

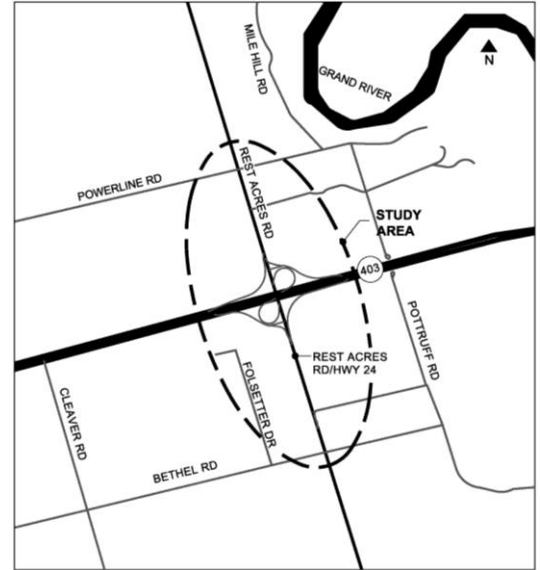
COUNTY OF BRANT

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

HARMONIZED PROVINCIAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITY AND MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REST ACRES ROAD/HIGHWAY 24 & HIGHWAY 403 INTERCHANGE

The County of Brant, through their consultant BT Engineering, has completed 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 & Highway 403 interchange located south of Paris. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation has been consulted throughout this study. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic operations and the safety of the existing interchange ramp terminals.

The study area includes the interchange of Rest Acres Road/Highway 24 and Highway 403. Information on the study is available on the County's website: <http://www.brant.ca/>



THE PROCESS

The Class EA Study was initiated as a Harmonized Provincial Group B Class EA/Municipal Schedule C Class EA in accordance with the requirements for both the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) and the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (2015). Based on the results of the Public Information Centre and the environmental and technical investigations, the project was stepped down to a Group C (MTO Class EA)/Schedule B (Municipal Class EA) project based on Step-Down criteria of no significant environmental effects or property issues being identified. As a Group C/Schedule B project, an Environmental Screening Document (ESD(MTO Class EA)) / Project File (Municipal Class EA) has been completed and is available for review at: the County of Brant Administration Office, 26 Park Avenue, Burford; the Paris Customer Services Office, 66 Grand River Street North, Paris; and the Brant Sports Complex, 944 Powerline Road, Paris, during regular business hours as well as online at <http://www.brant.ca/>.

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If there are any concerns regarding the project that cannot be resolved in discussion with the County, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses Individual Environmental Assessments. Requests may be received by the Minister by February 24, 2017 with a copy sent to the Project Engineer (contact information below). If there are no requests by this date, the County of Brant may proceed with detailed design of the project.

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