

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 1 AND STUDY DESIGN REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

## Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00), Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00) Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

### THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to complete the Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study (Class EA) for improvements to Highway 3 from Highway 4 to Centennial Avenue (St. Thomas).

The following is being undertaken as a Group 'A' project (GWP 3042-22-00):

- a new Highway 3 alignment bypassing Talbotville (also known as the Talbotville Bypass), connecting Highway 3 near Ron McNeil Line to Highway 4; and
- the widening of existing Highway 4 (from the new Talbotville Bypass to Clinton Line).

The following is being undertaken as a Group 'B' project (GWP 3041-22-00):

- the twinning of the existing Highway 3 through St. Thomas to the Township of Southwold (Centennial Avenue to Ron McNeil Line).

Construction will follow the environmental assessment and design phase.

### THE PROCESS

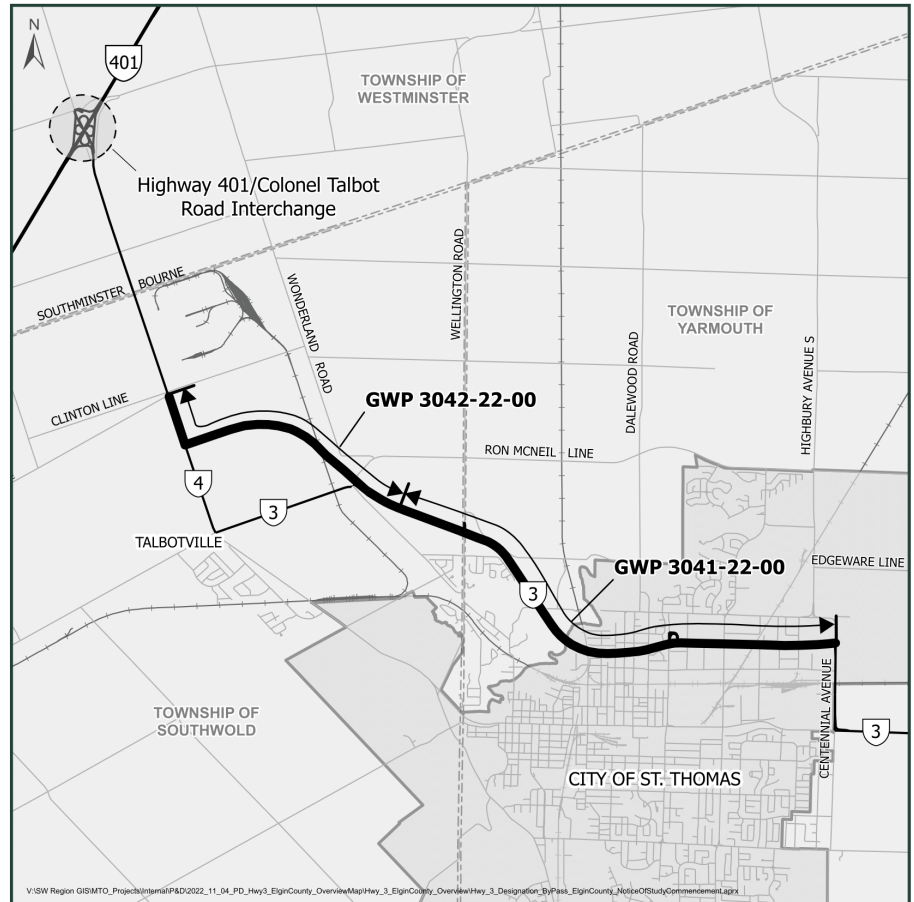
This project is being completed in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. Group 'A' and 'B' projects are considered approved under the *Environmental Assessment Act* subject to compliance with the Class EA.

### STUDY DESIGN REPORT REVIEW PERIOD

A Study Design Report (SDR) has been prepared and is available for public review and comment from August 17 to September 15, 2023 at [www.highway3elgin.ca](http://www.highway3elgin.ca). The SDR summarizes the project Need and Justification, the Alternatives to the Undertaking, the Class EA process, and the consultation program. Interested persons are encouraged to review the SDR and provide comments by Friday, September 15, 2023.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 1

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide the public and stakeholders with an opportunity to review the transportation needs assessment, existing conditions, alternatives to the undertaking and comment on project activities to date. The PIC will be a drop-in format, with members of the Project Team available to discuss the project and respond to any questions you may have. A copy of the SDR will also be made available at the PIC.



The PIC is being held at the following date and location:

**Date:** August 17, 2023  
**Location:** Talbotville United Church  
10734 Sunset Dr, St Thomas, ON N5P 3T2  
**Time:** 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

#### COMMENTS

You are encouraged to participate in the study and to provide comments in writing to the Project Team. If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list, or have questions about this project, please contact:

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Additional project information can be found at the study website where project information is made available as the study progresses ([www.highway3elgin.ca](http://www.highway3elgin.ca)).

*We are committed to ensuring that government information and services are accessible for all Ontarians. For communication supports or to request project information in an alternate format, please contact one of the preceding Study Team members.*

*Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the team members listed above.*