

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

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 study will follow the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.

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.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

Public Information Centres (PICs) provide the community an opportunity to share information and seek input regarding the project and the alternatives being considered. The first PIC has been arranged to present the existing conditions, need and justification, the preliminary list of alternatives, the evaluation criteria which will be used to assess the alternatives, and the study process and next steps. A second PIC will be held later in the study to present the recommended plan, and summary of environmental issues and potential mitigation measures and commitments to future work.

PIC #1 will be held as a drop-in style, open house format. Representatives of the project team will be in attendance to answer questions and receive comments. We encourage interested persons to attend to obtain more information and provide comments, so your concerns can be addressed as the study progresses. The information presented at the PIC will also be available on the project website following the PIC.

PIC #1 will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Orono Arena and Community Centre
2 Princess Street, Orono, ON

CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have regarding this study. If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments, please contact the Consultant Project Manager or MTO Project Manager listed below, or visit the project website at 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.

Please visit us at Hwy35and115.ca for more information.

