

**APPENDIX B:
Consultation**

Appendix B.1:
Notice of Study Commencement

AI pioneer says Canada needs urgent AI regulations

ANJA KARADEGLIJA

Canada needs to move “as quickly as possible” in passing a proposed AI regulation bill, Yoshua Bengio, one of the godfathers of AI, told Postmedia as international experts warned Tuesday artificial intelligence is an existential threat.

“Mitigating the risk of extinction from AI should be a global priority alongside other societal-scale risks such as pandemics and nuclear war,” reads the one-line statement signed by industry leaders, including the CEOs of OpenAI and Google DeepMind, and international AI experts, including Bengio.

A year ago the Liberal government introduced a privacy bill, C-27, that includes a section focusing on artificial intelligence systems. The Artificial Intelligence and Data Act (AIDA) is aimed at “high-impact” AI systems and would ensure they “meet the same expectations with respect to safety and human rights to which Canadians are accustomed,” according to the government. The bill would also “prohibit reckless and malicious uses of AI” that cause serious harm.

Some have criticized the government for moving slowly on Bill C-27 while prioritizing other internet-regulation legislation, like the online streaming bill. It took nine months for the legislation to make it to second reading, after which bills move to committee for study. That study still hasn’t begun for C-27 though the bill completed second reading a month ago.

Since Bill C-27 was introduced last year, the landscape has changed with the launch of generative-AI systems like OpenAI’s ChatGPT, and in recent months experts have called for a morato-

rium on AI developments.

Bengio said in an interview Tuesday afternoon there is an urgency to act because “we have reached a level of intelligence of these systems, with ChatGPT last November, which corresponds to essentially being able to pass for human.” He said they could already be used in nefarious ways, including for disinformation and to destabilize democracy.

“There’s already information suggesting that countries have been trying to influence our (elections),” and with AI, they have access to tools that are many, many times more powerful than they had before, Bengio explained.

“Countries have already been using trolls to try to influence people, but behind each troll account, there’s a human. Now, if we can do the same kind of thing with a machine, then your 100 trolls can control millions of accounts.”

Governments take a long time to build regulation and legislation, he pointed out. “I’m still concerned that as usual, things will move very slowly. And for example, the next U.S. election is just around the corner.”

As a first step, Canada should move to pass AIDA “as quickly as possible” and then move for it to come into force faster than the two years the government has projected it will take. He said Canada should also “play a leadership role on the international front, to start the discussion about guidelines, eventually treaties, regarding the minimization of all kinds of AI risks.”

He said governments should be thinking about putting in place “very simple, short term” rules, such as penalties for impersonating a human, and making sure that humans or corporations are behind social media accounts.

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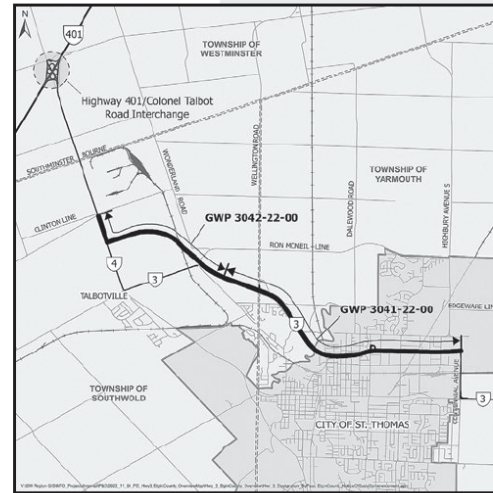
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FARE WITH A FLAIR

FLAVOUR HURRY? TURN TO CURRY



JILL WILCOX

This week, my recipes are getting a boost of flavour from curry powder, which is a pantry staple in most homes.

I often say, “When I want flavour in a hurry, I turn to curry.”

While there are a wide range of curry powders on the market, the most common blends available are a combination of spices that include turmeric, coriander seed, cumin, pepper, cinnamon and cardamom, to name a few, and are not hot.

I’m using curry powder in two dip recipes. One is a yogurt-based dip that is great with a platter of raw veggies. It’s the perfect time of year for this as local market stands start to fill with great vegetables.

The other recipe is for a simple curried hummus. This is terrific served with warm pita or naan bread as well as vegetables. I also like to use hummus in sandwich wraps.

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CURRIED YOGURT DIP

- 1 cup (250 ml) Greek-style yogurt
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp. (25 ml) chopped cilantro
- 1 tsp. (5 ml) curry powder
- Zest and juice of 1/2 small lemon
- Salt to taste

1. In a medium bowl, combine the yogurt, green onions, garlic, cilantro, curry powder, lemon juice and zest. Stir to combine.
2. Season with salt to taste.
3. Serve in a bowl with an assort-



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ment of fresh vegetables.

4. Vegetable options: Radishes, cucumber, carrots, sweet pepper, celery, fennel, broccoli, blanched snap peas and green beans, grape tomatoes

CURRIED HUMMUS

- 1-19 oz. (540 ml) can chick peas, drained
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) lemon juice
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) tahini
- 1 Tbsp. (15 ml) olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. (15 ml) curry powder
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- salt to taste
- 1 Tbsp. (15 ml) finely chopped parsley

1. Place the chick peas, lemon juice, tahini, olive oil, curry powder and garlic in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a metal blade.
2. Process until smooth.
3. Season with salt to taste.
4. Place in a serving bowl and garnish with finely chopped parsley. (Can be made a day ahead and refrigerated).
5. Serve with warm pita or naan bread, along with an assortment of raw vegetables.

Editor’s note: Back by popular demand, the *Londoner* is reprinting a selection of Jill Wilcox’s recipes. This one was originally published June 5 2021. Enjoy!

