

Notice of Completion - Design and Construction Report Highway 401 / Wilson Road Overpass Replacement (Contract A - GWP 2146-20-00) Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

The Project

AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) was retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to undertake a Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for two contracts located within the City of Oshawa in the Region of Durham. Contract A (GWP 2146-20-00) involves the replacement of the Highway 401 / Wilson Road overpass including the lowering of Wilson Road and improvements to the associated embankments, retaining walls, noise barriers, drainage, illumination and signage to facilitate the replacement. Contract B (GWP 2106-19-00), involves the reconstruction of the Highway 401 / Bloor Street / Harmony Road interchange, and will be the subject of a separate, future notice. The approximate construction limits for Contracts A and B are as illustrated in the accompanying figure.

Construction of Contract A is anticipated to start in the Fall of 2024. Construction staging and night time lane closures will be utilized to facilitate the proposed improvements and minimize impacts to area traffic and safety.

The Process

It was previously determined that both contracts would proceed as one Group B project in accordance with the *MTO Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (amended 2000)*; however, it has since been deemed necessary for the two contracts to follow a separate Class EA process and construction timeline.

A **Design and Construction Report (DCR)** has been prepared to document the Detail Design process for Contract A including the Recommended Plan, consultation process, potential environmental effects and associated mitigation as well as the technical findings of the study. The Contract B process will be documented in a separate DCR to be made available at a future date.

A **Design and Construction Report (DCR)** has been prepared to document the Detail Design process for Contract A including the Recommended Plan, consultation process, potential environmental effects and associated mitigation as well as the technical findings of the study. The Contract B process will be documented in a separate DCR to be made available at a future date.

Comments

The DCR is available on the project website at hwy401wilsonbloorharmony.ca for a 30-day comment period starting April 4, 2024 until May 3, 2024. Comments can be submitted to the following members of the study team during the 30-day period:

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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring a comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for a comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently review the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to the following and copied to the Ministry of Transportation Project Manager listed above and to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Toronto ON M7A 2J3
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Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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This notice issued April 4, 2024.

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 this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

