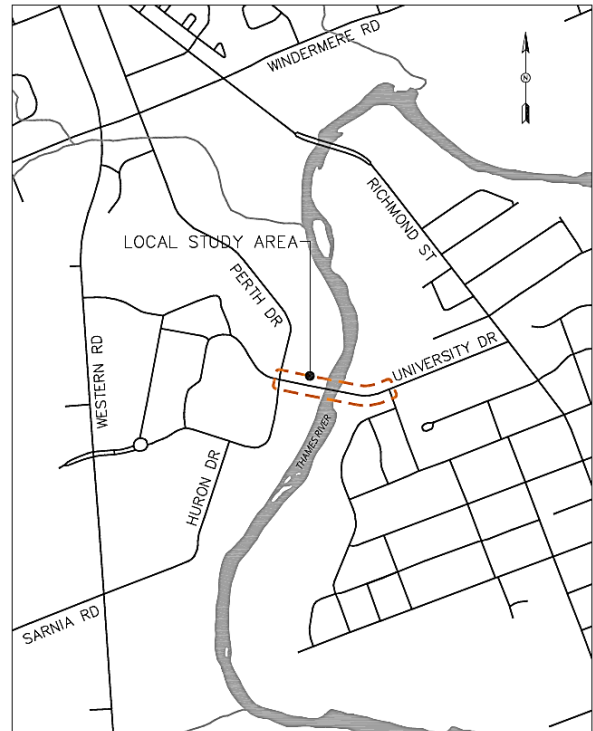


Notice of Study Commencement University Drive Bridge, Western University Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA)

Introduction

Western University retained Entuitive and BT Engineering Inc., in joint venture, to complete the Environmental Assessment (EA) and detailed design for the rehabilitation/replacement of the University Drive Bridge over the North Branch of the Thames River in London, Ontario. The existing bridge is near the end of its service life for vehicular traffic and the University will define a plan for the Thames River crossing. The plan will consider a range of alternatives to address the University's needs, including:

- Rehabilitation of the existing bridge;
- Rehabilitation of the existing bridge plus structure widening;
- A new bridge on the existing alignment; or
- Rehabilitation of the existing bridge for active transportation plus construction of a new bridge for vehicular traffic.



Study Process

The University Drive Bridge rehabilitation/replacement will be completed as a Schedule C project under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) (2015). The study will complete all necessary phases of the MCEA, including: establishing the need and justification for the project; documenting existing environmental conditions; documenting engineering considerations; considering alternatives; involving the public and regulatory agencies in developing the preferred solution for improvements; completing the related roadway design; and obtaining environmental clearance for construction. The study will also define the construction staging plan and traffic management plan.

Public Consultation

Public consultation is a key component of the Class EA, and we value your input during the planning process. There is an opportunity at any time during the EA process for interested persons to provide comments. All information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (2009). With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

If you require additional information or wish to provide comments during the Class EA process, please contact us anytime at: westernubridge@uwo.ca.

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