Notice of Completion - Design and Construction Report

Advance Work for Highway 3 Widening Contract 1, Town of Essex, County of Essex Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study, G.W.P. 317-98-00

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) to complete a Design and Construction Report (DCR) for advance work required as part of the Highway 3 widening, Contract 1, in the Town of Essex, Essex County (see key map).

The DCR summarizes the design and construction requirements related to the following advance work:

- A municipal road extension of South Talbot Road westerly across the Canada Southern Railway right of way (ROW);
- Realignment of the Essex Outlet municipal drain, including a new centerline culvert on Highway 3; and
- Preloading and surcharging of the future Highway 3 overpass approach embankments at Victoria Avenue.

A separate Detail Design study will be completed for the remainder of the Highway 3 widening, Contract 1, for 7.9 km, from 0.8 km west of Ellis Side Road easterly to 2.2 km east of Essex County Road (CR) 23.

THE PROCESS

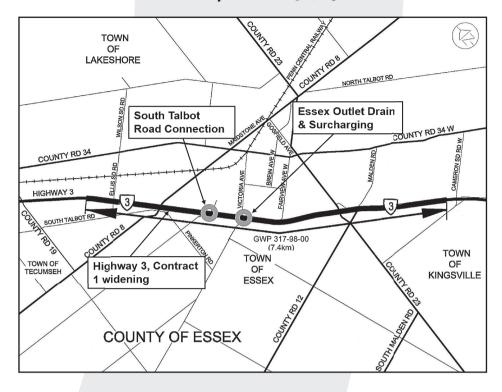
This study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). An updated Preliminary Design and Class EA Study was documented in the Highway 3 Improvements Town of Essex (GWP 317-98-00) TESR Addendum (Dillon Consulting) which was completed in November 2016 and provided for a 30-day comment period in December 2016. Opportunities for public consultation for the overall Highway 3 project were included as part of the TESR Addendum (2016) which included newspaper notifications and two Public Information Centres. The Highway 3 Victoria Avenue overpass was included in the previously approved plan for the Highway 3 widening, as documented in the TESR Addendum.

COMMENTS

The DCR will be available at http://www.hwy3.ca from September 21, 2020 to October 20, 2020 for a 30-day comment period. Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by **October 20, 2020**. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to:

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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to the Ministry of Transportation Project Engineer listed above and to:

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This Notice issued September 17, 2020.

Information will be collected 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 one of the Project Team members listed above.