

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

Highway 15 / Perth Road Intersection Improvements (GWP 4030-22-00)

THE STUDY

The **Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP Canada Inc.** to undertake the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for Highway 15 / Perth Road Intersection Improvements, located in Franktown, approximately 12 km south of Carleton Place, Ontario as shown in the key plan.

The study will include a review of the operation of this intersection to address concerns such as traffic delays on Perth Road accessing northbound Highway 15. The study may also include a review of the sight distances, existing highway geometrics, entrances, utilities, and drainage features. Improvements to this intersection may include signalization or a roundabout, approach road realignments, new illuminations, new turning lanes, and/or closures.



THE PROCESS

This study follows the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways (2024)* and includes undertaking environmental and engineering field investigations and seeking input from the public, local municipalities, external agencies, Indigenous Communities, and stakeholders. This study will include reviewing existing conditions, developing and evaluating alternatives, identifying appropriate improvements, and developing environmental protection/mitigation measures.

Consultation will take place throughout the study. Two (2) Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned. Notices providing the time and location of the PICs will be advertised in local newspapers, proposed on the project website, and sent to the project mailing list.

Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day comment period. Notices will be posted on the project website, published in local newspapers, and sent to persons on the project mailing list when the TESR is available for viewing.

CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS

You are encouraged to participate in the study and to provide comments in writing to the Project Team. If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list or if you have any comments, questions or concerns about the study, please contact one of the following Project Team members:

David Gallimore, P.Eng.
Project Manager
WSP Canada Inc.
2611 Queensview Drive, Suite 300
Ottawa, ON K2B 8K2
Tel: 613-690-1091
E-mail: David.Gallimore@wsp.com

Joanna Zhang, P.Eng.
Senior Project Engineer
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)
1355 John Counter Blvd, PO Box 4000
Kingston, ON K7L 5A3
Tel: 613-539-7564
E-mail: Joanna.Zhang2@ontario.ca

You are encouraged to visit the project website at www.hwy15perthroadintersection.com, where project information including study notices, background information, PIC displays, and the TESR will be made available as the study progresses. You can also submit comments and questions to the Project Team on the project website.

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study except personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.