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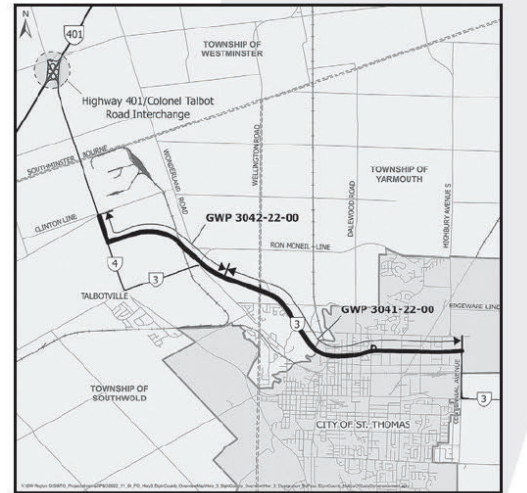
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Date: Thursday, June 1, 2023 11:28:37 AM
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We have attached two Project Information Forms – one for the Group A project and one for the Group B project – as outlined in the Notice of Study Commencement.

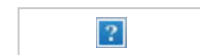
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 MECIP regional office email addresses are listed at www.ontario.ca/page/proposing-environmental-assessments

Class EA/Streamlined EA	Proposer Name	Proposer Contact	Project Name	Project Schedule	Project Type	Project Location	MECIP Region	Project Initiation Date
1	CD - Remedial flood and erosion control projects							
2	CD Terminal - Class EA							
3	Hydro One - Minor transmission facilities							
4	MIA - Class EA for municipal infrastructure projects							
5	Ministry of Infrastructure - Public works							
6	MINDM - Activities of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines under the Mining Act							
7	MNR - Provincial parks and conservation reserves							
8	MNR - Resource stewardship and facility development projects							
9	MTO - Provincial transportation facilities	Ministry of Transportation Deanna Pizycki, P. Eng. Project Engineer 519-805-7492 deanna.pizycki@ontario.ca	Highway 3 Twinning, City of St. Thomas to Elgin County, Group B MTO Class Environmental Assessment	Group B	Major improvement to provincial transportation facilities	St. Thomas, City of	Southwestern	6/1/2023
10	D. Reg. 101/03 - Waste management projects							
11	D. Reg. 116/01 - Electricity projects							
12	201A - Waterpower projects							

Enter the proposer's name.
 Enter the name and email address of the person who the MECIP should contact about your project. This should be the same contact person who is listed on the notice.
 Enter the project name as it appears on the notice.
 Select the project schedule from the drop-down menu.
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Subject: Notice of Study Commencement - Hwy 4 Widening/Proposed Talbotville Bypass, Hwy 3 Twinning
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 4:18:58 PM
Attachments: [MPP Letter NOSC Hwy 3 Twinning Proposed Talbotville Bypass \(GWP 3041-22-00 3042-22-00\) 05242023.pdf](#)
[Notice of Study Commencement - Highway 3 Elgin June 1 2023.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,
 Please see attached letter and Notice of Study Commencement for the above referenced project.
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1 CO - Remedial fund and erosion control projects								
2 GO Transit - Cross EA								
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4 MTA - Class EA for municipal infrastructure projects								
5 Ministry of Infrastructure - Public work								
6 MNR/M - Activities of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines under the Mining Act								
7 MNR/P - Provincial parks and conservation reserves								
8 MNR/P - Resource stewardship and facility development projects								
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10 O. Reg. 101/07 - Waste management projects								
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12 OMA - Waterpower projects								

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May 24, 2023
File: 165001308

Attention: The Honourable Rob Flack
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Dear Mr. Flack,

**Reference: Notice of Study Commencement
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Design with community in mind

May 24, 2023
The Honourable Rob Flack
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A copy of the Notice of Study Commencement Ontario Government Notice (OGN) containing additional study information is attached for your reference. Should you require further information regarding this study or to provide input at any point during the study, please contact one of the individuals noted below or in the enclosed notice.

Regards,

Stantec Consulting Ltd.

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Attachment: Notice of Study Commencement

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Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 2:02:03 PM

Good afternoon Paula,

Please send us the notice and staff will share it on the CE site.

Geoff Brooks

Director of Infrastructure & Community Services

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**Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3042-21-00) and Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
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Contact Information	Issue/Concern	Action Taken	Commitment/Response
	Comment Received May 31, 2023: Please add to mailing list. Resident of St. Thomas.	Added to project mailing list.	Added to project mailing list.
	Comment Received May 31, 2023: Excited to get more information about these worthwhile projects.	Added to project mailing list.	Added to project mailing list.
	Comment Received May 31, 2023: I am wondering how our household and business will be affected.	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023: Thank you for your interest in the study and sorry for the delayed response.</p> <p>The Ministry is undertaking a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the existing Highway 3 from Highway 4 easterly to just west of Centennial Avenue. Your property is east of the study area for this project.</p> <p>At the east end, our project will tie into the planned roundabout at Highbury Avenue, which is being completed as part of a separate study being undertaken by the City of St. Thomas (link: Highbury Widening Class EA - City of St. Thomas (stthomas.ca)).</p> <p>St. Thomas is also undertaking a study for a major arterial roadway connection east of Highway 3/Centennial (link: Major Arterial Roadway Connection MCEA). You may wish to contact the project team to discuss details of that study and potential impacts in the area of your property.</p> <p>The Ministry is also looking to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for Highway 3 east of St. Thomas. The timing of this study will be subject to funding and approvals. No information on the timing or extent of the study is available at this time.</p>
	Comment Received May 31, 2023: Mailing list	Added to project mailing list.	Added to project mailing list.
	Comment Received May 31, 2023:	Added to project mailing list.	Email Sent October 3, 2023:

