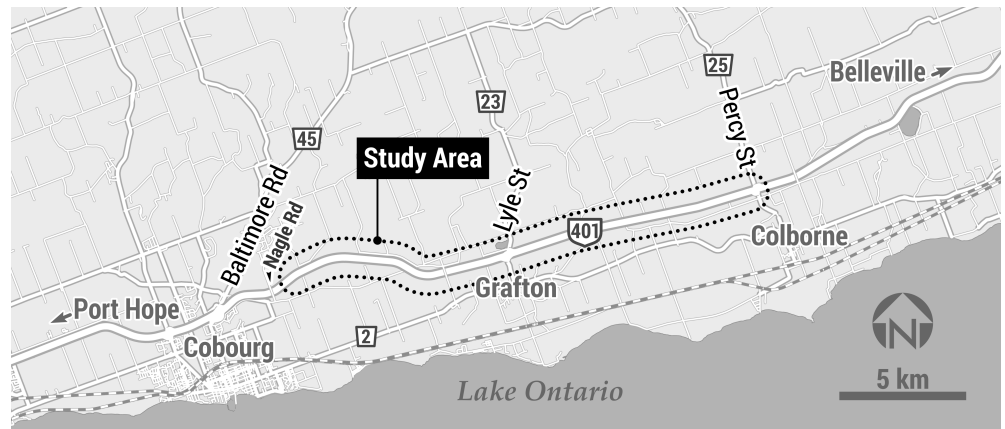




**NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Highway 401 Planning Study from Cobourg to Colborne, GWP 4060-11-00**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study on Highway 401 for the replacement and rehabilitation of structures, interchange modifications, future widening of the highway, and commuter parking lot expansions, from 2 km east of Nagle Road to Percy Street (approximately 18 km). The purpose of the study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs in the study area as part of the Ministry's ongoing review of safety and operational needs for the provincial highway network.



This study will include reviewing existing conditions, developing and evaluating alternatives, identifying appropriate improvements, 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, and notices of the PICs 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 and made available for public review. Notices will be published in local newspapers to advise the public of the TESR public review period.

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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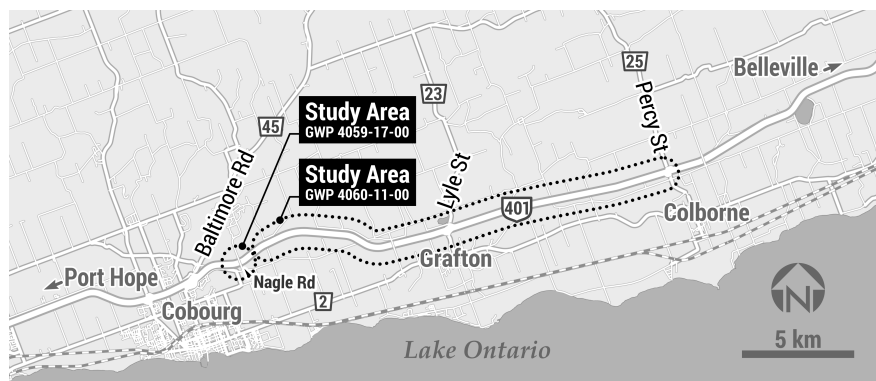
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Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All 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.



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 1
PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Highway 401 Planning Study from Cobourg to Colborne, GWP 4060-11-00 &
Highway 401 Nagle Road Interchange Study, GWP 4059-17-00**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study on Highway 401 for the replacement and rehabilitation of structures, interchange modifications, establishing the footprint of future six and eight lanes to ensure an appropriate design of the replacement bridges, and commuter parking lot improvements, from 2 kilometres east of Nagle Road to 800 metres east of Percy Street (approximately 18 kilometres). The MTO and the Town of Cobourg have also retained Stantec 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 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).



The MTO and the Town of Cobourg have also retained Stantec 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 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 notice is to announce the first combined Public Information Centre (PIC) for these two studies. The purpose of PIC 1 is to display and seek input on the preliminary improvement alternatives; display and seek input on the existing conditions in the study areas (i.e. natural, social, economic, and cultural); and answer questions about the studies.

The PIC will be a drop-in format and is scheduled for:

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Location: Cobourg Lions Community Centre, 157 Elgin Street East, Cobourg, Ontario

Time: 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

THE PROCESS

Both studies are "Group B" projects under the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) and include undertaking environmental and engineering field investigations and seeking input from the public, local municipalities, external ministries/agencies, and businesses. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned, and notices of the PICs will be placed in local newspapers and sent to the project mailing list.

Upon completion of preliminary design, a separate Transportation Environmental Study Reports (TESR) for each study, will be prepared and made available for public review. Notices will be published in local newspapers to advise the public of the TESR public review periods.

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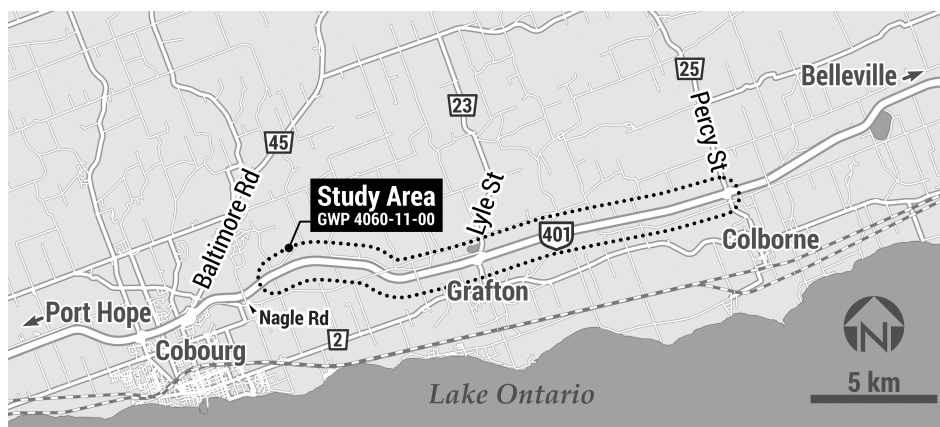
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THE PROCESS

This study is considered a “Group B” project under the Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) and includes undertaking environmental and engineering field investigations and seeking input from the public, local municipalities, external ministries/agencies, and businesses. Upon completion of preliminary design, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for 30-day public review period. Notices will be published in local newspapers, posted on the project website, and sent to the project mailing list to advise the public of the TESR public review period.

ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 2

Public Information Centre 1 (PIC 1) for this study was held on September 18, 2019, to present and solicit feedback on the preliminary improvement alternatives, the evaluation process and existing study area conditions. A second PIC has been arranged to present and solicit feedback on the evaluation of alternatives, the preliminary preferred plan, and the preliminary assessment of the anticipated environmental impacts and mitigation measures. In light of COVID-19 and associated physical distancing requirements for the foreseeable future, PIC 2 will be hosted online. The PIC displays and preliminary preferred plan will be available for your review on the project website at www.highway401cobourgcolborne.ca on **Thursday, August 27, 2020**. A recorded presentation will be available as part of the online PIC, as well as an online survey for your feedback, until September 25, 2020.

COMMENTS

You are encouraged to participate in this study and to provide comments in writing to members of the project team. If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list, have any comments, questions or concerns, and/or are unable to access the online PIC 2 materials provided on the project website, please contact one of the following project team members:

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