

**NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
HIGHWAY 417 CARLING AVENUE E-E RAMP CLOSURE (WP 4255-15-01),
DETAIL DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY**

THE STUDY

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained MMM Group Limited, a WSP company, to complete the detail design for the permanent closure of the Highway 417 Carling Avenue E-E Ramp (WP 4255-15-01) (on-ramp from Carling Avenue Westbound to Highway 417 Eastbound, located on the west side of the Westgate Shopping Centre), in the City of Ottawa. The permanent closure of the ramp is proposed to address operational and safety issues at the ramp and the adjacent Highway 417 Carling Avenue W-E Ramp (on-ramp from Carling Avenue Eastbound to Highway 417 Eastbound, located east of Kirkwood Avenue).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Highway 417 Carling Avenue E-E Ramp carries one lane of traffic onto Highway 417. The project involves the following components:

- Permanent closure of the Highway 417 Carling Avenue E-E Ramp; and
- Construction of related works, including retaining walls, illumination modifications / ATMS, and landscaping.

Traffic management during construction will be coordinated with the City of Ottawa.

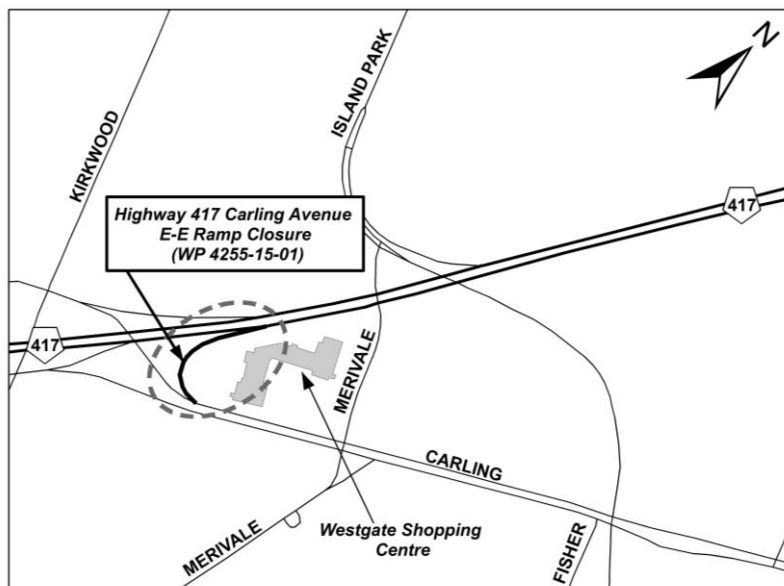
THE PROCESS

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

A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed ramp closure and related works, alternatives considered, potential impacts and proposed mitigation. Members of the Project Team will be available at the PIC to discuss the project and answer any questions you may have.

The PIC will be held as follows:

Date:	Thursday, June 16, 2016
Location:	Kitchissippi United Church (Main Hall) 630 Island Park Drive Ottawa, ON
Time:	4:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and filed for a 30-day public review period. Newspaper notices will be published at that time to explain the review process and identify locations where the TESR can be reviewed.

COMMENTS

We are interested in any information, comments or questions that you have regarding this study. If you wish to obtain additional information or provide input, please contact the Consultant Project Manager or the MTO Senior Project Engineer listed below, or visit the project website at www.highway417carlinge-eramp.com.

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this study, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. 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.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français au numéro 613 736-7200, poste 2134, auprès d'Emily Sangster (courriel: sangstere@mmm.ca).