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	<p>Please keep me informed and consider deploying road noise dampening measures (grading, fencing improvements, natural green barriers, air brake limits) in the design. In particular for areas like Lynhurst that back onto highway 3.</p>		<p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name has been added to the project contact list.</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology, and noise. This work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p> <p>The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021.</p> <p>A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on August 17, 2023. Materials that were available for review at the PIC are available on our project website here under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment Received June 1, 2023: would like to know how our properties will be affected as we own land around the Rd. we also have "Big" farm equipment that utilizes that intersection daily.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent November 16, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study.</p> <p>Your comments regarding the alternatives have been provided to the Project Design Team for consideration.</p> <p>Concerns: 1) Rail lines crossing roads</p> <p>The design alternatives under consideration include a grade separated crossing at the CN Rail tracks on the new Talbotville Bypass (Highway 3 over the Rail via a bridge). The existing CN Rail crossing on Highway 3, west of Ron McNeil, will be maintained.</p>

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			<p>2) How will we move large machinery to the west and south (specific mention of Wonderland Rd /Ron McNeil line and Ford Rd.)</p> <p>The proposed alternatives at Ron McNeil/Wonderland and Wellington Road include bridges that will allow traffic (including farm vehicles) to cross over/under Highway 3. A roundabout is the proposed alternative at Highway 4 and the Talbotville Bypass. Please note that farm equipment will not be permitted to use the Talbotville Bypass and Highway 3 in the twinned section.</p> <p>3) Drainage you will cut off. There are still some you have never fixed from the first bypass.</p> <p>We are in the early stages of the preliminary design and environmental assessment process. Part of that process will be assessing the drainage requirements as a result of the proposed alternative. Drainage standards have changed since the construction of the first Bypass.</p> <p>4) Ford Rd, McBain line and Major line have new housing coming 400-500 all the surrounding roads will have a lot more traffic.</p> <p>We are aware of the upcoming developments in the area. Part of the design process will be assessing the existing and future projected traffic volumes.</p> <p>5) Crop Planning</p> <p>Through the design process, we will be requesting permissions to enter to complete fieldwork to support the design. Some of the fieldwork would have an impact on crops while others will not.</p> <p>The project team would be happy to have further discussion regarding timelines/impacts. Contact Kevin Welker, Stantec Consultant Project Manager at (519) 675-6652 or Deanna Pizycki, MTO Senior Project Engineer at (519) 859-7492.</p> <p>6) Impacts to</p>

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			The residence at . will be impacted. Your property representative Sarah Toews can speak to property acquisition / costs / legal counsel (sarah.toews@ontario.ca (519) 318-9357).
	<p>Comment Received June 1, 2023: Your document states that Highway 4 will be widened from Clinton line to where the Talbotville bypass meets Highway 4? Approx 2.4 km. The distance from Clinton line to Highway 4 and 3 intersection is 2.1 km according to Google maps. Can you clarify??</p> <p>Thanks</p>	Requested to not be added to the mailing list but wants to receive email notifications	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study and sorry for the delayed response. We have added your email address to the project contact list.</p> <p>The approximate length of widening is 575m - 600m from the connection point of Highway 4 towards Clinton Line. The four lanes will tie into the existing highway approximately 100m - 125m before the Clinton Line intersection. We are in the early stages of the preliminary design and environmental assessment process and part of that process will be assessing the existing and future projected traffic volumes, and the need for improvements in the area between Clinton Line and the proposed bypass.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment Received June 1, 2023: Please add me to project mailing list</p>	Added to project mailing list.	No response required.
	<p>Comment Received June 1, 2023: Hello,</p> <p>Although highway 3 greatly improves access across the city in a east west direction, highway 3 also blocks access in the north south directions. I believe the installation and connection to current bike and walking paths through the use of pedestrian bridges is something that needs to be greatly considered with the twinning of highway 3 project through St. Thomas.</p> <p>Thank You,</p>	Requested to not be added to the mailing list but wants to receive email notifications	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your email regarding the installation and connection to current bike and walking paths through the use of pedestrian bridges.</p> <p>New bridges will be constructed over Highway 3 at Ron McNeil Line and Wellington Road as part of this project. The Ministry is discussing the need for pedestrian/cycling facilities on the proposed bridges. Pedestrian or multi-use trails that are grade separated from Highway 3, outside of these bridges, would need to be initiated and funded by the municipalities. The improvements as part of this project do not preclude</p>

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			<p>those types of grade separations but are outside the scope of this assignment at this time.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website at https://www.highway3elgin.ca/.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions. Your email address has been added to the project contact list.</p>
	<p>Comment Received June 1, 2023: Would really like to know how this will affect our property,</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent November 16, 2023</p> <p>The residence at _____ will be impacted. Your property representative Sarah Toews can speak to property to acquisition/costs/legal counsel (sarah.toews@ontario.ca (519) 318-9357).</p>
	<p>Comment Received June 1, 2023: How will it affect the creek</p>		<p>Email sent November 16, 2023</p> <p>We are in the early stages of the preliminary design and environmental assessment process. Part of that process will be assessing the drainage requirements as a result of the proposed alternative.</p> <p>The creek _____ will be impacted. The impacts to the drain are being assessed and solutions are being identified.</p>
	<p>Comment Received June 1, 2023: Please add me to the mailing list</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>
	<p>Comment Received June 4, 2023: the widening off #3 probably has to do with the growth of st Thomas in years to come , we l _____ can hear the traffic on #3, with the widening will this noise become a bigger problem ? , plus we have often requested a added enter and exit out of Lyndhurst seen we have already 300 plus homes and a other 175 on the table to be build with 2+ cars per household and school busses and delivery trucks we need a other way out especially if we had a accident or repairs on Mc Bain we could not get out of our community but that has been declined but widening #3 is already in the works ... why are our Tax \$\$\$ not working in our favor ?</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest and comments pertaining to the project.</p> <p>Under the MTO's Highway Access Management Guidelines, the Ministry would not be able to permit direct access to Highway 3 from this subdivision.</p> <p>Wellington Road is under the jurisdiction of Elgin County, and the local road network in this subdivision is under the jurisdiction of Central Elgin. The access/egress at Lyndhurst is a municipal issue and outside of the direct scope of this study. However, we</p>

