

Notice of Study Commencement

Class Environmental Assessment - Detail Design for the Reconstruction of Highway 7 in the Town of Perth, G.W.P. 75-99-00

THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) Eastern Region has retained the services of McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd. and LEA Consulting Ltd. Joint Venture (MP-LEA Joint Venture) to carry out the Detail Design and Environmental Assessment for the reconstruction of Highway 7 in the Town of Perth from approximately 1.3 km west of County Road 511 easterly to Wayside Drive West, approximately 4.5 km, County of Lanark. The Notice of Commencement is for the detail design of the preferred alternative from the approved 2009 Transportation Environmental Study Report.

The project scope of work includes, but is not limited to:

- Resurfacing of the highway;
- Widening of Highway 7 between County Road 511 and Perth Mews Mall and between Wilson Street and Drummond Street, approximately 2.5 km to accommodate a continuous two-way left turn lane; and
- Intersection improvements including dedicated left turn lanes.

More detailed information including plan drawings are available for viewing at www.highway7improvements.ca.

THE PROCESS

In 2018, a follow-up study to the 2009 Class EA was undertaken. This study reviewed the use of roundabouts at County Road 511, Perth Mews Mall, Wilson Street West and Drummond Street West as an alternative to the continuous 2-way left-turn lane (the 2009 approved plan). Although both intersection alternatives scored similarly during the evaluation, the roundabout alternative was not chosen due to public comments, pedestrian impacts, does not accommodate oversized vehicles, additional property requirements, utility impacts and proximity to the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Ministry is proceeding with the recommendations of the 2009 Transportation Environmental Study Report.

The Detail Design for the Technically Preferred Alternative is following the approved planning process for a Group "B" project under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*, with opportunity for public input throughout. At the completion of the Detail Design, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared which documents the study and will be made available for a 30-day public review.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held during this study to provide the public with the opportunity to discuss the project and provide input to the Project Team. Notification of the DCR and PIC will be provided in the Perth Courier.

COMMENTS

Any comments or questions can be directed to one of the following MTO or MP-LEA Joint Venture project team members or through the Project Website:

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You are encouraged to visit the project website, where project information including study notices, background information, PIC displays, and the DCR will be made available as the study progresses.

All information/comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments become part of the public record.

If you have accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above.

