

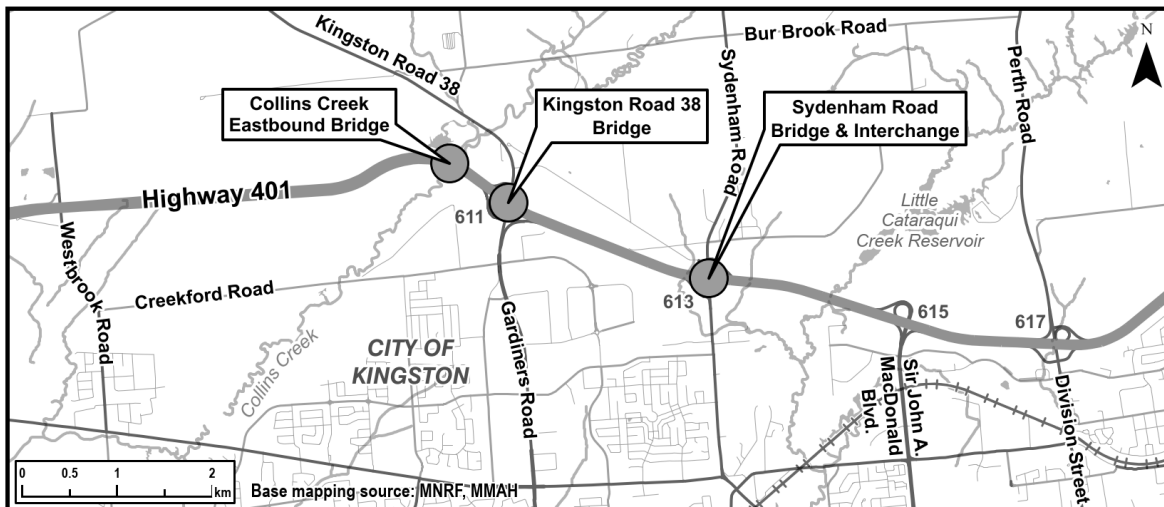
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

HIGHWAY 401 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS AT COLLINS CREEK AND INTERCHANGE/BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS AT KINGSTON ROAD 38 AND SYDENHAM ROAD PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY (GWP 4029-20-00)

THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) has retained the services of AECOM to undertake a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the replacement of three (3) bridges located on Highway 401 including Collins Creek Eastbound Bridge, Kingston Road 38 Bridge, and Sydenham Road Bridge within the City of Kingston. The study will focus on determining the structural needs of the bridges within the study area that are approaching the end of their service life, as well as accommodating the future footprint of Highway 401, preliminary construction staging, and traffic management needs. The study also includes:

- Determining the need for interchange improvements at Sydenham Road and Highway 401 for future operations.
- A new eastbound on-ramp at Kingston Road 38 (identified in a previous MTO Class EA (G.W.P. 4049-11-00 Highway 401/Kingston Road 38 Interim Operational Improvements) completed in 2018).



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)*. Alternatives will be generated and evaluated based on technical and environmental factors. Consultation will take place throughout the study. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned at key milestones to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to view project materials and provide comments.

Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared to document the study process including the evaluation of alternatives, selection of the Preferred Plan, and a summary of commitments to future work. The TESR will be made available to the public for a 30-day comment period. Throughout the study information will be regularly updated on the project website Hwy401KingstonBridgesEA.ca. Notifications advising of the PICs and the availability of the TESR during the 30-day review period will be advertised in local newspapers and sent to the project mailing list.

COMMENTS

To obtain additional information, provide comments, or to be placed on a mailing list for this project, please visit the project website at Hwy401KingstonBridgesEA.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 Environmental Assessment 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. Pour obtenir des renseignements en français, composer le 1-(705)-669-4709 (Amy Ingriselli), Courriel: amy.ingriselli@aecom.com.