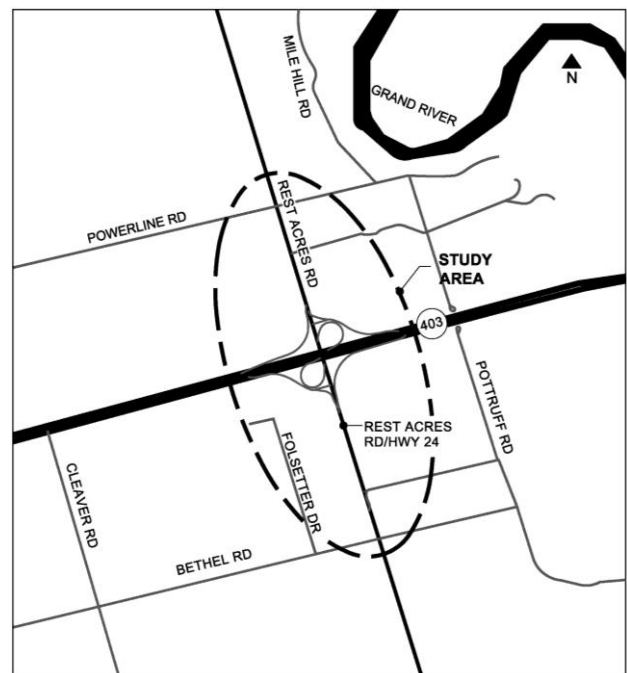


NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE No. 2

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 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 & Highway 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 have been considered to accommodate current and future traffic volumes and provide efficient transportation service on the Rest Acres Road/Highway 24 corridor.

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



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 the public and all stakeholders who express interest and to those who participate in the consultation process.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The County wishes to ensure that anyone interested in this study has the opportunity to be involved and to provide input. Four meetings (Public Information Centres) will be held to provide information and receive feedback from the public and stakeholders. The second Public Information Centre will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2016. At this open house style meeting the County will:

- Present the background on the existing conditions;

- Present the recommended alternatives;
- Present a recommendation to step down the project to a Harmonized Group C Provincial Class EA and equivalent Schedule B Municipal Class EA, and reasons why; and
- Receive public comments.

Should there be no objections to the step-down recommendation, a notice will be issued advising the public of a 30-day review period for the decision to step down the project. Information on the project to date is available at the County website: <http://www.brant.ca>

The second Public Information Centre is scheduled for:

Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2016
Time: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Location: Lafarge Room
Brant Sports Complex
944 Powerline Road
County of Brant

If you would like to receive updates about this study, or if you have any questions, please contact:

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