



## Notice of Public Information Centre No. 1 And Study Commencement

### Harmonized Provincial Transportation Facility and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Proposed Operational Improvements to the Rest Acres Road/Highway 24 and Highway 403 Interchange

The County of Brant, through their consultant, BT Engineering have initiated a Harmonized Provincial Transportation Facility and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the planning of operational improvements to the Rest Acres Road/Highway 24 and 403 Interchange located south of Paris. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation will be consulted throughout this study. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic operations and the safety of the existing interchange ramp terminals. As such, several alternatives will be considered to accommodate current and future traffic volumes and provide efficiency transportation service on the Rest Acres Road corridor.

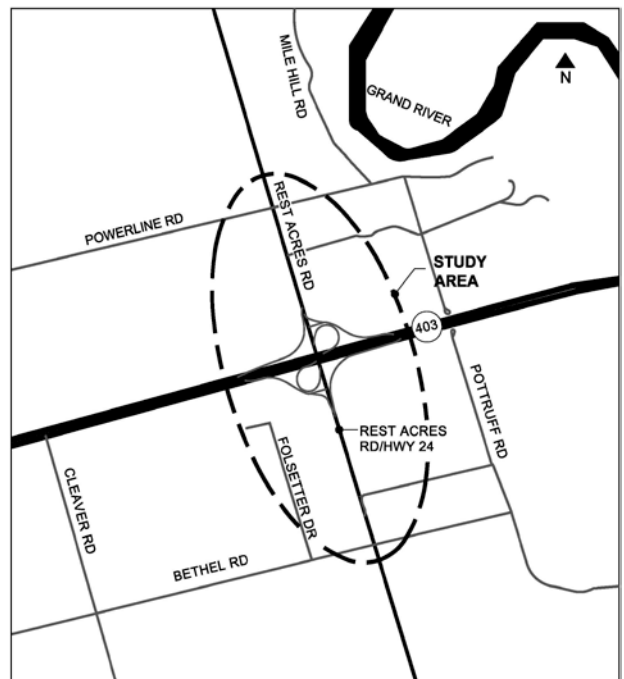
The study area includes the interchange of Rest Acres Road/Highway 24 and Highway 403.

#### Study Design

A draft Study Design is also available on the County of Brant website <http://www.brant.ca/>. The Study Design describes the project scope, study approach, need and justification of the study, study process and preliminary design criteria.

#### The Process

The Study is proceeding as a Harmonized Provincial Transportation Facility and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment in accordance with the requirements of both the Provincial Transportation Facilities Class EA and the Municipal Class EA processes. This Harmonized Class EA process will include defining the operational issues for improvement, documenting existing environmental conditions, public and review agency consultation, evaluation of alternatives, impact assessment of proposed alternatives, and identification of measures to mitigate adverse impacts. Further notification throughout this Harmonized Class EA process will be provided to all stakeholders who express interest as a result of this Notice of Commencement and to those who participate in the consultation process.



## **Public Consultation**

Members of the public and review agencies are encouraged to provide input on the studies. Four Public Information Centres will be held to provide information and receive feedback from the public. The first meeting will be held on November 18, 2015 to introduce the project, present an overview of study activities, and gather initial feedback from the public and review agencies.

The first Public Information Centre is scheduled for:

**Date:** Wednesday, November 18, 2015  
**Time:** 4:30pm – 7:30pm  
**Location:** Brant Sports Complex  
Lafarge Room  
944 Powerline Road  
Paris, Ontario N3L 0B2

## **Contact Us**

If you are unable to attend, we would still like to hear from you. Please contact either of the project team members below if you have questions or comments, wish to obtain more information on the project, or would like to be included on the Project Contact List:

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*This notice is being provided pursuant to the Environmental Assessment Act, the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, dated October 2000, as amended in 2007 & 2011 and the direction of the Ministry of Environment.*