

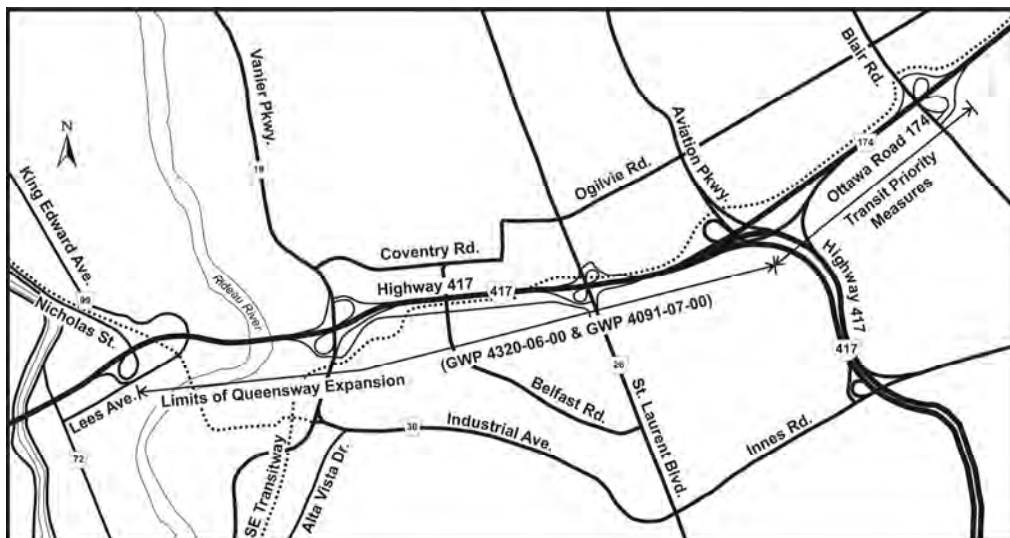
Appendix A

Notification Material

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
HIGHWAY 417 EXPANSION, OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION
FROM NICHOLAS STREET TO OTTAWA ROAD 174 (GWP 4091-07-00 & 4320-06-00), DETAIL DESIGN

THE STUDY

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THE PROCESS

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COMMENTS

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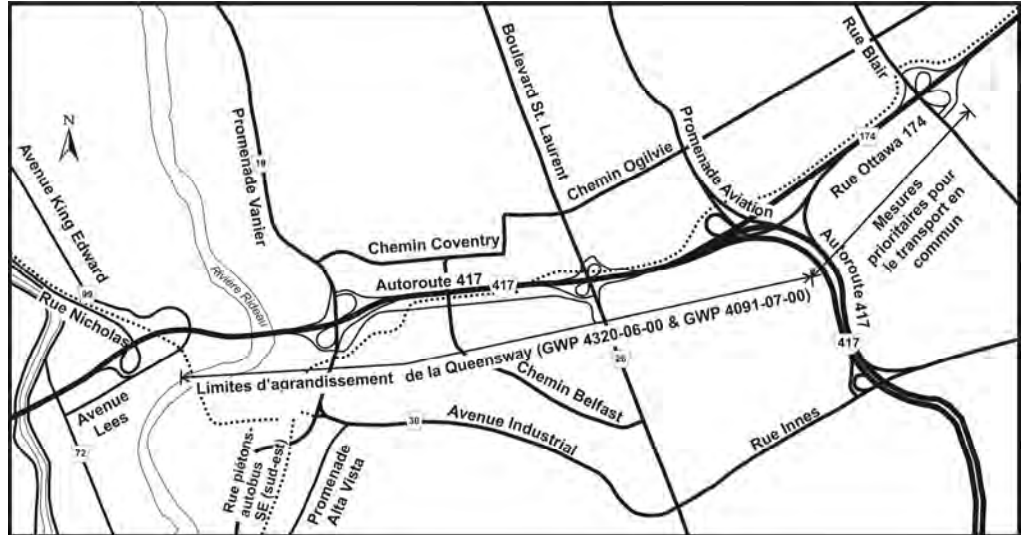


AVIS DE DÉBUT D'ÉTUDE
EXPANSION DE L'AUTOROUTE 417, AMÉLIORATIONS OPÉRATIONNELLES ET RÉFECTION DE
L'INFRASTRUCTURE DE LA RUE NICHOLAS À L'OTTAWA ROAD 174 (GWP 4091-07-00 ET 4320-06-00),
DESIGN DÉTAILLÉ

L'ÉTUDE

Le ministère des Transports a retenu les services de McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC) afin de réaliser la conception détaillée en vue du prolongement de l'autoroute 417 entre la rue Nicholas et l'autoroute 174 (GWP 4091-07-00 et GWP 4320-06-00). Ce projet implique les travaux suivants :

