

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

QEW and Highway 403 Freeman Interchange (2016-E-0005) Preliminary Design Study and Class Environmental Assessment

THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP** 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:

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

THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000). To facilitate public involvement, Public Information Centres will be held at two (2) key study stages during the study.

Upon completion of the Preliminary Design, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for public review. The TESR will document the existing conditions, transportation opportunities, consultation undertaken, generation, assessment and evaluation of alternatives, the recommended plan, and a summary of environmental issues, potential mitigation measures and commitments to future works. The Notice of TESR submission for public review will be advertised in local newspapers, posted on the project website and sent to those on the study mailing list.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

Public Information Centres (PICs) provide the community an opportunity to share information and seek input regarding the project and the alternatives being considered. The first PIC has been arranged to present the existing conditions, need and justification, the preliminary list of alternatives, the evaluation criteria which will be used to assess the alternatives, and the study process and next steps. A second PIC will be held later in the study to present the recommended plan, and summary of environmental issues and potential mitigation measures and commitments to future work.

PIC #1 will be held as a drop-in style, open house format. Representatives of the project team will be in attendance to answer questions and receive comments. We encourage interested persons to attend to obtain more information and provide comments, so your concerns can be addressed as the study progresses. The information presented at the PIC will also be available on the project website following the PIC.

PIC #1 will be held as follows:

Date:	October 10, 2017
Location:	Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel & Conference Centre, Harvester Room 3063 South Service Road, Burlington, ON
Time:	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

COMMENTS

If you wish to obtain additional information about the project, be added to our study contact list to receive future project notification, or submit comments, please visit the study website at www.qew403freeman.ca or 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.

