

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION

TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT

Proposed Highway 417 Carling Avenue E-E On-Ramp Closure (WP 4255-15-01)

Detail Design and Environmental Assessment Study

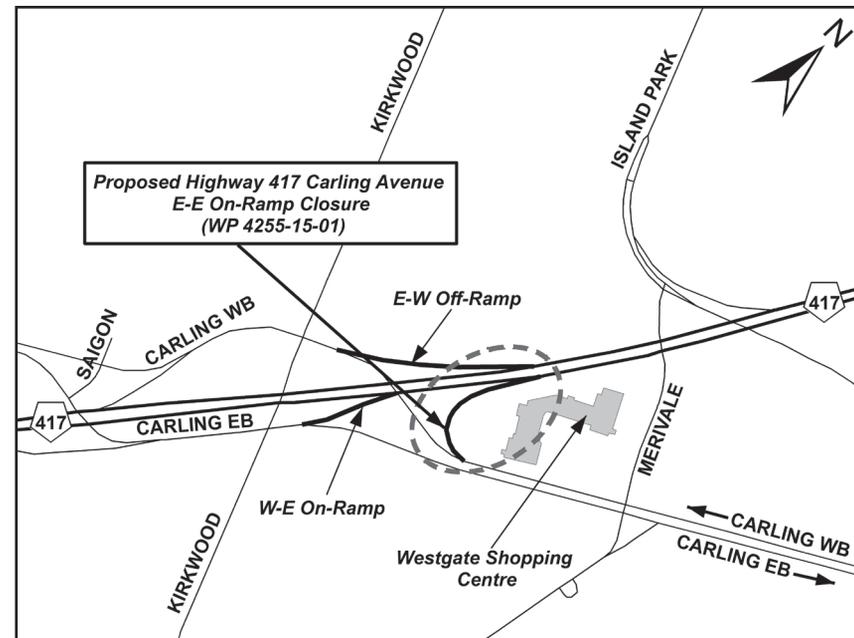
THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has completed the Detail Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the proposed permanent closure of the Highway 417 Carling Avenue E-E on-ramp (on-ramp from Carling Avenue westbound to Highway 417 eastbound), in the City of Ottawa. The planned widening of Highway 417 between Maitland Avenue and Island Park Drive will result in future operational and safety issues due to the introduction of a significantly substandard merge condition for the existing Highway 417 Carling Avenue W-E on-ramp (on-ramp from Carling Avenue eastbound to Highway 417 eastbound). The permanent closure of the low volume E-E on-ramp is proposed as a means to accommodate the planned widening of Highway 417 and provide a standard-length merge lane for the high volume W-E on-ramp, while maintaining access to Highway 417 eastbound within the Carling Avenue interchange.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project involves the following components:

- Proposed permanent closure of the Highway 417 Carling Avenue E-E on-ramp;
- Maintaining access to Highway 417 eastbound using the Carling Avenue W-E on-ramp, and providing a standard-length merge lane for the ramp;
- Construction of related works, including retaining walls, illumination modifications / ATMS, and landscaping;
- Implementing mitigation for redirected traffic from the closed E-E on-ramp, including:
 - o Improvements at the Carling Avenue westbound / Kirkwood Avenue and Carling Avenue / Saigon Court intersections to facilitate safe and efficient access to Highway 417 eastbound for traffic being redirected to use the W-E on-ramp, and to address weaving issues at the Carling Avenue westbound / Kirkwood Avenue intersection associated with Highway 417 E-W off-ramp traffic (off-ramp from Highway 417 westbound to Carling Avenue westbound). These improvements include:
 - Two dedicated left turn lanes on Carling Avenue westbound at Kirkwood Avenue to accommodate left-turning traffic, including redirected traffic from the closed E-E on-ramp;
 - A raised concrete median island constructed between the through lanes and the left turn lanes on Carling Avenue westbound at Kirkwood Avenue to prevent E-W off-ramp traffic from weaving across Carling Avenue westbound to turn left on to Kirkwood Avenue southbound;
 - A dedicated left turn lane on Carling Avenue westbound at Saigon Court to accommodate traffic turning left on to Saigon, including redirected traffic from the E-W off-ramp seeking access to Carling Avenue eastbound / Kirkwood Avenue southbound;
 - Widening of Saigon Court by one lane to provide additional capacity;
 - New traffic signals at the Carling Avenue eastbound / Saigon Court intersection; and
 - New sidewalks and a segregated bike lane on Carling Avenue westbound.
 - o Following the completion of the Detail Design and Environmental Assessment Study, there will be continued coordination with the City of Ottawa and local residents to develop and implement appropriate traffic calming measures on Coldrey Avenue to mitigate for any potential cut-through traffic which may result from the closure of the Carling Avenue E-E on-ramp.



Traffic management is being coordinated with the City of Ottawa and the proposed improvements have been designed to meet the City's long-term objectives for the Carling Avenue corridor.

THE PROCESS

This study was 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.

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 **April 27 to May 27, 2017**. The TESR can be reviewed on the project website at www.highway417carlinge-eramp.com or at the following locations during normal hours of operation:

City of Ottawa
Client Service Centre, City Hall
110 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, ON K1P 1J1
Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ottawa Public Library
Rosemount Branch
18 Rosemount Avenue, Ottawa, ON K1Y 1P4
Monday to Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ottawa Public Library
Carlingwood Branch
281 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa, ON K2A 3W4
Monday to Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review the TESR and provide comments by **May 27, 2017**. If, after consulting with the Ministry, you have serious unresolved concerns, you have the right to request the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (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 **May 27, 2017**, 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 Manager 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 project, 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 become part of the public record.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français au numéro 613 690-1119, auprès d'Emily Sangster (courriel : sangstere@mmm.ca).