

Notice of Study Commencement

Design-Build Ready and Class Environmental Assessment Study for Interchange Reconfiguration/Reconstruction at Highway 11/12 (Coldwater Road) and Highway 11/12 (Old Barrie Road) GWP 2494-15-00 & GWP 2129-18-00

THE PROJECT

The **Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO)** has retained **McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers Ltd. (McIntosh Perry)** to prepare two (2) Design-Build Ready Packages and undertake a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for interchange reconstruction/reconfiguration at Highway 11/12 Coldwater Road and Highway 11/12 Old Barrie Road, in the City of Orillia, Simcoe County.

This project also includes replacement of the Highway 11/12 Coldwater Road and the Highway 11/12 Old Barrie Road bridges, widening of Highway 12/Coldwater Road to two (2) through lanes westbound and three (3) through lanes eastbound within the study limits, widening of Highway 12/Old Barrie Road to two (2) through lanes in each direction within the study limits, reconstruction of various intersections, construction of a new carpool lot in the Northeast quadrant of the Highway 11/12 Coldwater Road interchange, traffic operational improvements Road interchange, improvements, pavement rehabilitation, upgrades to existing illumination, drainage improvements and the installation of two (2) noise walls. The key map shows the project study area.

BACKGROUND

Previously approved Class EA Studies undertaken by the MTO in 2003 and 2016 provided environmental clearance for improvements to Highway 12 from Memorial Avenue in the City of Orillia to Horseshoe Valley Road in the Townships of Severn and Oro-Medonte, within the County of Simcoe. The Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) completed as part of the preliminary design in 2016 is available on the project website.

Design for the remainder of Highway 12 improvements associated with the previously approved Class EA Studies are not scheduled at this time.

THE PROCESS

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

For more information, updates, and to be added to the project contact list, please visit the project website: <http://Highway11-12Orillia.com>.

COMMENTS

We would appreciate receiving any comments that you may have for this project. Your comments should be directed to the Project Team members below or submitted through the project website.

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