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Attention: Betty Mercier, Committee Secretary

Agricultural Advisory Committee
c/o City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
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Dear Ms. Mercier,

Reference: NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study
Highway 401 Reconstruction, Counties of Elgin and Middlesex,
City of London
Project Reference: G.W.P. 3132-12-00 & 3093-12-00

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking the Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for the reconstruction of Highway 401 from Elgin Road 8 (Currie Road) to Elgin Road 20 (Union Road) in Elgin County (G.W.P. 3132-12-00), and from Elgin Road 20 (Union Road) to Highway 4 (Colonel Talbot Road), in the Counties of Elgin and Middlesex, and the City of London (G.W.P. 3093-12-00). The enclosed Ontario Government Notice provides a key plan and additional details for your reference.

Information regarding the proposed improvements, anticipated start date and duration of construction, as well as traffic management during construction will be posted to the project website (www.hwy401reconstruction.ca) as the project proceeds.

The purpose of this letter is to introduce the project, to seek your input on the existing environmental (natural, socioeconomic or cultural) conditions within the study area, and to identify any issues, concerns or approval requirements that your organization may have. A reply by way of the enclosed reply form or the project website by **September 9, 2016** would be appreciated, so that we may consider your comments early in the design stage.



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The study is being completed in accordance with the MTO *Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* as a Group 'C' undertaking. Upon completion of the project, an Environmental Screening Document (ESD) will be prepared for each contract for MTO's internal use to describe the proposed works and identify environmental mitigation measures. Group 'C' projects are considered approved, subject to compliance with the Class EA.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact either the undersigned or one of the individuals named in the enclosed material.

Regards,

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Attachment: Ontario Government Notice of Study Commencement, Reply Form

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- A. Barg, Project Manager, Stantec Consulting Ltd.

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study Highway 401 Reconstruction, Counties of Elgin and Middlesex, and the City of London Project Reference: G.W.P. 3132-12-00 & 3093-12-00

THE PROJECT

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Subject to the outcome of the study, the Ministry is proposing the following improvements:

- Approximately 28 km of full depth pavement reconstruction requiring four years of construction
- Drainage improvements
- Replacement/rehabilitation of bridges and culverts
- Environmental protection and mitigation, where required

A construction staging and traffic management plan will be developed and will address associated ramp closures and temporary traffic impacts. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on Highway 401 throughout construction. Information regarding construction staging and traffic management will be posted on the project website (www.hwy401reconstruction.ca).

THE PROCESS

This project is following the approved planning process for Group 'C' projects in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. An Environmental Screening Document (ESD) will be prepared for each contract for an internal record to describe the proposed works and identify environmental mitigation measures. No public review period will be provided for these documents. Group 'C' projects are considered approved under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*, subject to compliance with the Class EA and the application of mitigation measures where necessary.

COMMENTS

Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

If you wish to comment on this project, have your name added to the project mailing list, or have any questions about this project, please contact one of the individuals identified below:

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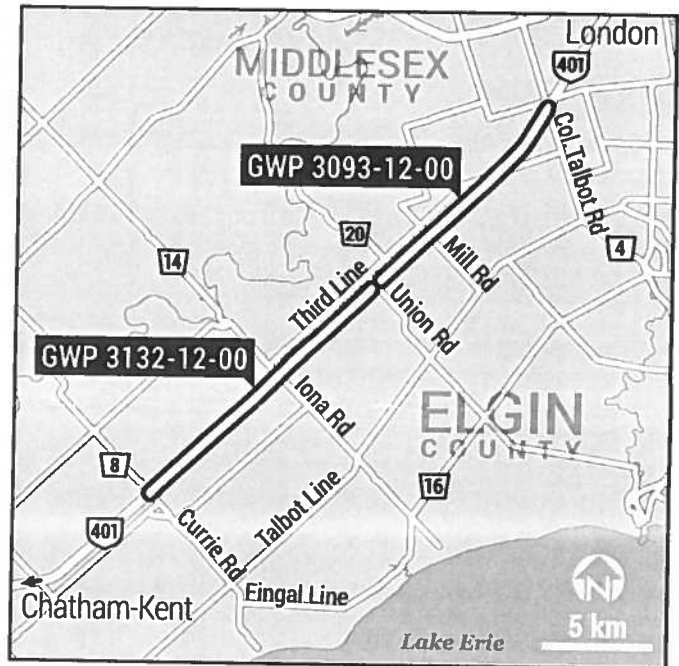
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Additional information, updates, and the opportunity to submit comments will be available through the project website: www.hwy401reconstruction.ca.

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

Version française disponible en composant le 416 598-7162 (Maya).



