

Notice of Study Commencement

Highway 417 Expansion, Ottawa Road 174 to Hunt Club Road (GWP 4099-11-00 & GWP 4074-11-00), Detail Design

THE STUDY

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP** to complete the Detail Design and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the expansion of Highway 417 by one lane in each direction from Ottawa Road (OR) 174 to Hunt Club Road in the City of Ottawa (GWP 4099-11-00). WSP has also been retained to complete the Detail Design and EA study for the rehabilitation or replacement of ten bridges and five structural culverts within the limits of the highway widening (GWP 4074-11-00).

The purpose of this notice is to inform the general public of these studies and to provide an opportunity to provide any comments, questions, or concerns.

The scope of work includes the following:

- Widening of Highway 417 by one lane in each direction from OR 174 to Hunt Club Road.
- Rehabilitation and replacement of the bridges and structural culverts shown on the key map.
- Construction of related works, including pavement rehabilitation, drainage improvements, modifications to illumination/ATMS, utility relocations and landscaping, as required.

Traffic management for construction staging will be coordinated with the City of Ottawa.

A noise assessment will also be completed to determine if a noise barrier in the vicinity of the Highway 417 westbound (WB) to OR 174 eastbound (EB) ramp is warranted under Ministry policy.

In addition to the above-noted works, the rehabilitation of the Highway 417 Green's Creek Culverts (Eastbound lanes (EBL) & Westbound lanes (WBL)) and CNR Overhead Bridges (EBL & WBL) will be included with these works for construction. A separate Detail Design and EA Study for these structures was previously completed in May 2018 (GWP 4145-10-00).

THE PROCESS

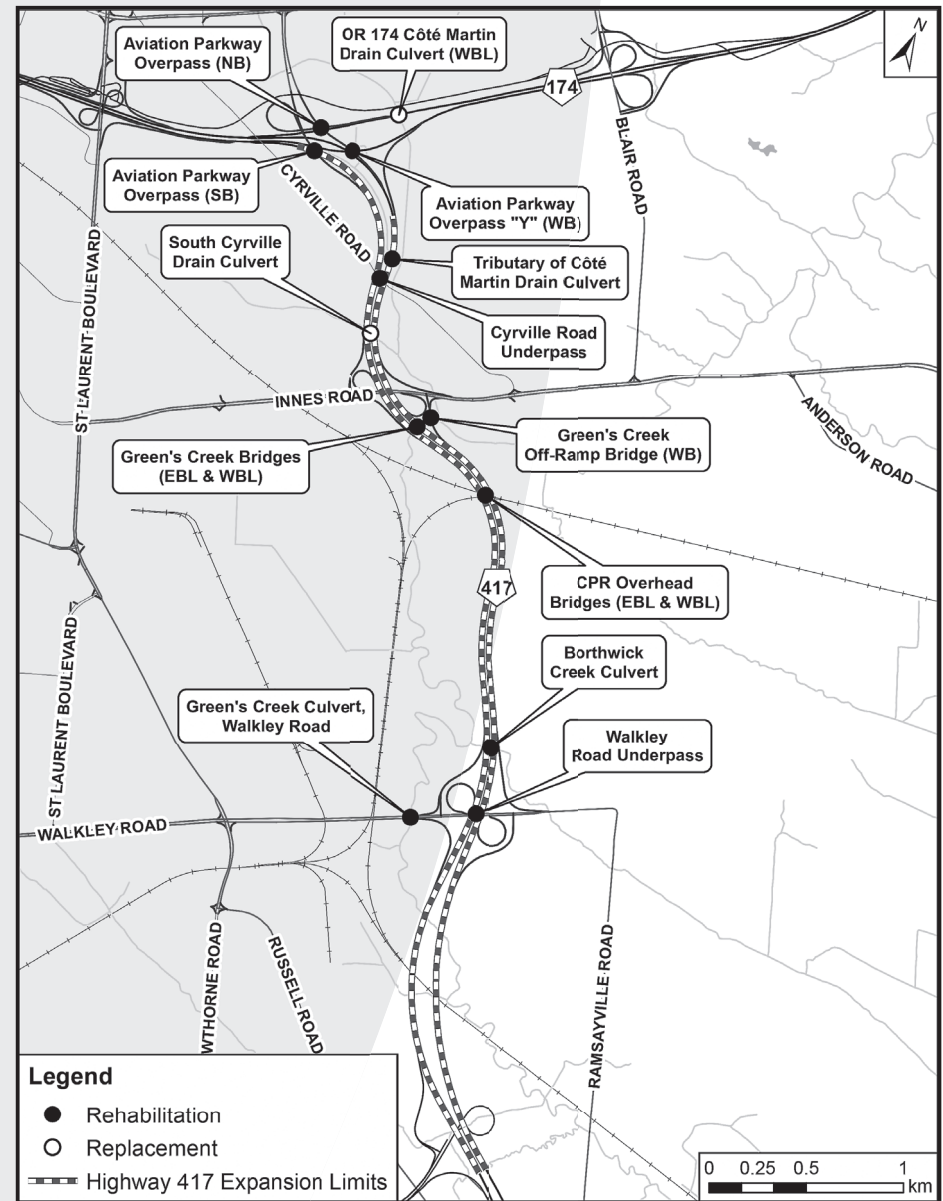
This project is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*, with the opportunity for public input throughout.

The Detail Design for the widening of Highway 417 is based on a Preliminary Design study (GWP 663-93-00) that consisted of a comprehensive review of Highway 417 from Highway 416 to Anderson Road. The study, which received environmental clearance in 2008, recommended the widening of Highway 417 by one lane in each direction from OR 174 to east of Walkley Road. The Detail Design for the structural rehabilitations / replacements is based on a separate 2016 Preliminary Design study (GWP 4074-11-00) that identified a long-term management plan for bridges and culverts within the study area. These Preliminary Design studies are documented in separate Transportation Environmental Study Reports (TESRs).

As part of the EA process, a Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to present findings and provide an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed design, potential effects, and proposed mitigation. Notices will be published in local newspapers to advertise the date, time and location of the PIC.

Upon completion of the Detail Design study, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared and filed for a 30-day public review period. The DCR will document the Class EA process followed, including a description of the Recommended Plan, potential environmental effects and the final mitigation plan. At that time, a notice of DCR Submission will be published in local newspapers to explain the review process and identify locations where the DCR can be reviewed.

At this time, both Detail Design studies are proceeding on a concurrent schedule. To streamline the consultation process, a single PIC will be held and a single DCR will be prepared if the schedules for both projects remain aligned. Should the schedules change, the need for separate PICs (in-person and / or online) and separate DCRs will be assessed and an update will be sent to the project contact list to notify interested parties of any changes.



COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have regarding this study. If you wish to obtain additional information, provide comments, or be added to the contact list, please contact the Consultant Project Manager or MTO Senior Project Engineer listed below, or visit the project website at www.highway417-aviationtohuntclub.com/contract2.

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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be 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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