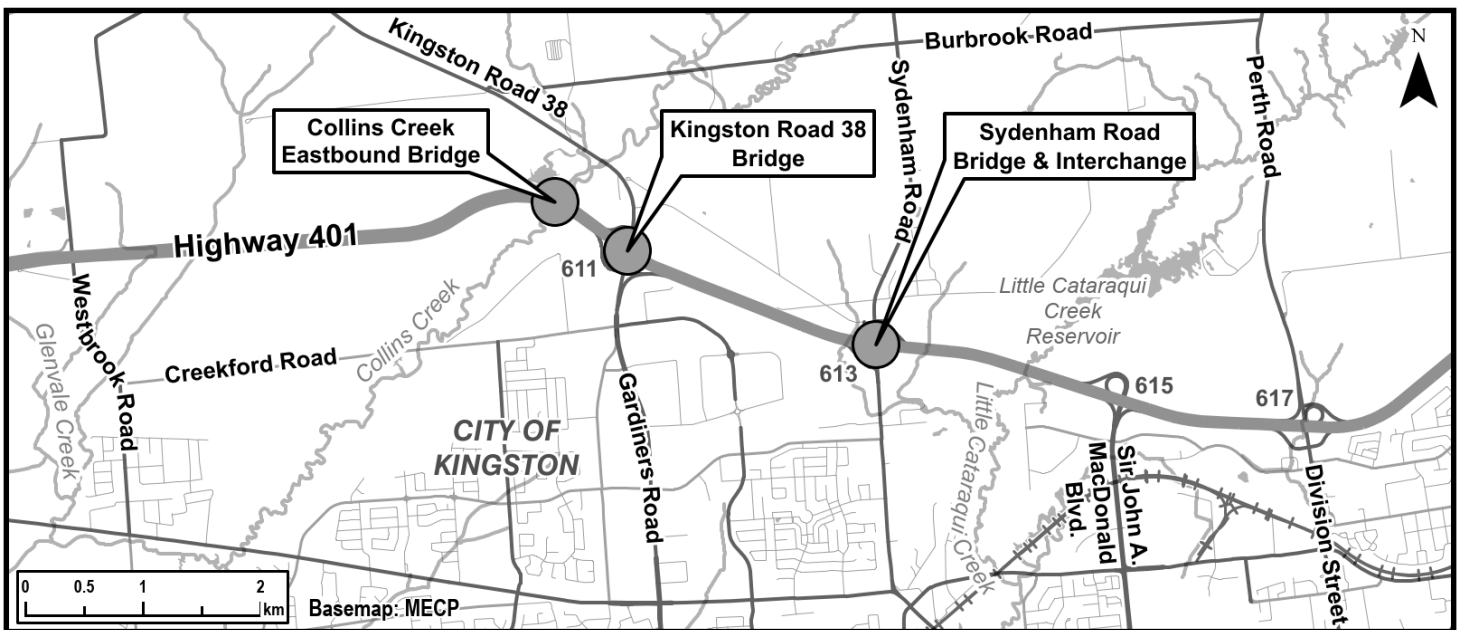


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THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained the services of AECOM to undertake a Preliminary Design (PD) and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the replacement of two bridges that are approaching the end of their service life on Highway 401 including the Eastbound (EB) Collins Creek Bridge and Sydenham Road Bridge within the City of Kingston (GWP 4029-20-00). The study will focus on determining the structural needs of the aging bridges within the study area, as well as accommodating the future footprint of Highway 401, preliminary construction staging, and traffic management needs. This study also includes:

- Determining the need for interchange improvements at Sydenham Road and Highway 401 for future operations; and
- Developing a preliminary traffic management plan for Kingston Road 38 bridge replacement and a new eastbound on-ramp. The need for a Kingston Road 38 bridge replacement and a new eastbound on-ramp was identified in a previous MTO Class EA (GWP 4049-11-00 Highway 401/Kingston Road 38 Interchange Operational Improvements) completed in 2016.



THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved planning process for a Group ‘B’ project under the *MTO Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared to document the study process including consultation and the document will be placed on the public record for a 30-day public comment period at the close of this study. The release of the TESR for review will be the subject of a future notice.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

The first of two Public Information Centres (PIC) is being held to present and receive feedback on the study background, existing study area conditions, preliminary improvement alternatives, the evaluation process and to outline the next steps in the Class EA process. PIC #1 will be presented in an online format for public review and comment on the project website at Hwy401KingstonBridgesEA.ca beginning May 8th, 2024, with a recorded presentation available until June 7th, 2024.

COMMENTS

You are encouraged to participate in the study and to provide comments to the study team. To obtain additional information, provide comments, or to be placed on the 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 1-705-919-6786 (Patrick Hébert), Courriel: patrick.hebert1@aecom.com.*