

# Notice of Submission – Transportation Environmental Study Report

## Highway 7 and Highway 15 Intersection Improvements (GWP 4084-16-00) Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

### THE STUDY

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has completed the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for improvements to the intersection of Highway 7 / Highway 15 and Highway 7 / McNeely Avenue in the Town of Carleton Place (GWP 4084-16-00).

The study area includes:

- Highway 15 / Franktown Road northerly approximately 430 m to Alexander Street;
- Highway 7 westerly approximately 360 m to the former CPR / multi-use trail corridor;
- Highway 15 southerly approximately 850 m; and
- Highway 7 easterly approximately 550 m east of McNeely Avenue.

The Recommended Plan for the Highway 7 / Highway 15 and Highway 7 / McNeely Avenue intersections includes:

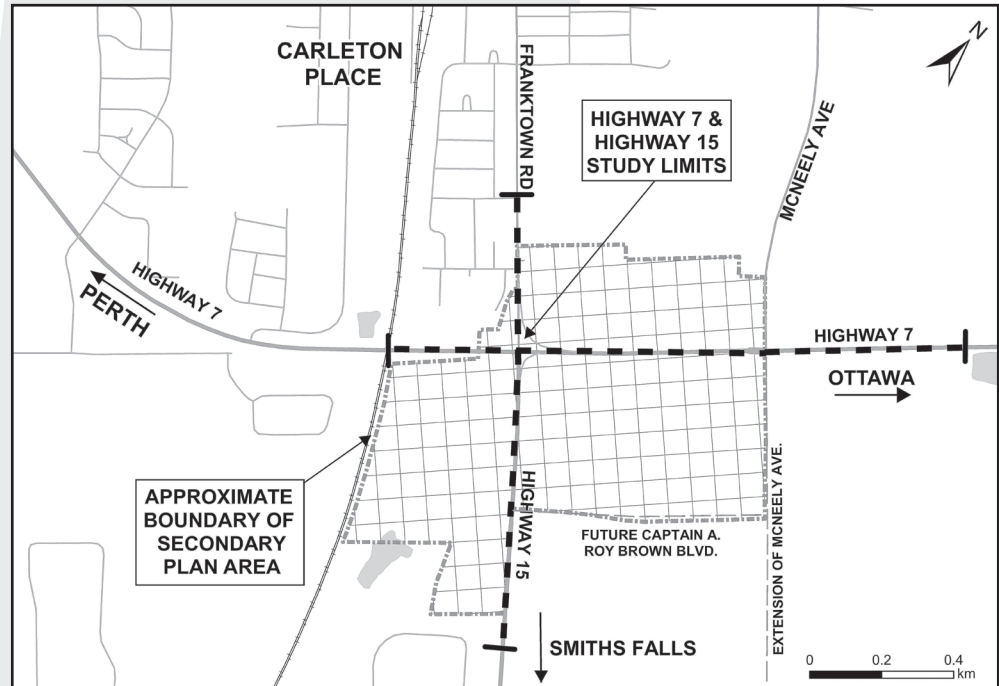
- The addition of a through travel lane, as follows:
  - Highway 7 westbound (WB) from approximately 550 m east of McNeely Avenue to 360 m west of Highway 15;
  - Highway 7 eastbound (EB) from approximately 360 m west of Highway 15 to the Highway 7 / 15 intersection;
  - Highway 15 northbound (NB) from approximately 850 m south of Highway 7 to the Highway 7 / Highway 15 intersection; and
  - Franktown Road southbound (SB) for approximately 430 m north of Highway 7 to the Highway 7 / Highway 15 intersection.
- The addition of a dual left turn lane, as follows:
  - Highway 7 WB, Highway 15 NB and Franktown Road SB at the Highway 7 / Highway 15 intersection; and
  - Highway 7 WB and McNeely Avenue NB at the Highway 7 / McNeely intersection.
- Elimination of the channelized right-turn lane on Highway 7 WB onto Franktown Road with a controlled right turn lane at the Highway 7 at Highway 15 intersection;
- Elimination of the channelized right-turn lane on Highway 15 NB onto EB Highway 7 with a controlled right turn lane at the Highway 7 and Highway 15 intersection;
- The addition of sidewalks on both the north and south side of Highway 7; and
- Improvements to the Highway 7 at Highway 15 and Highway 7 at McNeely Avenue intersection pedestrian crossing locations to meet the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)* requirements.

In the interim, a median will be installed at the Highway 7 / Highway 15 and Highway 7 / McNeely Avenue intersections to improve safety along the Highway 7 corridor. In the long-term, a median will be installed along the entire Highway 7 corridor from McNeely Avenue to just west of Highway 15. At that time, access will be restricted to right-in, right-out only on Highway 7. A raised median will also be installed on Highway 15 / Franktown Road from just south of the future Captain A. Roy Brown Boulevard to just north of Findlay Avenue.

### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

This study was carried out in accordance with the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*, with the opportunity for public input throughout the project.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been completed and will be available for a 30-day public review period from **July 9, 2020 to August 7, 2020**. The TESR can be reviewed on the project website at [www.hwy7-15ea.ca](http://www.hwy7-15ea.ca).



### COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review the TESR and provide comments by **August 7, 2020**. If, after consulting with the Ministry, you have serious unresolved concerns, you have the right to request the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (11th Floor, Ferguson Block, 77 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2T5) to issue a Part II Order ("bump-up") for this project. A Part II Order may lead to the preparation of an individual environmental assessment. A copy of the "bump-up" request should be forwarded to the addresses below. If there are no outstanding concerns after **August 7, 2020**, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA. If you have questions or comments please feel free to contact either the Consultant Project Manager or the MTO Senior Project Engineer listed below or visit the project website at [www.hwy7-15ea.ca](http://www.hwy7-15ea.ca).

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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record. If you have accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant le 613 690-1117, auprès de Meghan MacMillan.