

Notice of Public Information Centre

Highway 7 and Highway 15 Intersection Improvements (GWP 4084-16-00) Transportation Environmental Study Report Addendum

THE STUDY

In 2020, the **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** completed a 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 Town of Carleton Place is developing a Transportation Master Plan and has identified changes to draft development plans and a new municipal road between McNeely Avenue and Findlay Avenue, north of Highway 7. These changes were not considered as part of the traffic analysis during the 2020 Preliminary Design for improvements to the highway.

As a result, the Town requested that MTO undertake an addendum to the 2020 Preliminary Design and EA Study. The purpose of this addendum is to review with the public the traffic impacts from the changes to development and the new municipal roadway, and to identify any required changes to the highway design as a result.

BACKGROUND

The 2020 Preliminary Design and EA Study was developed in parallel with the Town of Carleton Place's Highway District Secondary Plan.

North of Highway 7, the Highway District Secondary Plan identified two distinct separate future developments and provided separate access by private entrances from a new intersection to the west (at Franktown Road) and an existing intersection to the east (at McNeely Avenue). The Highway District Secondary Plan recommended protection for a future connection between these two developments at the discretion of the adjacent owners and the Town. The potential connection was intended for the businesses, customers or owners that would link parking lots/developments and provide alternative access when highway traffic increases significantly in the distant future.

The 2020 Preliminary Design and EA Study Recommended Plan includes a new intersection at Franktown Road and Findlay Avenue. The Preliminary Design and EA Study was documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) which received environmental clearance in August 2020. This work will be documented as an Addendum to the 2020 TESR.

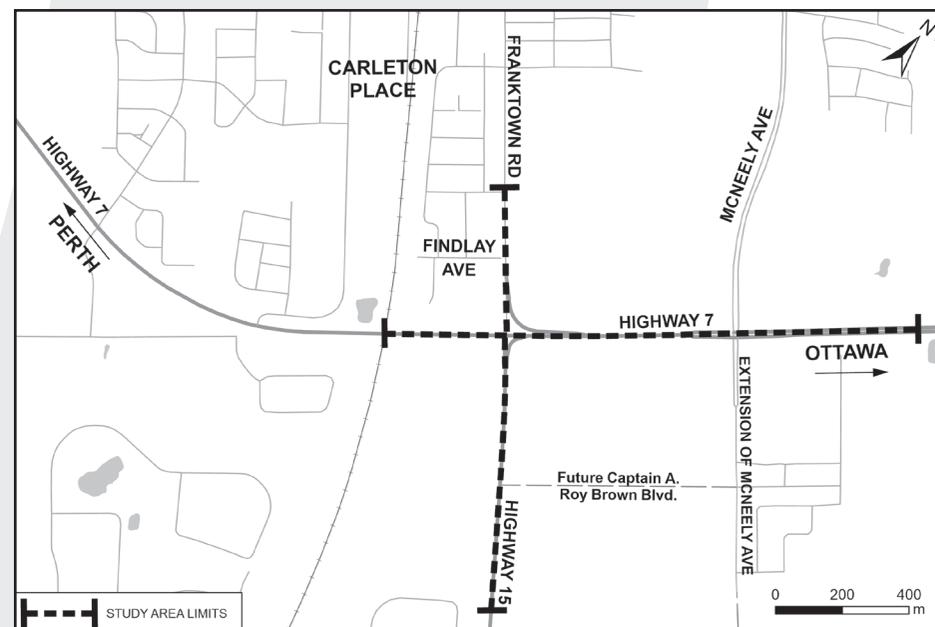
PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The purpose of this Public Information Centre (PIC) is to provide an overview of the Preliminary Design Recommended Plan for the impacted areas, and to present any changes to the design or preliminary mitigation measures as a result of the TESR Addendum process. Members of the Project Team will be available at the PIC to discuss the study with you and answer any questions you may have. Following the PIC, digital copies of the PIC display materials will be posted to the project website at www.hwy7-15ea.ca. You are encouraged to review the PIC materials and provide any comments or questions to the Project Team, via the project website or at the contact information below by **December 6, 2022**.

Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Location: Carleton Place Arena – Bob Rintoul Hall
75 Neelin Street
Carleton Place, Ontario K7C 4H1

Time: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm



PROCESS

The current study is following the Environmental Assessment process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*, with the opportunity for public input throughout the project. Upon completion, a TESR Addendum will be prepared and filed for a 30-day review period. Newspaper notices will be published at that time and notices circulated to the study contact list to explain the review process and identify locations where the TESR Addendum can be reviewed.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have regarding this study. If you wish to obtain additional information, provide comments or to be added to the study mailing list, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below, or visit the project website at www.hwy7-15ea.ca.

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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 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.