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			<p>are coordinating our improvements with local municipalities in this area.</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology, and noise. This work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p> <p>The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021.</p> <p>A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on August 17, 2023. Materials that were available for review at the PIC are available on our project website here under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment Received June 8, 2023: I would like to know if there are any further plans of extending Highway 3 to the east of Centennial Avenue (into Central Elgin). If so, where can this information be found?</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study and sorry for the delayed response.</p> <p>The Ministry is undertaking a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the existing Highway 3 from Highway 4 easterly to just west of Centennial Avenue. Our project will tie into the planned roundabout at Highbury Avenue which is being completed as part of a separate study being undertaken by the City of St. Thomas (link: Highbury Widening Class EA - City of St. Thomas (stthomas.ca)). St. Thomas is also undertaking a study for a major arterial roadway connection east of Highway 3/Centennial (Major Arterial Roadway Connection MCEA).</p>

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			<p>The Ministry is looking to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for Highway 3 east of St. Thomas. The timing of this study will be subject to funding and approvals. No information on the timing or extent of the study is available at this time.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment Received June 15, 2023: This is more of a question than a comment.</p> <p>I, along with several other residents do not drive and the pedestrian sidewalk on the bridge is our access to the downtown and shopping areas here in the city. Will the widening of the bypass effect the bridge? Will the bridge be closed? This is important to several residents north of the Balaclava St bridge.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study and sorry for the delayed response. Your concerns relating to the Balaclava Street bridge are noted.</p> <p>The Balaclava Street bridge requires rehabilitation only and the work is expected to be relatively minor at this site.</p> <p>We are in the early stages of the preliminary design and environmental assessment process. As part of the EA, studies are being undertaken such as geotechnical, foundations, structural, traffic, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology, and noise. The structural work is ongoing, and findings will be presented as the study progresses.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions. Your name has been added to the project contact list.</p>
	<p>Comment Received June 22, 2023: I'm looking forward to information on the development of this project!</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>
	<p>Comment Received June 22, 2023: I'm worried about the construction traffic but I'm more concerned about the subsequent "short cut" vehicle volume on Ford road after this is completed.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent July 14, 2023 from additional/similar comments submitted June 24, 2023.</p>
	<p>Comment Received June 27, 2023: Could I please be added to the mailing list and sent any updates on this project. If any community consultation is required I would be happy to share my thoughts</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study and sorry for the delayed response. Your name has been added to the project contact list.</p>

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			<p>A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on August 17, 2023. Materials that were available for review at the PIC are available on our project website here under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience. The preferred alternative will be presented at the next Public Information Centre planned for this fall.</p> <p>Consultation is being undertaken throughout the study and comments can be provided through the project website via the "Contact Us" page at www.highway3elgin.ca. Comments may also be provided directly via email, mail, or telephone to the project team members listed on the "Contact Us" page on the project website. Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment Received June 28, 2023: No comments at present, would like to receive study notifications please.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>
	<p>Comment Received July 3, 2023: I am concerned about increased noise from the expanded highway which will also likely have a higher speed limit. The existing trees are aging (as seen by the one that fell down this winter by the highway 3 offramp, so over time there will be even less noise reduction. Additionally, the highway will be much closer to houses on the northern side. What noise mitigation measures are planned (trees, noise walls) and will leaves-on and off noise assessments be conducted or just in the summer when the trees are full?</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study and sorry for the delayed response.</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p> <p>The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>

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	<p>Comment Received July 4, 2023: I am concerned about increasing noise levels due to traffic volume increase.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name has been added to the project contact list.</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise. This work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p> <p>The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment Received July 10, 2023: Currently when trying to turn south onto Wellington Road from Highway 3 when coming from St. Thomas is a nightmare. I can sit at the light for 3-4 light changes before I can turn, others in the area also experience this. Just wondering what the plan is for this intersection, whether a roundabout or an advance turning light would be recommended. Thank you for your time.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your email regarding the traffic signals at the intersection of Highway 3 and Wellington Road.</p> <p>The Ministry is undertaking a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the existing Highway 3 from Centennial Avenue to Highway 4. The intersection of Wellington Road at Highway 3 is included within those project limits. In addition to work undertaken pertaining to this project, ministry staff will review the operation of the traffic signals, during the study, at this location to determine if operational improvements are needed in the interim.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment Received July 22, 2023: NOISE We currently can hear truck traffic on Highway #3 from our home. With the projected increase in truck traffic on</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your continued interest in the study.</p>

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	Highway #3 what measures will be incorporated into the design to mitigate the increase in noise?		<p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise. This work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p> <p>The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have further questions.</p>
	<p>Email received June 4, 2023: Awesome Plan, But desperately need a flashing green advance light to turn on Wellington Road heading South when coming the East on Highway #3. It is Mega Dangerous right now. Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Email received July 24, 2023: It is IMPERATIVE that the ADVANCE GREEN be INSTALLED IMMEDIATELY due to the ABNORMALLY HIGH VOLUME of TRAFFIC generated due to the Surveying and Pre-construction Disturbances !! TRAFFIC COLLISIONS are on a Steady Rise! I believe Truly that you have a Social Duty and as a Person with Conscience to Rectify this situation IMMEDIATELY!</p> <p>Thank you for your time.. God Bless...</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your email regarding the traffic signals at the intersection of Highway 3 and Wellington Road in St. Thomas.</p> <p>The Ministry is undertaking a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the existing Highway 3 from Centennial Avenue to Highway 4. The intersection of Wellington Road at Highway 3 is included within those project limits. In addition to work undertaken pertaining to this project, ministry staff will review the operation of the traffic signals, during the study, at this location to determine if an advance green phase is warranted for the continued operation of the intersection.</p> <p>To obtain additional information about Highway 3 Preliminary Design project please visit http://www.highway3elgin.ca/.</p>
	<p>Call received June 6, 2023 Wanted to know if there would be noise barrier wall constructed in between the highway and the residential area (red). Stated that significant amount of noise comes from the west (blue); trucks coming down the valley to Kettle Creek and</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>MTO provided response sent June 6, 2023:</p> <p>Stated we are in the early stages of the preliminary design and environmental assessment process and part of that process will be assessing the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor. Acknowledged</p>

