

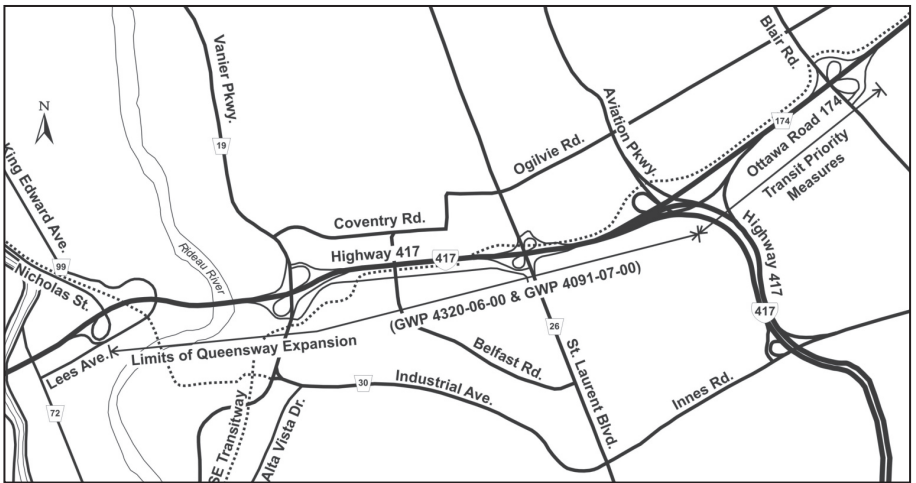
# NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

## Highway 417 Expansion, Operational Improvements & Infrastructure Rehabilitation from Nicholas Street to Ottawa Road 174 (G.W.P. 4091-07-00 & 4320-06-00) Detail Design

### THE STUDY

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC)** to complete the detail design for the expansion of Highway 417 from Nicholas Street to Ottawa Road 174 (G.W.P. 4091-07-00 and G.W.P. 4320-06-00). The project involves the following components:

- Widening Highway 417 by one lane in each direction, including utility relocation, construction of related drainage works, roadside protection, and retaining walls;
- Widening and rehabilitation of the Southeast Transitway, Rideau River (Hurdman), and St. Laurent Boulevard bridges;
- Removal and replacement of the Lees Avenue, Vanier Parkway, and Belfast Road bridges using rapid replacement construction techniques, including preparation and reinstatement of construction staging areas;
- Realignment of Ottawa Road 174 to St. Laurent Boulevard Ramp, including a new concrete barrier to preclude the movement from Highway 417 westbound to St. Laurent Boulevard northbound;
- Conversion of the St. Laurent Boulevard northbound to Highway 417 eastbound on-ramp to 'Transit Use Only';
- Improvements to illumination and signage;
- Replacement of noise barriers and relocation of utilities impacted by widening;
- Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS);
- Temporary ramp and road closures; and
- Transit Priority Measures between Nicholas Street and Blair Road.



### THE PROCESS

This project is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' undertakings under the Ministry of Transportation's *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*, with the opportunity for public input throughout the project. The preliminary design was documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR), which received environmental clearance in 2008. A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to present findings and provide stakeholders with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed detail design. Notices will be published in local newspapers in advance of the PIC to advertise the time, date, and location of the meeting. Upon completion of the detail design, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared and filed for a 30-day public review period. A Notice of Submission will be published in local newspapers at that time to explain the review process and identify locations where the DCR can be reviewed.

### COMMENTS

If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments, please contact the Consultant Project Manager or MTO Senior Project Engineer listed below or visit the project website at [www.queenswayexpansioneast.com](http://www.queenswayexpansioneast.com).

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA). With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

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