- Élargissement de l'autoroute 417 d'une voie dans chaque direction, incluant le déplacement de services publics, la construction d'ouvrages de drainage, les murs de protection et de soutènement en bordure de la route;
- Élargissement et réhabilitation de la rue piétons-autobus en direction sud-est, ainsi que des ponts sur la rivière Rideau (Hurdman) et sur le boulevard Saint-Laurent.
- Retrait et remplacement des ponts sur l'avenue Lees, la promenade Vanier et le chemin Belfast en faisant appel à des techniques de construction et de remplacement rapides, incluant la préparation et le rétablissement des zones de rassemblement.
- Réalignement de l'autoroute 174 jusqu'à la rampe sur le boulevard Saint-Laurent, incluant une nouvelle barrière de béton afin d'empêcher tout mouvement entre l'autoroute 417 en direction ouest et le boulevard Saint-Laurent en direction nord.
- Conversion du boulevard Saint-Laurent en direction nord pour en faire l'autoroute 417 en direction est avec rampe destinée à l'utilisation du transport en commun seulement.
- Améliorations au niveau des systèmes d'éclairage et de signalisation.
- Remplacement des barrières antibruit et déplacement des services publics touchés par les travaux d'élargissement.
- Avancé de gestion de la circulation (SAGC).
- Fermetures temporaires de rampes et de routes.
- Mesures prioritaires pour le transport en commun entre rue Nicholas et chemin Blair.



LE PROCESSUS

Ce projet suivra le processus de planification environnementale approuvé pour les projets du groupe « B » en vertu de l'Évaluation environnementale de portée générale pour les installations provinciales de transport (2000) du ministère des Transports, et le public aura l'occasion de donner son avis pendant toute la durée du projet. Le design préliminaire a été documenté dans un rapport d'étude environnementale pour les transports (REET) qui a reçu l'autorisation environnementale en 2008. Une séance de participation publique (SPP) aura lieu afin de présenter les conclusions et de donner aux intervenants une occasion d'examiner et de commenter le design détaillé proposé. Des avis paraîtront dans les journaux locaux avant la SPP pour annoncer l'heure, la date et le lieu de la réunion. Dès la fin du design détaillé, un rapport de design et de construction (RDC) sera rédigé et mis, pour 30 jours, à la disposition du public. On publiera ensuite dans les journaux un avis expliquant le processus d'examen et indiquant où sera exposé le RDC.

COMMENTAIRES

Si vous désirez obtenir des renseignements supplémentaires ou formuler des commentaires, veuillez communiquer avec le chargé de projet de la firme ou le chargé de projet principal du MTO ou visitez le site Web du projet à www.queenswayexpansioneast.com.

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Nous recueillerons les renseignements conformément à la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée (LAIPVP)*. À l'exception des renseignements personnels, tous les commentaires deviendront du domaine public.

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Study Commencement Letter to Federal Agencies



Monday, May 16th 2011

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Attention: <<NAME>>
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Please provide any information, comments or questions that you may have regarding this project by **Monday, May 30th 2011** on the attached comment form or in a separate letter. Should you require further information regarding this study, please feel free to contact the Consultant Project Manager or the MTO Senior Project Engineer listed below, or visit the project website at www.queenswayexpansioneast.com. If you would like to meet with the project team to discuss the project, please indicate your preferred date and time.