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	climbing back up to First Ave. Overall, neighbors express concern with noise in the area and are worried it will get worse with more traffic/increased lanes.		that this was valuable information to have from the public. Pointed them to the project website and took down contact information to be added to the project mailing list. Informed him that there would be a Public Information Center summer/fall.
	Email received June 2, 2023: Please add my name to the mailing list concerning this project.	Added to project mailing list.	Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email Thank you for your input and interest in the project. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.
	Email received June 5, 2023: Good afternoon, as a resident I would like to receive regular updates on the progress with the road change improvements. Also, I would like to receive info on future additions to the # 3 bypass if there are plans possibly (GWP 3042-22-00 Group C). The road is way to busy as it is and it's a challenge to get out of our driveway and drive West towards St. Thomas. I'm hoping that some future changes will alleviate the amount of traffic that is currently on number 3 highway. Thanks In Advance.	Added to project mailing list.	Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email Thank you for your input and interest in the project. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.
	Call received June 1, 2023: Supportive of Bypass and the VW coming to St. Thomas.	Added to project mailing list.	No response required.
	Email received June 4, 2023: Direct access to proposed hwy. 3 extension to and from Wonderland Rd. should be considered.	Added to project mailing list.	Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email Thank you for your comments and interest in the study. Access from Highway 3 to Wonderland Road is being considered as part of the design alternatives. We are expecting to present the alternatives at our first Public Information Centre (PIC) scheduled for August 17, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3, the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.

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			<p>Materials from the PIC on August 17, 2023 will be available to review online after the PIC has been conducted.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received June 2, 2023: Please add us to your mailing list for this project</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>June 7, 2023: Contact information added. No response required.</p>
	<p>Email received June 5, 2023: We received a notice by mail today advising that we could be added to the study mailing list by sending you an email. Please add me to your mailing list.</p> <p>Further, the notice advised that questions could be directed to you. I do have some questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How will the roads that currently intersect Hwy 3 be dealt with? Specifically, the intersections of Wellington Rd and Wonderland/Ford/Ron McNeil with the new Hwy 3? Traffic lights or round-a-bouts or grade separation? 2. What is the plan for the new interchange at First Avenue and Hwy 3? 3. Will the new highway have a grassed median or concrete style "Jersey" Barrier? 4. The city of St. Thomas announced earlier this year improvements to Highbury Ave south of Ron McNeil Rd., including widening to 4 lanes and extending the road to intersect Hwy 3 west of Centennial Avenue. The preferred option for the interchange of the newly extended Highbury Ave and Hwy 3 was identified as a round-a-bout. What is the intent of your study for this location? 5. Will this work make allowance for the future eastward extension of Highway 3 beyond the current intersection with Centennial Ave? 6. Timeline for completion of each phase of the project: studies, detailed design, tendering and estimated construction duration? 	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Response sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held on August 17, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3, the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road, and First Avenue. Various median options will also be presented at the PIC. Materials from the PIC will be available to review online after the PIC has been conducted.</p> <p>Our study area ends just west of Centennial Avenue and will tie into the proposed roundabout at Highbury Avenue/Highway 3. As mentioned, the roundabout is part of a separate study which is being undertaken by the City of St. Thomas (link: Highbury Widening Class EA - City of St. Thomas (stthomas.ca)). St. Thomas is also undertaking a study for a major arterial roadway connection east of Highway 3/Centennial (Major Arterial Roadway Connection MCEA).</p> <p>With respect to timeline, construction will follow the environmental assessment and design phase. Details on the schedule will be provided as the study progresses.</p>

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			<p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Call received June 1, 2023: Asked whether the noise from the highway will increase and if so if a sound barrier can be implemented. Commented that he reached out to the township to reduce the speed on Highway 4 to 50km/h.</p>	<p>June 30, 2023: Stantec called to obtain his email address to provide the notice and to add to the project contact list.</p>	<p>Kevin Welker Response June 2, 2023: Noted that it was likely the traffic will increase with the trucks accessing Highway 401 from the VW plant when it is completed.</p> <p>Stated that the road was an MTO road, and they would be unlikely to reduce the speed limit, and that Stantec is expecting it to remain posted at 80 km/h although that was not confirmed yet. I mentioned the project website and that it was on the Notice of Commencement, but he indicated that he had not received one yet.</p>
	<p>Email received June 2, 2023 Kindly add me to the mailing list.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the project. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received June 2, 2023 Curious as to why the new section of highway 3 must bypass so far north of Talbotville and bisect so much farmland. I've put two attachments to this email to provide input on what would make more sense. First is an image showing a slight merge to allow a bypass of the traffic signal in Talbotville. Frankly since the section going in to talbotville will presumably continue to exist, it doesn't make sense to start a bypass kilometers away from the village proper. This accomplishes the same goal but with less tarmac and new road building. Existing highway 3 could still be improved. Less impact to the local farmers and village markets.</p> <p>A more important improvement, as someone living in the area, would be some connections between Wonderland, Ron McNeil and Highway 3. The amount of volume at that interchange is downright dangerous considering the</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Response sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>The proposed location of the Bypass has undergone extensive planning and the proposed route follows a previously designated corridor defined in the 1970s, which avoids significant impacts to the Village of Talbotville.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details.</p> <p>The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3 and the</p>

