



**RICHMOND STREET MUNICIPAL UNDERGROUND
UTILITIES REALIGNMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY
NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION**

The City of London with IBI Group and WSP Global have completed a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to examine alternatives for the realignment of stormwater and sanitary sewers that were to be impacted by the proposed Richmond Street transit tunnel in Downtown London. Four municipal sewers were included in the study: Carling Creek Trunk Storm Sewer, Oxford Street Trunk Sanitary Sewer, Pall Mall Trunk Sanitary Sewer, and Sanitary Relief Sewer in the vicinity of Pall Mall and Mill streets.

On May 16, 2017, City Council passed a number of motions related to Rapid Transit, including that an at-grade level crossing at the CP Railway with dedicated transit lanes be approved as the preferred cross section on the Richmond Street corridor at this time. As such, the Richmond Street transit tunnel is not included in the Rapid Transit Master Plan, and there are no anticipated impacts to these stormwater and sanitary sewers.

Public engagement was undertaken throughout the study to solicit input from the general public (residents), businesses, Indigenous communities (or First Nations), Metis, review agencies, and other stakeholders. A Public Information Centre was held on February 23, 2017. Information on the study was made available at www.shiftlondon.ca.

Alternatives were developed and investigated should the Richmond Street transit tunnel proceed at some future time. The study concluded that the preferred solution of inverted siphons could be accommodated within existing road allowances, utilize existing downstream infrastructure, and would not require a new outlet to the Thames River. The alternatives evaluation undertaken for this assessment and the preferred solution are documented in the Rapid Transit Master Plan.

The preferred solution falls under a Schedule A+ project, as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class EA guidance document, and is therefore pre-approved and not subject to the formal public appeal process to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (i.e. Part II Order Request procedure). As a Schedule A+ project, the public is to be advised prior to project implementation; this is a notice of completion and not a notice of implementation. To ensure that all those interested in the study are kept informed, the Rapid Transit Master Plan will be made available to the public for review. A separate notice of completion for the Rapid Transit Master Plan will be issued and posted at www.london.ca.

Comments or questions regarding the Richmond Street Municipal Underground Utilities Realignment Study should be directed to:

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Please note that comments will be maintained for reference throughout the project and will become part of the public record. Under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) and the Environmental Assessment Act, any personal information such as name, address and telephone number included in a submission will become part of the public record unless the commenter specifically requests that such personal details not be included in the public record.

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