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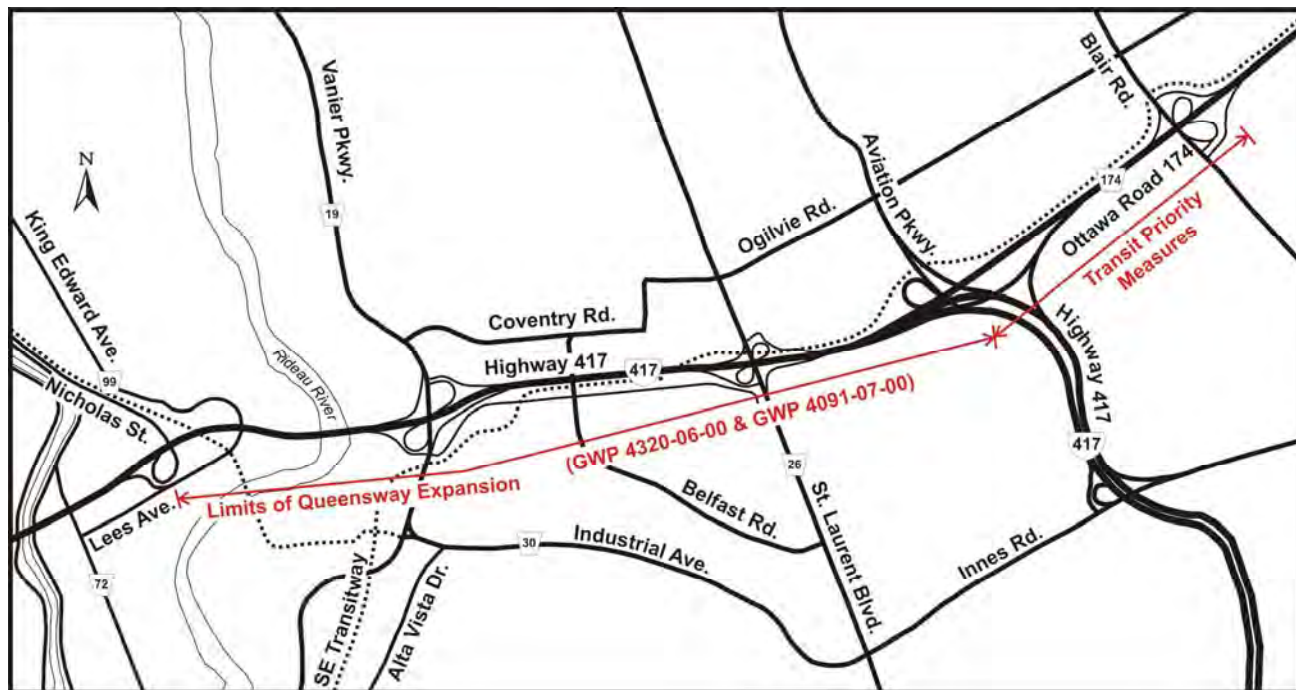
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KEY MAP

HIGHWAY 417 EXPANSION, OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATIONS

From Nicholas Street to Ottawa Road 174 (GWP 4091-07-00 & 4320-06-00)





**Study Commencement Letter to Provincial Ministries and Utilities
Contact List**

Tuesday, May 10th 2011

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**Study Commencement Letter to the General Public/Interest Group
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Study Commencement and TAC Invitation Letter to TAC Contact List



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Please indicate whether you, or someone else from you agency/department is available to participate in this project as a member of the TAC by filling out and returning the attached form. Should you require further information regarding this study, please feel free to contact the Consultant Project Manager or the MTO Senior Project Engineer listed below, or visit the project website at www.queenswayexpansioneast.com.

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May 6, 2011

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Please be advised that the Ontario Government Notice (OGN) advertising Study Commencement will be published in local newspapers as follows:

The Ottawa Citizen
Ottawa Le Droit

Friday, May 13th 2011
Friday, May 13th 2011

A copy of the notice is attached for your information.

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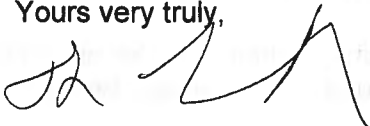
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Attach: Copy of Notice of Study Commencement

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**Re: COMMENCEMENT OF DETAIL DESIGN
HIGHWAY 417 EXPANSION, OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
REHABILITATION, FROM NICHOLAS STREET TO OTTAWA ROAD 174 (GWP 4091-07-00 &
4320-06-00)**

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, as shown on the enclosed key map. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the project and provide you with an opportunity to offer comments and/or provide information that may pertain to the study.

The project involves the following components:

- Widening Highway 417 by 1 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.

This project is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' undertakings under the *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. Upon completion of the detail design, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared and filed for a 30-day public review period. Newspaper notices will be published and letters will be sent to the study mailing list at that time to explain the review process and identify locations where the DCR can be reviewed.

To identify potential environmental impacts and develop an appropriate environmental protection strategy, terrestrial and aquatic investigations (including species at risk) and cultural heritage investigations will be undertaken. Findings from these investigations will be included in environmental assessment documentation. These documents can be provided by request as they become available. Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessments were undertaken during preliminary design. These investigations found no evidence of archaeological resources within the existing right-of-way of Highway 417, which has been significantly disturbed. The rehabilitation of the Rideau River crossing will require in water works. As such, appropriate mitigation/compensation measures will be developed in consultation with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). Removal of small amounts of vegetation throughout the corridor will be mitigated through tree protection and replacement where feasible. A landscape plan will be developed to mitigate for the loss of existing vegetation in areas disturbed by construction.

Please provide any information, comments or questions that you may have regarding this project. Should you require further information regarding this study, please feel free to contact me at the address listed below. You can also visit the project website for more information at www.queenswayexpansioneast.com.

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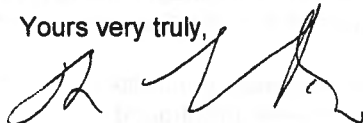
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