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	<p>angles involved, rising and setting sun and combination of farm and commuter traffic. A roundabout, ring road or some other bypass is possible, albeit with less impact to the local farmers. This volume will only increase as the area continues to develop and the current arrangement should be modified for future volumes and safety (winter in particular is treacherous with all the bends, banking and narrow roads)</p>		<p>Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>Your concerns about the local farmers have been noted.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website: https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received June 8, 2023: Good Day. Do the circles on the online may indicate roundabouts?</p> <p>Thanks</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Response sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>The circles represented on the map indicate where design alternatives are being developed for intersections with Highway 3 and the Talbotville Bypass.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3, the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>

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	<p>Email received June 8, 2023: Hello there, I am writing in response to the Notice of Study Commencement of Highway 3 Twinning in St. Thomas, Ontario. I understand there are other components of this project being considered, but my specific comments are in regards to Highway 3, specifically in close proximity to residential areas of St. Thomas. Overall, I am extremely against the twinning of Highway 3 as I cannot comprehend why it would be necessary. A little context:</p> <p align="center">-I can hear the highway and I see it with my own two eyes all throughout the day. In addition to this, because I live nearby, I happen to drive on it quite a bit.</p> <p align="center">I feel like I have a unique perspective that lends me some credibility in commenting on the highway. Overall, I like the highway where it is. It is convenient to have an artery through the top portion of the city to get from one side of it to another with ease. That being said, in all of the times I have used it , I have never, ever once found it congested or overly busy. Even when I am driving on it and I find I am "stuck" behind someone going slower than I would prefer, it is not a very long stretch of road until I am given the opportunity to take another route around this slower driver. Given the stretch of Highway 3 being discussed is only approximately 5km in length, at 80km/h (the posted speed limit), it would only take 3 minutes and 45 seconds to traverse the length of it. In the instance that you are stuck behind a slow driver (we'll estimate going 60km/h), to drive 5km is only 5 minutes of time. The difference between 5 minutes and 3 minutes and 45 seconds is only 1 minute and 15 seconds, an absolutely nominal addition to any car trip.</p> <p>I literally cannot imagine why we are discussing all of the financial implications of twinning this highway in order to potentially save drivers 1 minute of drive time. It boggles my mind. Is there crumbling infrastructure? Are there</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Response sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>The County of Elgin and St. Thomas area is growing. Improvements to Highway 3 including the proposed Talbotville Bypass are being planned to support recent and future industrial, commercial and residential growth in the area. It will aim to address projected travel demand and aid in network connectivity in the area. The proposed location of the Bypass has undergone extensive planning and the proposed route follows that of a previously designated corridor defined in the 1970s.</p> <p>Your concerns have been communicated to the project team regarding congestion, air and noise pollution with the twinning of Highway 3. Your comments will be taken into consideration during design and throughout the studies.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website: https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>

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	<p>other reasons? Are other alternative courses of action being considered to remedy the other issues that may be driving this consideration? My other concern is the Law of Induced Demand. Countless studies (Google them) have shown that widening highways does not reduce traffic: it creates it. If we are to expand the lanes of Highway 3, we are certainly setting ourselves up to see it more heavily utilized as a means of navigation through St. Thomas. Considering its proximity to residential areas in the city</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I cannot imagine why we would want to draw more car and industrial traffic to a residential area, in order to save absolutely meaningless margins of time off a commute.</p> <p>With increased traffic, we are absolutely bringing increased noise and pollution to the area as well. I am as guilty as anyone else of driving a vehicle and adding to the pollution, but I can't imagine why we would want to add onto that. Studies also have shown that roads with multiple lanes (arguably: too many lanes) also lead to increased speeds and increased danger, as drivers perceive it to be safer to drive at faster speeds. Why are we inviting faster speeds (regardless of posted speed limits) and more danger to residential communities? All for a completely unspoken, undefined reason?</p> <p>I lived in the city of Hamilton, ON for 8 years which has a notorious reputation for the 2x 5-lane "highways" (Main Street and King Street) that run through the centre of downtown. For 8 years, I watched as a countless number of buildings sat derelict and neglected, while pedestrians fled, because areas with tons of car traffic do not invite walkable communities. It is one of many reasons I left the city of Hamilton for the beauty of St. Thomas.</p> <p>Without a doubt, my perspective is heavily skewed by the fact that I live so close to the highway (a choice that is all mine and no one else's), but even with this being true, I cannot comprehend the reasons this study is being conducted, and how any of the potential benefits would ever stand a chance of outweighing all that it will cost us in the process. I would happily discuss my concerns more over the phone or in person. I am not a political activist, but as of right now, I vehemently oppose this expansion and kindly beg you to save tax dollars immediately, scrap the idea, and move onto something more meaningful. This is an issue I (clearly) feel passionate about, and will remain very involved in</p>		

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	public discourse about it. Thank you for your time,		
	<p>Emailed received June 8, 2023: With regards to the study and work to be done on highway 3, I would like to be added to the study mailing list. In addition I have a question as to how this project will impact the intersection of Hwy 3 and Wellington Road.</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Response sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your email regarding the intersection at Highway 3 and Wellington Road.</p> <p>The Ministry is undertaking a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the existing Highway 3 from Centennial Avenue to Highway 4. The intersection of Wellington Road at Highway 3 is included within those project limits.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3, the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road, and First Avenue. These design alternatives have taken into consideration, further impacts during the preliminary design phase will also be considered.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website: https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received June 6, 2023: Thanks for reaching out to the We would, very much, like to have a seat at the table during this process. The assessment area cuts across several key active transportation routes between St. Thomas, London and other</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Response sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your email regarding active transportation within the study area limits.</p>

