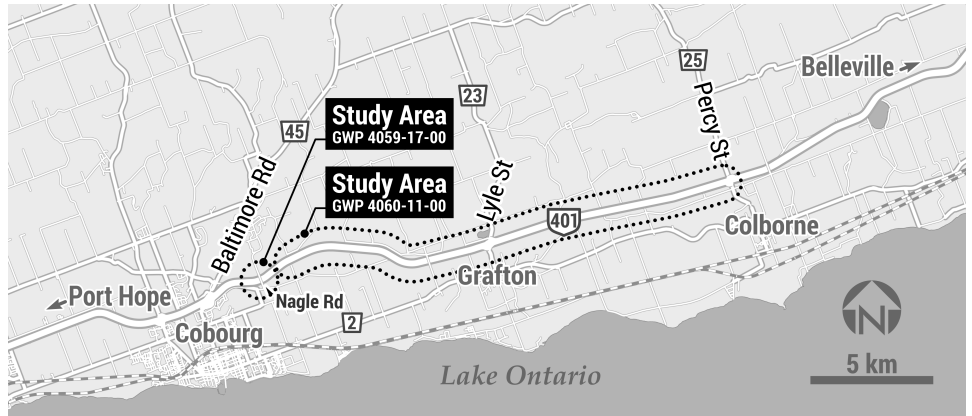




NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT Highway 401 Nagle Road Interchange Study, GWP 4059-17-00

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and the Town of Cobourg have retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study on Highway 401 for a new interchange near Nagle Road in the Town of Cobourg and the Township of Hamilton. The purpose of the study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses future transportation and planning needs in the study area. The interchange study is the Town of Cobourg's initiative and is being completed concurrently with the MTO's Highway 401 Planning Study from Cobourg to Colborne (GWP 4060-11-00).



This study will include reviewing existing conditions, developing and evaluating interchange alternatives, identifying a preferred plan, and developing environmental protection/mitigation measures. A Recommended Plan will be confirmed and designated (protected) at the completion of the study.

THE PROCESS

This study is a "Group B" project under the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* and includes undertaking environmental and engineering field investigations and seeking input from stakeholders. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned (combined with the Highway 401 Planning Study), and combined PIC notices will be advertised in local newspapers and sent to the project mailing list.

Upon completion of preliminary design, a *Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR)* will be prepared for this study and made available for public review. Notices will be published in local newspapers to advise the public of the TESR public review period. A separate TESR will be prepared for the Highway 401 Planning Study.

COMMENTS

You are encouraged to participate in the study and to provide comments in writing to the project team. If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list or have questions about the study, please contact:

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Information on this study will be provided on the Highway 401 Planning Study project website, www.highway401cobourgcoborne.ca, where project information including study notices, background information, PIC displays, and the TESR will be made available as the study progresses. You can also submit comments to the project team on the project website.

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

Comments and information 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*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.