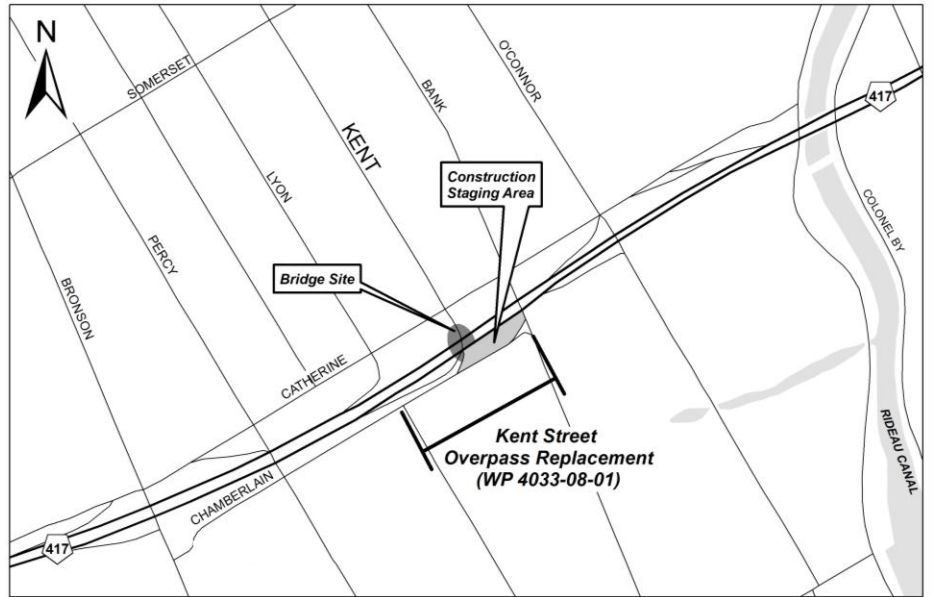

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

HIGHWAY 417 KENT STREET OVERPASS STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT, DETAIL DESIGN (WP 4033-08-01)

THE STUDY

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained MMM Group Limited to complete the detail design for the replacement of the Highway 417 Kent Street Overpass structure (WP 4033-08-01). The project involves the following components:

- Replacement of the Kent Street Overpass structure using rapid replacement construction techniques;
- Preparation of a temporary enclosed construction staging area for the bridge replacement activities including construction of the new bridge decks and demolition of the existing bridges;
- Construction of new noise walls on the south barrier walls and replacement of the existing snow fence on the north barrier walls west of the bridge;
- Construction of related works including drainage, roadside protection, illumination, and utility relocations;
- Construction operations on Kent Street, Chamberlain Avenue and the eastbound off-ramp to provide the rapid replacement equipment with access from the construction staging area to the bridge site; and
- Traffic management, in conjunction with the City of Ottawa, for construction staging and the rapid replacement operations.



THE PROCESS

This study 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 DCR 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

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