

Project Update

Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study Replacement of Sunnidale Road Bridge - Highway 400, Barrie, Ontario GWP 2445-15-00

THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) has retained McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd. to complete the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the replacement of the Highway 400 Sunnidale Road Underpass Bridge in the City of Barrie, Simcoe County.

The project also includes pavement resurfacing of Highway 400 from south of Sunnidale Road to north of Bayfield Street (including Bayfield Street and ramps), Highway 400 median barrier replacement, drainage improvements and Kidd's Creek culvert extension. The key map shows the Sunnidale Road Underpass Bridge location and limits of pavement resurfacing.

BACKGROUND

In 2004 a Class EA Study and associated Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) was approved, which identified improvements to Highway 400 from 1 km south of Highway 89 to the junction at Highway 11 to accommodate future transportation needs. In 2017, an update to the 2004 Class EA was undertaken, resulting in an approved TESR Addendum. Both studies found that widening of Highway 400 to 10 lanes was required to accommodate future growth.

The MTO is currently undertaking the Detail Design and Class EA Study for the replacement of three bridges on Highway 400 at Dunlop Street, Anne Street and Sunnidale Road, including the reconstruction of the Dunlop Street and Highway 400 interchange. The Sunnidale Road bridge replacement is the second in a series of contracts under this study. The new Sunnidale Road bridge will accommodate future 10-lane widening of Highway 400.

THE PROCESS

The study is following the approved planning process under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* for a Group "B" project. This includes an assessment of potential impacts of the project works on the study area and the development of mitigation measures to address environmental concerns.

Following the Project Update and completion of the Detail Design, a Design and Construction Report will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period. Further notification will be provided at that time.

PROJECT UPDATE MATERIALS

The purpose of this Project Update is to present the study process, recommended design, environmental mitigation, and construction staging and receive comments on the proposed improvements.

Project Update materials will be available on the Project Website: <http://highway400dunlopannesunnidale.com/>

COMMENTS

If you wish to be added to the study mailing list, or submit comments, please contact the Project Team via one of the methods below:

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We appreciate receiving your questions or comments by September 10, 2021

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