

# NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

## HIGHWAY 35/115 INTERCHANGE (WP 4174-15-00) PRELIMINARY DESIGN STUDY AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

### STUDY

The **Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP Canada Inc.** 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.

### PROCESS

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

The Preliminary Design has been completed and a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared and made available for public review. The TESR documents 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 TESR is available for a 30-day review period from **February 24, 2021 to March 25, 2021** on the project website at [www.Hwy35and115.ca](http://www.Hwy35and115.ca). In light of COVID-19 and associated physical distancing requirements for the foreseeable future, this report will only be available for online review.

### COMMENTS

Interested persons may provide written comments to the Consultant Project Manager or MTO Senior Project Manager listed below by **March 25, 2021**.

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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 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 M7A 2J3  
[minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

and

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch  
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor  
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5  
[EABDirector@ontario.ca](mailto:EABDirector@ontario.ca)

Requests should also be sent to Glenn Higgins, MTO Senior Project Manager, by mail or by e-mail.

This Notice issued February 24, 2021.

Information will be collected 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.

