



VICTORIA BRIDGE (Ridout Street South) MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE OF PROJECT COMMENCEMENT

The Study

Ridout Street South is classified as a primary collector roadway with 12,000 vehicles per day along with being a primary cycle and pedestrian route in the City of London, connecting the Old South area to the downtown core and the Thames Valley Parkway. A version of the Victoria Bridge has provided the connecting link across the south branch of the Thames River in this location since 1848. The current bridge, built in 1926 with the last major rehabilitation work completed in 1956, is in need of significant repairs. Given the structure's age, repair needs, structural capacity limitations, functional deck width, safe accommodation for cyclists, existing utilities supported by the bridge and other considerations, the City of London has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to evaluate rehabilitation OR replacement alternatives. This evaluation of alternatives will determine the best solution to address the general structural deterioration of the bridge and accommodate all users.

The Study Area



The Process

The Class EA study will be completed in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act and will fulfill the requirements of the Municipal Class EA process for Schedule C projects. The project team will examine a full range of alternatives and identify a preferred strategy for addressing the above issues.



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How to Get Involved

The City of London wants anyone with an interest in the study to have an opportunity to provide input, which will help the project team in the decision-making process. Two (2) Public Information Centres (PIC) will be held. The first PIC is scheduled for early 2017 to present the purpose and scope of this study, review alternative solutions to address the problems/opportunities and identify a recommended solution. Advanced notification of the PIC will be advertised on the City of London website and in *The Londoner*, in addition to being sent by mail to those on the study mailing list

To learn more, visit the project website:

<http://www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/default.aspx>.

To provide comments, receive additional information or be added to the study mailing list, contact either of the following team members below:

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With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the study. The study is being conducted according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is a planning process approved under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act.

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