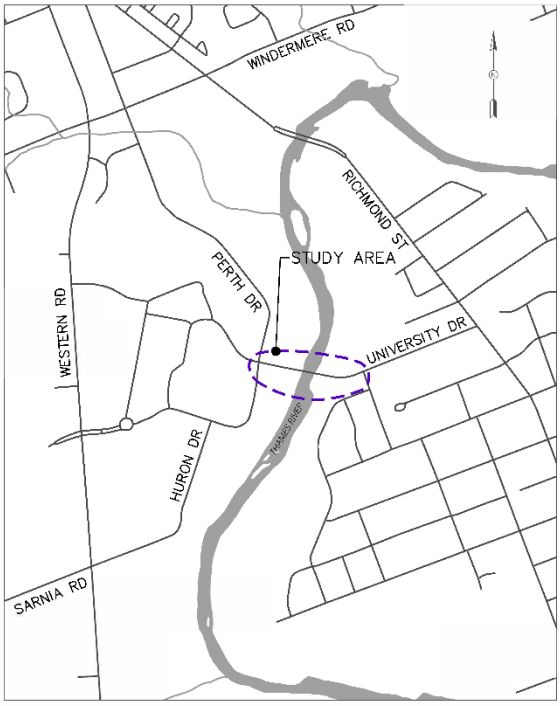
Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) No. 1
University Drive Bridge, Western University
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA)

Introduction

Western University has 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 the City of London. 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 considering the need to make improvements for active transportation. The plan will consider a range of alternatives to address the University's needs, including:



- Rehabilitation of the existing bridge;
- 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: establish the need and justification for the project; document existing environmental conditions; document engineering considerations; consider alternatives; involve the public and regulatory agencies in developing the preferred solution for improvements; complete the related roadway design; and obtain environmental clearance for construction. The study will also define the construction staging plan and traffic management plan.

Public Consultation
Public consultation is a component of the Class EA, and we value your input during the planning process. Western has scheduled the first Public Information Centre (PIC) for this project. This PIC will introduce the project, present background information, evaluate Alternative Planning Solutions, and summarize next steps.

The PIC public review period will be for a two-week period from **November 15 to 30, 2022**. Exhibits will be available during this period online at the University's website.

In addition, an online meeting (presentation and Q&A) will be held during the two-week review period. This event is scheduled for:

> **Date:** November 17, 2022 from 6 to 8 pm
> **Location:** Online Zoom Webinar
> **To register for the online meeting, please send an email to westernubridge@uwo.ca before November 17, 2022, identifying your interest in attending.**

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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