

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
HIGHWAY 6 (HANLON EXPRESSWAY) INTERCHANGES
FROM MALTBY ROAD NORTHERLY TO THE SPEED RIVER (G.W.P. 14-00-00)
DETAILED DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is moving forward with a Preliminary Design Review and Detailed Design under the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Highway 6 (Hanlon Expressway) interchanges from Maltby Road northerly to the Speed River in the City of Guelph and Guelph/Eramosa Township, in Wellington County.

BACKGROUND

A Planning and Preliminary Design Study was completed in June 2009, which documented improvements to the Highway 6 (Hanlon Expressway) corridor from south of Maltby Road to the Speed River (G.W.P. 3002-05-00). The recommended plan from this study was documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) and was approved on November 17, 2009.

Recommendations that were made as part of the 2009 TESR included a new interchange at Laird Road which was constructed in 2011.

The remaining recommendations from the 2009 TESR are the subject of this study. The approved Preliminary Design includes:

- Upgrading Highway 6 within the study limits to a controlled access freeway;
- Replacement of the intersection at Kortright Road / Downey Road with a partial interchange (Highway 6 access to and from the south only);
- Replacement of the intersection at Stone Road with a full interchange;
- Replacement of the intersection at College Avenue with a bridge at Highway 6 (no connection to the highway);
- A new municipal service road west of Highway 6 between Woodland Glen Drive and the new interchange at Stone Road;
- Closure of Hanlon Road south of Flanders Road; and,
- Pavement rehabilitation, illumination improvements, stormwater management, drainage improvements, and utility relocations.

THE PROCESS

This study is subject to the Ontario EA Act and will be completed in accordance with the *MTO Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) process for a Group B project with the opportunity for public input. A review will be undertaken to determine if significant changes have occurred since the submission of the 2009 TESR. In the event that significant changes are identified, a TESR Addendum will be made available for a 30-day public and agency review period. The Detailed Design phase will be documented in Design and Construction Report(s) (DCRs) that will be made available for public and agency review. The DCR(s) will document the study process, Detailed Design and associated environmental impacts, mitigation measures, and a summary of consultation undertaken.

CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS

Consultation and engagement will take place throughout the study with the public, Indigenous peoples, regulatory agencies and municipalities. A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to provide an opportunity to discuss the study with members of the Project Team. Notifications advising of the time and location of the PIC, and of the availability of the TESR Addendum (if required) and DCR(s) will be published in local newspapers, posted on the project website, and mailed to those on the project mailing list.

Interested persons are encouraged to contact the project team members below or visit the project website to obtain additional information, provide comments or to be placed on the project mailing list.

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We are committed to ensuring that government information and services are accessible for all Ontarians. For communication support or to request project material in an alternate format, please contact one of the project team members listed above.

Comments and information will be collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario EA Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

