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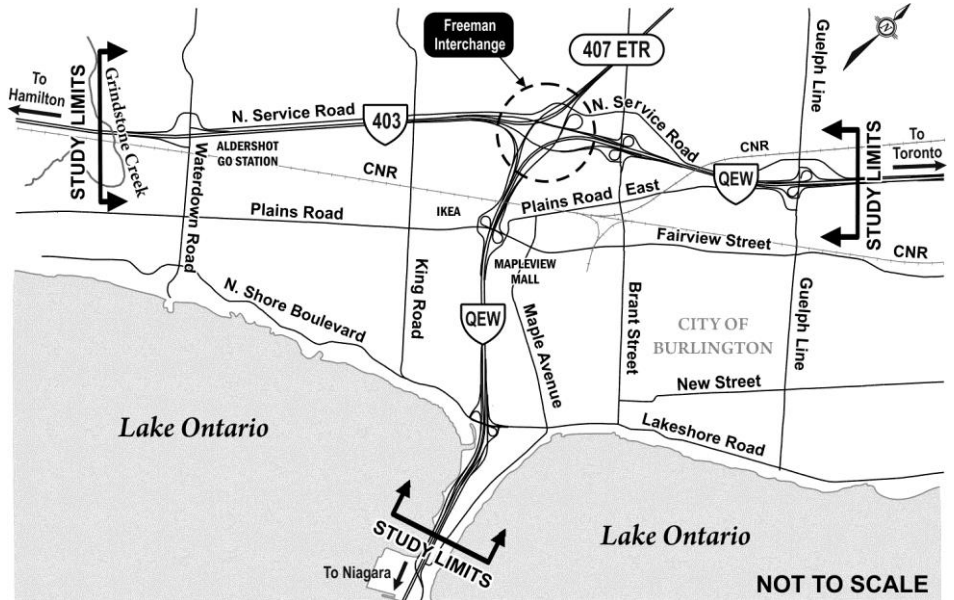
QEW AND HIGHWAY 403 FREEMAN INTERCHANGE (2016-E-0005) PRELIMINARY DESIGN STUDY AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained MMM Group Limited, a WSP company, to undertake a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) from the north end of the Burlington Skyway to Guelph Line and Highway 403 from QEW to Grindstone Creek, in the City of Burlington. The study area is shown on the key plan.

The objectives of the study include:

- Improvements to the QEW and Highway 403 through the Freeman Interchange;
- Rehabilitation/widening/replacement of bridges in the study area;
- Drainage improvements;
- Illumination improvements;
- Preparing concept designs for a new transitway from west of Brant Street on the 407 ETR and connecting to the Aldershot GO Station; and,
- A carpool lot near the Plains / Fairview Interchange.



PROCESS

During this Preliminary Design Study, alternatives will be generated and evaluated, a preferred alternative will be selected, impacts and mitigation measures will be developed and a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and filed.

This study will follow the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities 1999*, as amended in 2000. Upon completion of the Preliminary Design, a TESR will be prepared and made available for public review.

CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS

Public consultation is an important part of the Class Environmental Assessment process. The public is encouraged to provide input at any point during the study. Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held at two key milestones during the study. The PICs will provide agencies, municipalities, business owners, members of the public and other stakeholders with an opportunity to review, comment on, and discuss the study with members of the Project Team.

For additional details, please visit the study website at www.qew403freeman.ca. The Project Team will provide regular updates on the study website with information on events such as PICs and study documentation. Notice of the PICs and review of the TESR will also be published in local newspapers and sent to those on the study contact list.

If you wish to be added to our study contact list or submit comments, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below:

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If you have any accessibility requirements 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* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