AVIS DE DÉBUT D'ÉTUDE

ÉTUDE DE CONCEPTION DÉTAILLÉE ET D'ÉVALUATION ENVIRONNEMENTALE DE PORTÉE GÉNÉRALE

Reconstruction de l'autoroute 401, comtés de Elgin et de Middlesex et ville de London
Référence du projet : G.W.P. 3132-12-00 & 3093-12-00

LE PROJET

Le **ministère des Transports** de l'Ontario entreprend l'étude de conception détaillée et d'évaluation environnementale pour la reconstruction de l'autoroute 401, de la route Elgin 8 (route Currie) à la route Elgin 20 (route Union dans le comté de Elgin (G.W.P. 3132-12-00), ainsi que de la route Elgin 20 (route Union) à l'autoroute 4 (route Colonel Talbot), dans les comtés de Elgin et de Middlesex et dans la ville de London (G.W.P. 3093-12-00). Les limites de la reconstruction sont indiquées sur le plan repère.

En fonction des résultats de l'étude, le ministère propose les améliorations suivantes :

- Reconstruction en profondeur de la chaussée sur environ 28 km nécessitant quatre années de construction;
- Améliorations du drainage;
- Remplacement et réhabilitation des ponts et ponceaux;
- Protection de l'environnement et atténuation des risques environnementaux, au besoin.

Un plan relatif aux étapes de la construction et à la gestion de la circulation sera élaboré et abordera les fermetures des bretelles associées et les effets temporaires sur la circulation. Une voie de circulation sera maintenue dans chaque direction sur l'autoroute 401 tout au long de la construction. L'information concernant les étapes de construction et la gestion de la circulation sera publiée sur le site Web du projet (www.hwy401reconstruction.ca).

LE PROCESSUS

Ce projet respecte le processus de planification approuvé pour les projets de groupe « C » conformément à l'*Évaluation environnementale de portée générale pour les routes provinciales (2000)*. Un document d'examen environnemental préalable (EEP) sera préparé pour chaque contrat pour un dossier interne afin de décrire les travaux proposés et cerner les mesures d'atténuation des risques sur l'environnement. Aucune période d'examen public n'est prévue pour ces documents. Les projets de groupe « C » sont considérés comme étant approuvés en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*, en plus de devoir être conformes à l'évaluation environnementale de portée générale et aux mesures d'atténuation des risques sur l'environnement, le cas échéant.

COMMENTAIRES

Les commentaires et informations concernant ce projet seront recueillis pour aider le ministère à répondre aux exigences de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*. Cette information sera conservée au dossier pour être utilisée pendant le projet et pourra être incluse dans la documentation du projet. L'information recueillie sera utilisée conformément à la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée*. Tous les commentaires, à l'exception des renseignements personnels, feront partie du dossier public.

Si vous voulez formuler des commentaires sur ce projet, faites ajouter votre nom à la liste de distribution. Pour toute question, veuillez prendre contact avec l'une des personnes ci-dessous :

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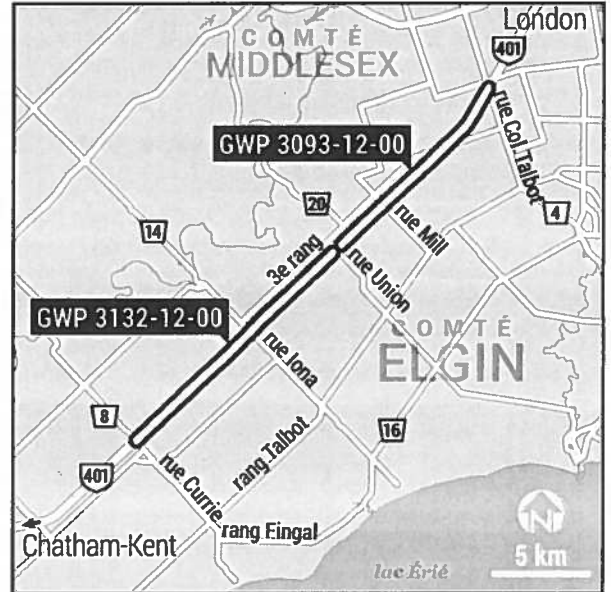
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Des renseignements supplémentaires et des mises à jour seront accessibles sur le site Web du projet, et vous aurez également la possibilité d'y soumettre vos commentaires : www.hwy401reconstruction.ca.

Si vous avez des exigences en matière d'accessibilité pour participer au projet, veuillez prendre contact avec l'un des membres de l'équipe du projet nommés ci-dessus.



DETAILED DESIGN and CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY
Highway 401 Reconstruction, Counties of Elgin and Middlesex, City of London
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REPLY FORM – PLEASE RETURN BY September 9, 2016

Date: _____

Please remove my group/agency from the study mailing list.

I would like to provide the following comments.

Please consider the following environmental (i.e., natural, social, economic or cultural) information and permit/approval requirements:

Additional comment space is provided on the back of this form.

<p>Contact Information on Study Mailing List</p> <p>Betty Mercier, Committee Secretary – Agricultural Advisory Committee c/o City of London 300 Dufferin Avenue, P.O. Box 5035 London ON N6A 4L9 Phone: 519-661-2500 ext. 0835</p>	<p><i>If this information is incorrect please provide updated information or identify the key project contact below.</i></p>
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Please return the completed form to:

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Job Title: _____

Name of Group/Agency: _____

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