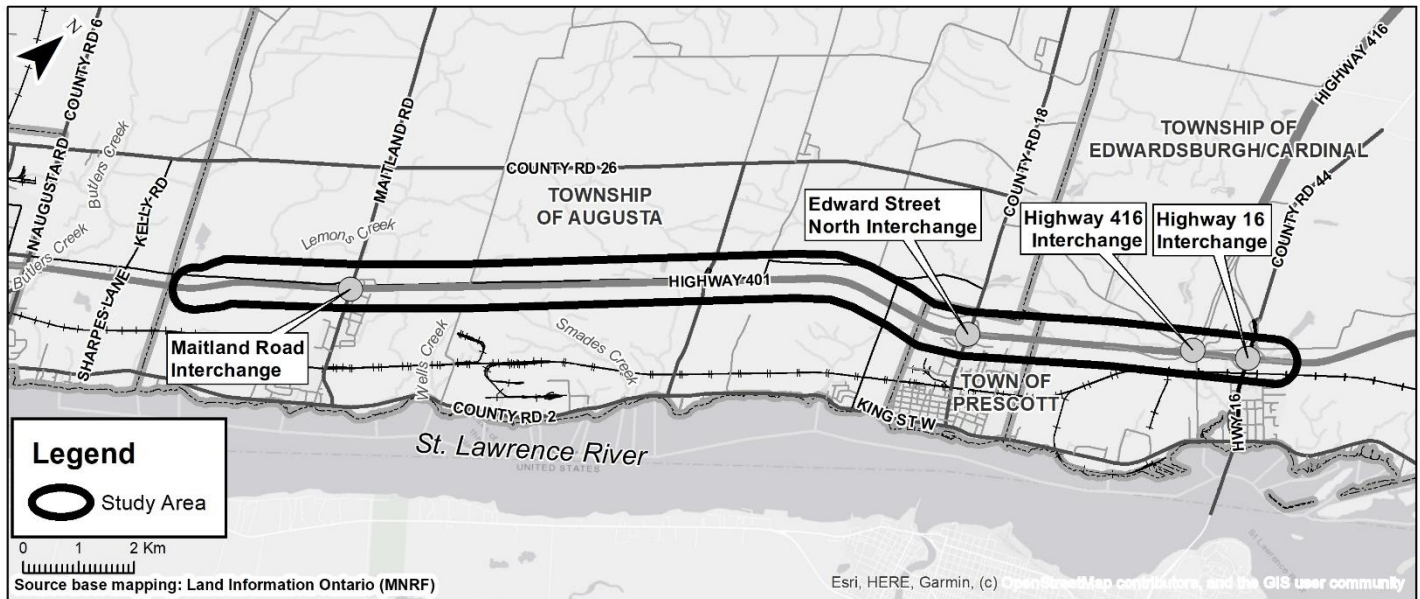


NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
HIGHWAY 401 IMPROVEMENTS FROM 1 KM EAST OF HIGHWAY 16 TO 3.3 KM WEST OF MAITLAND ROAD
PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY (GWP 4024-20-00)

THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained AECOM to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for Highway 401 from 1 km east of Highway 16 to 3.3 km west of Maitland Road for a total length of approximately 20.75 km, located within the Township of Augusta, Town of Prescott, and the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal. The study will look to address current and future transportation needs by developing a plan for the rehabilitation and/or replacement of fourteen (14) structures, determining the long-term plans for the Maitland Road, Edward Street and Highway 16 interchanges, and will establish the future footprint for interim six lanes and ultimate eight lanes of Highway 401.



THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the *MTO Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. A Public Information Centre is planned at two key milestones during this process and advance notification will be provided. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will also be prepared to document the study process including the evaluation of alternatives, the Recommended Plan, environmental effects and proposed mitigation measures as well as the consultation undertaken throughout the process. Upon completion of this study, the TESR will be placed on the public record for a 30-day review period. The release of the TESR for review will be the subject of a future notice.

COMMENTS

To obtain additional information, provide comments, or to be placed on a mailing list for this project, please visit the project website at www.highway401PrescottMaitland.ca or contact one of the Project Team members as follows:

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There is an opportunity at any time during the study for interested persons to provide input to the Project Team including comments and information regarding the study. Comments are being collected to provide and obtain information, and to identify concerns in accordance with the Ontario EA Act. This material 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 will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact the Project Team as listed above.