

# NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

## Highway 35/115 Interchange (WP 4174-15-00) Preliminary Design Study and Class Environmental Assessment

### THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP Canada Group Limited** to undertake a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the Highway 35/115 Interchange in the Municipality of Clarington. The study area is shown on the key plan.

The objectives of the study include:

- Improvements to Highway 35/115 Interchange;
- Tie the Highway 35/115 Interchange into the previously approved Highway 35 improvements;
- Rehabilitation/widening/replacement of structures in the study area;
- Addressing local access needs; and
- Drainage improvements.

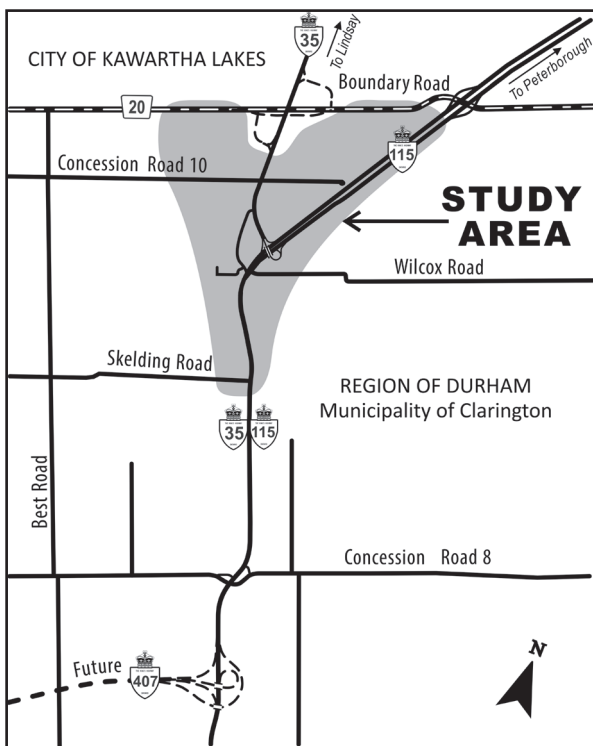
### THE PROCESS

This project is being carried out in accordance with the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.

A Study Design Report (SDR) will be developed to describe the process that will be followed. The SDR will provide an overview of the project, the need and justification of the project, the planning alternatives to the undertaking and will document EA process commitments such as public consultation and documentation.

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held throughout the planning process to allow the public an opportunity to review and comment on project details.

Upon completion of the Preliminary Design, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for public review. The TESR will document the existing conditions, transportation opportunities, consultation undertaken, generation, assessment and evaluation of alternatives, the recommended plan, and a summary of environmental issues, potential mitigation measures and commitments to future works. The Notice of TESR submission for public review will be advertised in local newspapers, posted on the project website and sent to those on the study contact list.



### CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS

Public consultation is an important part of the Class Environmental Assessment process. The public is encouraged to provide input at any point during the study. If you wish to be added to our study contact list or submit comments, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below or visit the project website at [www.Hwy35and115.ca](http://www.Hwy35and115.ca)

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If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

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

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