

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study Highway 401 Reconstruction, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, County of Essex Project Reference: G.W.P. 3091-12-00

The public is invited to attend a Public Information Centre (PIC) to review and comment on the proposed improvements to Highway 401 from Victoria Road to 5 km west of Kent Bridge Road and from 5 km east of Bloomfield Road to Essex Road 42 in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, County of Essex, as shown on the key plan. The PIC is planned as a drop-in style open house session that will provide attendees with the opportunity to review displays; discuss the project directly with members of the Project Team; and provide comments. The PIC will be held on:

Thursday, December 11, 2014
Chatham Legion, 304 St. Clair Street, Chatham
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

THE PROJECT

Stantec Consulting Ltd. is undertaking the Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO). The limits of reconstruction for the eastbound (EB) and westbound (WB) lanes are shown on the key plan. Subject to the outcome of the study, the Ministry is proposing the following improvements:

- Approximately 50 km of full depth pavement reconstruction;
- Drainage improvements (ditching, culverts, sewers, field tiles, etc.);
- Replacement/rehabilitation of bridges and culverts; and
- Environmental protection and mitigation, where required.

Construction staging and traffic management will include ramp closures and temporary impacts to the Tilbury OnRoute. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on Highway 401 throughout construction. Since the project is for a long section of Highway 401, the proposed improvements will be divided into separate contracts.

THE PROCESS

The project is being carried out in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* as a Group 'B' undertaking. Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period. Following the PIC, the project may be stepped down to a 'Group C' project if the environmental screening process indicates that there will be no significant environmental effects. If the project is stepped down a TESR will not be published, however a Notice of Step-Down will be issued and a 30 day public review period provided.

COMMENTS

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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Additional information and updates and the opportunity to submit comments will be available through the project website: www.hwy401reconstruction.ca. The materials available at the PIC will also be available on the website.

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

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