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	<p>smaller local communities. The best data we have is based on the Strava Global heatmap: https://www.strava.com/heatmap#14.10/-81.23723/42.80489/bluered/ride The red roads on the heatmap indicate more frequent usage. As you can see, the intersections at Highway 3/Wellington Road (1), Highway 3/Ford/Ron McNeil (2), Highway 3/Highway 4(3) and Highway 4/Clinton Line/Longhurst Line (4) are all important to the cycling community. These intersections provide access to the safest North/South routes between St. Thomas and London, along with access to growing communities west of the City of St. Thomas. These very same junctions will be affected by this new bypass. Ideally, work to restructure these intersections would include keeping safe passage by bike in mind. London and St. Thomas are easily commutable by bike and more people would take advantage of this fact if only the proper infrastructure was in place. I hope that this project would work to further those goals and not implement more roadblocks.</p>		<p>Active transportation is not permitted along existing Highway 3, east of Ford Road, and will not be permitted on the Talbotville Bypass.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held later this August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3, the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>Your concerns have been communicated to the project team regarding cycling safety through this corridor, and your comments will be taken into consideration as part of the design.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website: https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received June 9, 2023: Will Amazon be paying for any of this?</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Response sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>Highway 3 improvements and Talbotville bypass are being planned as a provincial project to support future industrial, commercial and residential growth in the County of Elgin and St. Thomas areas. It will aim to address projected travel demand and aid in network connectivity in the area. These improvements are not affiliated or funded by Amazon. Major sectors of the area municipality's economies are dependent on the efficient movement of goods and reducing conflicts between truck traffic, railways and commuter/local traffic.</p>

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			<p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received June 1, 2023: Thank you for the update. I would like to receive updates as the plan develops. Can you tell me if this means the previously discussed roundabout for the intersection of Ron McNeil and Talbot Line is not going to happen? I am concerned that rerouting and widening the bypass will only make that intersection more dangerous than it already is by twinning the lanes. The number of accidents and close calls is alarming and needs to be addressed. Thank you,</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Response sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your email regarding the previously proposed roundabout at Ron McNeil/ Highway 3 (Talbot Line). The connection at this location is being reassessed as part of this project given the twinning of Highway 3 and the Talbotville Bypass. This assessment will take many factors into consideration including traffic flow and safety.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3 and the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received May 31, 2023 Please send additional project information as the link below does not seem to work? www.highway3elgin.ca</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Response Sent May 31, 2023 via email</p> <p>Paula Hohner responded same day to ensure website link worked. Issue resolved.</p>
	<p>Emailed received June 1, 2023: Please add my name to the Hwy 3 study mailing list.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your input and interest in the project. Your contact information has been added to the project</p>

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			mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.
	<p>Email received June 1, 2023: Requested to be added on the mailing list.</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your input and interest in the project. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received June 1, 2023: A quick look at the diagram indicates roundabouts at various locations. Please consider a roundabout for the subdivision in Lynhurst. An exit onto the by pass has been requested many times. Please keep me informed on this project.</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your interest and comments pertaining to the project. Under the MTOS's Highway Access Management Guidelines, the Ministry would not be able to permit direct access to Highway 3 from this subdivision but improvements to existing at-grade intersections (including Wellington Road) are being considered. The circles represented on the map indicate where design alternatives are being developed for intersections with Highway 3 and the Talbotville bypass.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3, the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received June 3, 2023: I have a few concerns: When will construction begin? Where will it start? Will you be building a noise barrier on the north side of the highway for those of use who's property backs onto highway 3?</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p>

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	<p>Have you considered if any or all houses that back onto highway 3 from either side may sustain cracks in walls or foundations due to the increased amount of traffic that will cause vibration to some degree? AS a home owner, I am concerned and would like something in writing or at least to consider if something does happen you will see to repairing any damage.</p> <p>Did anything stand out when you conducted the environmental study with wildlife and how it may be impacted?</p>		<p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held later this summer on August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3, the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment (EA), studies are being undertaken such as geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise studies. A construction vibration assessment will be completed for two heritage structures in the study area (CNR Subway and Kettle Creek Bridge). All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses.</p> <p>With respect to timeline, construction will follow the environmental assessment and design phase. Details on the schedule will be provided as the study progresses.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received June 3, 2023: I am surprised this is going ahead with our previous MPP recently releasing land east of Centennial road planned for HWY 3 continuation. Uncertain if that land was part of the new VW Battery Plant deal.</p> <p align="center">I would like to express concerns for the following items starting from the HWY 4/401 interchange:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This interchange wasn't great when it was originally built. Hopefully this interchange will be corrected with 3rd lane upgrades on 401 	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>Construction at the Highway 401/Highway 4 interchange is expected to begin Spring of 2024. The interchange work will accommodate future Highway 401 widening, enhancing safety and operation of the interchange, and replace two bridges.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public</p>

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	<p>2. Wonderland tie-in. As with Wellington and Highbury, Wonderland connection is a concern with respect to keeping the flow on the new bypass. Will Wonderland join Wellington to decrease the number of access points on HWY 3?</p> <p>3. What type of interchange is planned for Wellington and HWY 3? How will traffic loads be handled south of HWY 3 on Wellington. which is the only access to moderate sized neighbourhood and located relatively close to existing HWY 3 and Wellington intersection. This lead to bottlenecks leaving the subdivision, particularly with backups from northbound Wellington traffic.</p> <p>4. I previously lived in St. Thomas and commute took me on Highbury north out of St. Thomas. How will the access on Highbury be improved? What is the plan for the east end connection at Centennial? With current servicing to industry off Centennial, it would be a good idea to continue HWY 3 past Centennial and turn it south toward existing HWY 3. It would split through traffic from local commuting and industrial traffic</p> <p>5. What are the future plans for Highbury? Will it be twinned between London and St. Thomas?</p>		<p>Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3, the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise studies. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses. The traffic study will assess the area of Wellington Road/Highway 3, including McBain Line.</p> <p>Our study area ends just west of Centennial Avenue and will tie into the planned roundabout at Highbury Avenue which is being completed as part of a separate study being undertaken by the City of St. Thomas (link: Highbury Widening Class EA - City of St. Thomas (stthomas.ca)). St. Thomas is also undertaking a study for a major arterial roadway connection east of Highway 3/Centennial (Major Arterial Roadway Connection MCEA).</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received June 24, 2023: Please see the attached pictures. I think you have a once in a generational change to improve traffic, safety and commute times with very little environmental consequences.</p> <p>By changing Wellington, Highbury, Ron McNeil, and highway 3 into ONE WAY Highway, a TWO LANE non-stop flow of traffic could be created connecting London to St. Thomas.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>The Ministry is undertaking a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the existing Highway 3 from Centennial Avenue to Highway 4. The proposed one-way roads for Wellington, Highbury, and Ron McNeil are beyond the current scope of this project.</p>

