

To Whom it May Concern,

**Re: Notice of Online Public Information Centre #2 for Study #2 (GWP 4010-21-00)
Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment for Highway 401 from
County Road 28 (Ontario Street) to Hamilton Road, Port Hope**

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained the services of Egis and LEA Consulting Ltd. Joint Venture (Egis-LEA Joint Venture) to carry out the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Highway 401 from 500m west of Cranberry Road to 450m east of County Road 28, including the Cranberry Road bridge, Choate Road bridge, Ganaraska River bridge, Hamilton Road bridge and County Road 28 (Ontario Street) Interchange in Port Hope. The initial study has been divided into two separate studies.

STUDY # 1 GWP 4005-17-00 includes structural needs of 3 bridges (Cranberry Road Bridge, Choate Road Bridge and Ganaraska River Bridge) and establishing the eight (8) and ten (10) lane future footprint of Highway 401 from 500m west of Cranberry Road to 450m east of County Road 28 (Ontario Street). Preliminary design was complete and environmental clearance was issued in 2022.

STUDY #2 GWP 4010-21-00 includes future operational long-term needs at the County Road 28 (Ontario Street) interchange, and structural needs of 2 bridges (County Road 28 Bridge and Hamilton Road Bridge).

The second PIC for Study #2 (GWP 4010-21-00) is to present the study process, recommended plan, and receive input on the proposed improvements within the study area. The online PIC will be available for a 30-day review and comment period from **October 25, 2024 to November 25, 2024**.

To view the PIC materials and provide comments, please visit www.Hwy401PortHopeEA.com. Under the Public Involvement tab for Study #2 (GWP 4010-21-00), click the link for Online Public Information Centre #2. Hard copies of the PIC materials are also available upon request.

The Preliminary Design is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared. The TESR will document the existing conditions of the study area, the evaluation of the alternatives, and identify the preferred plan and commitments to future work.

All comments received during this period will be reviewed by the project team following the conclusion of the online PIC, and if requested a response will be provided. Comments will be received through the website or can be submitted to the contacts below.

If you would like your name added to the project mailing list, please contact one of the project members or submit a comment through the project website.

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Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. All information/comments received will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in the study documentation. 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*. If you have accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above.

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Thank you for your anticipated participation.

Sincerely,

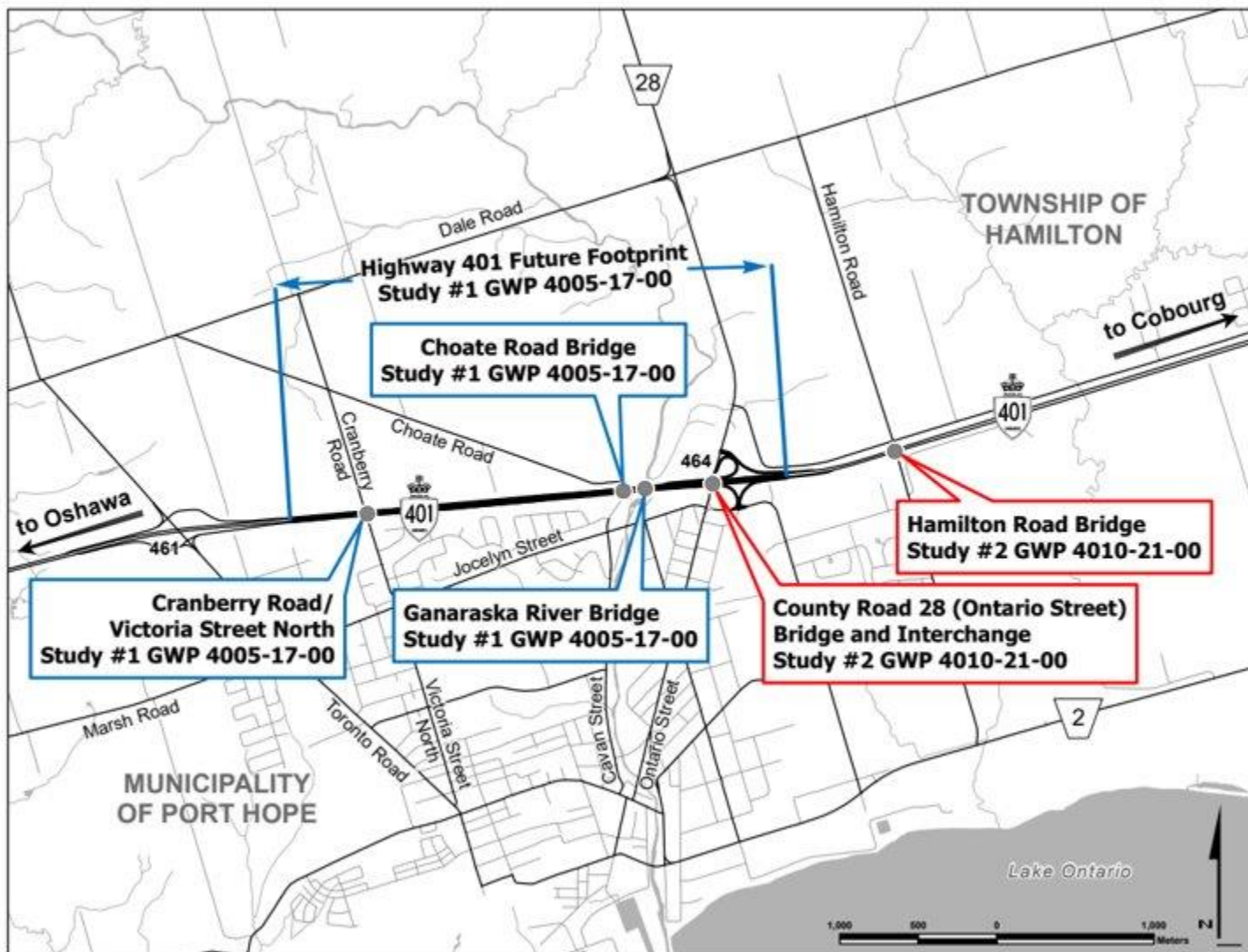
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Encl. Study Area Key Map

cc. Chris Teepell, MTO Senior Project Manager
Erin Pipe, MTO Environmental Planner
Jeff King, Egis Environmental Planner



Study Area Key Map