

# Ontario Government Notice Notice of Addendum

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

### THE STUDY

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has completed an Addendum to the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) prepared in 2020 to document the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for improvements to the intersection of Highway 7 and Highway 15 in the Town of Carleton Place.

In September 2022, the Town of Carleton Place adopted a Transportation Master Plan (TMP) that indicated the potential for a new municipal road between McNeely Avenue and Franktown Road north of Highway 7. In addition, changes to development density north of Highway 7 have also occurred since the completion of the 2020 TESR. These changes were not considered during the 2020 Preliminary Design and Class EA study.

Results of an updated traffic analysis concluded that traffic generated from a proposed municipal road (as shown in the Town's TMP) or private road north of Highway 7 can be accommodated on the surrounding provincial highway network, provided there is no connection to the development areas north of Highway 7.

The original TESR recommended periodic monitoring of traffic operations at the westbound approach of Highway 7 at McNeely Avenue, and if required, implementation of the dedicated right turn lane to reduce delay and queuing for the westbound approach in the near term. Due to an increase in traffic from the development north of Highway 7 documented in the updated traffic analysis, it is recommended that the dedicated right-turn lane on Highway 7 be implemented in the immediate term to reduce delay and queuing at the Highway 7 westbound approach at McNeely Avenue.

No other changes to the 2020 Recommended Plan are recommended as a result of the updated traffic analysis.

### PROCESS

The study followed 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.

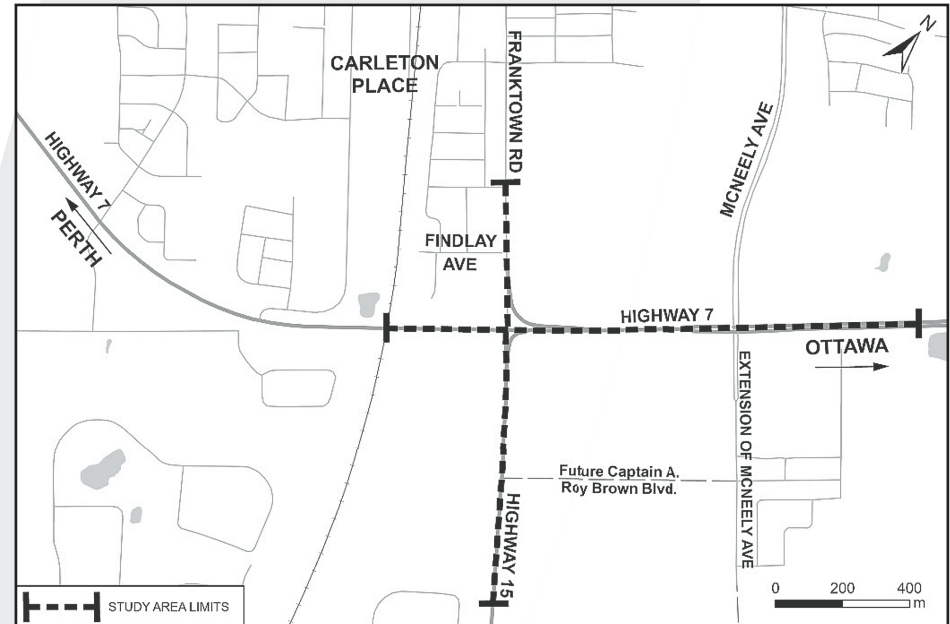
The purpose of this notice is to inform you that a TESR Addendum has been filed and will be available from **April 27, 2023 to May 26, 2023**, for a 30-day comment period. The TESR Addendum documents the Class EA process followed, including a description of the changes to the 2020 Recommended Plan, potential environmental effects and mitigation plan. The TESR Addendum is available for review on the project website at [www.hwy7-15ea.ca](http://www.hwy7-15ea.ca).

### COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review the TESR Addendum and provide comments by May 26, 2023. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to a Project Team member listed below.

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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:

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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3  
e-mail: [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch  
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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Toronto, ON M4V 1P5  
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Requests should also be sent to MTO by mail or by e-mail.

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.