

September 11, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Notice of Completion

Detail Design and Environmental Assessment for Replacement of the Choate Road Bridge and Ganaraska River Bridge on Highway 401, Port Hope (GWP 4068-14-00)

The Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) has retained the services of Egis and LEA Consulting Ltd. Joint Venture (Egis-LEA Joint Venture) to carry out the Detail Design and Environmental Assessment for replacement of the Choate Road Bridge and the Ganaraska River Bridge on Highway 401 within the Municipality of Port Hope, County of Northumberland. A key map showing the location of the study area is attached.

The project scope of work includes, but is not limited to:

- Replacement of the Choate Road Bridge;
- Replacement of the Ganaraska River Bridge;
- The existing N/S-W on-ramp at the County Road 28 (CR 28) interchange will be realigned to accommodate the Ganaraska River Bridge replacement;
- Drainage/storm water management (SWM) and roadside safety improvements; and
- Retaining walls constructed along the north side of Highway 401.

A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) was prepared in 2021 during preliminary design which evaluated and selected a preferred design alternative for long term improvements at the bridges. The selected Recommended Plan for both bridges was to replace them.

This project was carried out in accordance with the approved environmental planning process for projects under *the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) for a Group “B” project, with the opportunity for public input throughout.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held virtually on the project website from August July 5, 2023- August 4, 2023, to provide opportunity for stakeholder input during detail design.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared and will be available from September 11, 2024 to October 11, 2024 for a 30-day public comment period on the project website www.hwy401porthopeea.com, or hard copy if requested.

Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by **October 11, 2024**. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to one, or both, of the project team members listed below.

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 an individual/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 an individual/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 begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

Minister of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Environment, Conservation
and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M5A 2J3
E-mail: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment
Branch
Ministry of Environment,
Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5
E-mail:
enviropemissions@ontario.ca

Requests should also be sent to the project team members listed below by mail or by email.

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal *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 accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above.

Thank you for your anticipated participation.

Sincerely,

Egis

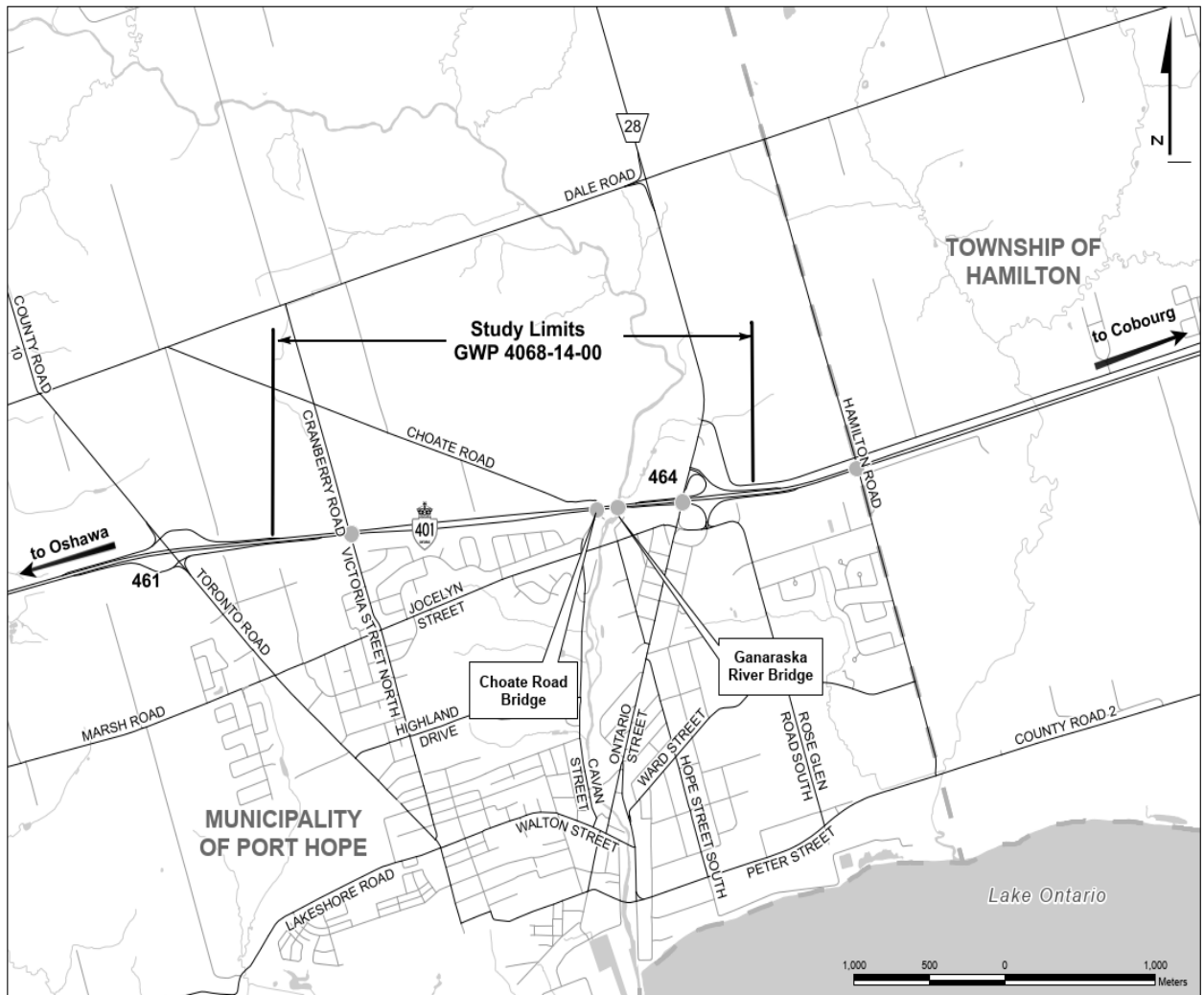


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Encl. Study Area Key Map

cc. Lee Collins, MTO Project Manager
Erin Pipe, MTO Environmental Planner
Jeff King, Egis Environmental Planner



Study Area Key Map