

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Detail Design and Environmental Assessment for Highway 417 Rapid Bridge Replacements (GWP 4124-14-00 and GWP 4069-19-00)

THE PROJECT

In 2007, the **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the preliminary design of Highway 417 (Ottawa Queensway) from Highway 416 to Anderson Road. This process resulted in a Recommended Plan to guide the evolution of the Queensway over the next 20 years and was documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR). The Recommended Plan includes, but is not limited to, the replacement of 5 bridges at 4 sites on Highway 417 located at Maitland Avenue, Woodroffe Avenue, Pinecrest Road, and Richmond Road in the City of Ottawa.



In 2022, the province initiated this detail design assignment to confirm and refine the EA Recommended Plan specific to the 5 bridge replacements and prepare for implementation. **Morrison Hershfield and Jacobs Consultancy Canada** have been retained to support the delivery of the Detail Design and to deliver the Class Environmental Assessment for these bridge replacements. The project consists of two separate contracts:

- GWP 4124-14-00 – Highway 417 Maitland Ave. and Woodroffe Ave. Rapid Bridge Replacements
- GWP 4069-19-00 – Highway 417 Pinecrest Rd. and Richmond Rd. (bridges 1 & 2) Rapid Bridge Replacements

Implementation of the project will involve:

- Rapid demolition and replacement of the 5 overpass structures (bridges);
- Repairs of deteriorated concrete on exposed surfaces of any retained elements, including rehabilitation of the bridge abutments;
- Replacement or rehabilitation of support facilities and features including grading, drainage, sewage and stormwater management, illumination, signage, noise barrier walls, and the temporary relocation and protection of Advanced Traffic Management Systems (ATMS), as required.

THE PROCESS

The project is following the approved environmental planning process for Group B undertakings in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities*, 2000 and opportunity for public input will be provided during the study. Two virtual Public Information Centres (PICs), one for each contract, will be held on the project website (www.417WestBridges.ca) to present and facilitate feedback on the proposed detail design(s). Notices will be published in local newspapers to advertise the time and date of the virtual PICs. A Design and Construction Reports (DCR) will be prepared for each contract to document the detail design and EA study process – one for Maitland Avenue and Woodroffe Avenue (GWP 4124-14-00) and one for Pinecrest Road and Richmond Road (1 and 2) (GWP 4069-19-00). Both DCRs (including a 5-year review of the TESR) will be available for a 30-day public review period. Additional notices will be published in local newspapers at that time to advertise where the documents are available for review.

COMMENTS

To find out more about the project, please visit the project website at www.417WestBridges.ca. If you have any comments or questions at this time, or wish to be added to the project mailing list to receive future notices, please use the "Contact Us" function on the website or contact one of the following project team members:

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Information will be collected 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 this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

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