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	<p>The best part is the infrastructure is in place for the most part. With a few traffic circles and slight modifications of on ramps, this could be completed almost immediately. With Amazon ramping up and the Volkswagen battery plan coming in, this is the right time to make some changes before it is too late.</p> <p>Two lanes of non-stop traffic will virtually eliminate head on crashes which close wellington or highbury down and extended commute times for hours.</p> <p>I hope this gets some consideration – it is quick, common sense solution to a real problem that is only going to get worse.</p>		<p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3, the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received June 28, 2023:</p> <p>Hello, Thank you for the information regarding the proposed Highway 3 twinning.</p> <p align="right">I have some questions</p> <p>regarding the proposal. How will the soil shift on already stressed embankments be mitigated to decrease impact to homes? How will the plan prevent accelerated future erosion? Will the province take responsibility for foundation damage resulting from soil movement due to construction? Do the circled interchange areas on the website map indicate how much land will be needed? Will properties in the circled areas be expropriated? If so, which properties are currently being considered for expropriation? How will noise and air pollution from the highway be mitigated in the city? Will noise and pollution barriers be incorporated into the design? How long does a project like this generally take to complete? Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions. I would like to be added to the study mailing list as well. Thanks again,</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email Thank you for your interest and comments pertaining to the project.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3, the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>As part of the EA, studies are being undertaken such as geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise studies. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses.</p> <p>The circles represented on the map indicate where design alternatives are being developed for intersections with Highway 3 and the Talbotville bypass. As property needs are identified, Property owners are being notified.</p>

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			<p>With respect to timeline, construction will follow the environmental assessment and design phase. Details on the schedule will be provided as the study progresses.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Phone call received June 13, 2023:</p> <p>Stated there is already significant traffic in this area and anticipates for with the 4-laning. Worried about impacts to properties if this section of Highway 3 is widened as well. Stated he is aware of a road running north of them (possible extension of highway 3), east of the existing Highway 3/Centennial Junction. Would prefer if traffic were directed elsewhere and Highway 3 was no longer a provincial highway. He also wanted to know the timeline of construction.</p>	<p>Added to the mailing list</p>	<p>Response from Deanna Pizycki:</p> <p>The area of Highway 3 he is concerned with is not part of the current study. Noted there is pavement rehab job that does not involve platform widening – however, this job is being pushed out to later years while the impact of the 4-laning is being assessed on the surrounding area. Acknowledged the concern with increased traffic in the area – stated that the Ministry will likely be looking at carrying out studies to address this and the current study will help inform the traffic data/patterns. However, the exact timeline on those studies is unknown. Stated that a full construction complete wouldn't be for another 5-6 years but that is subject to funding and approvals.</p>
	<p>Email received July 10, 2023:</p> <p>Asked to be informed what the design consideration may be and if there will instalment of a noise walls along the twilling section of the roadway.</p>	<p>Added to the mailing list</p>	<p>Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your interest and comments pertaining to the project.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3 and the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects</p>

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			<p>with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>As part of the EA, studies are being undertaken such as geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise. All this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received July 11, 2023: Requested to be added to the mailing list. Asked the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will there be a noise barrier wall constructed once the project is completed? 2. Because our home is near the highway, how will the dirt and dust be controlled during the construction period? 	<p>Added to the mailing list</p>	<p>Response Sent July 14, 2023 via email Thank you for your interest and comments pertaining to the project.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3 and the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>As part of the EA, studies are being undertaken such as geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise. All this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p> <p>Dust may be generated during construction, which may adversely affect air quality. Standard mitigation will be used for dust control (i.e., water, calcium chloride) during construction. Impacts will be minimized by compliance with Ministry of Environment, Conservation</p>

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			<p>and Parks guidelines, as well as Contract General Conditions to minimize dust and other air quality impacts.</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received July 12, 2023:</p> <p>Wanted to know approximate timeline he had to move the hives (i.e., did he need to be out of there this weekend or does he have time to come up with a plan). He noted survey markers a few meters from his hives. Said he does not live there but the property owner has allowed him to have hives there.</p> <p>Overall - He is supportive of the work that is going on – he just wants to know how fast he needs to move the hives and offered support if needed*. *he would be willing to close up the hives if we have workers in the area – just let him know in advance*</p>	<p>Added to the mailing list</p>	<p>Response from MTO June 9, 2023:</p> <p>Construction will not be happening in the next year or so - I said I couldn't provide exact timelines which he understood. I stated we have ongoing fieldwork in the area but timing is subject to receiving permissions to enter from the property owner. I noted this fieldwork would involve ploughing and drill rigs. I said that we could notify him when fieldwork was occurring – to which he was grateful.</p>
	<p>Email received July 2, 2023:</p> <p>Commented that creating 4 lanes into Centennial will create a traffic jam. Proposed that we take the 4 lane highway down to Ron McNeil and extend it to 4 lanes from Wonderland to Highway 73.</p> <p>The above option would allow extra access to Wonderland, Wellington, Highbury, Hwy 74 and Hwy 73. Asked if there are other plans in consideration.</p>	<p>Added to the mailing list</p>	<p align="right">MTO response sent July 14, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest and comments pertaining to the project.</p> <p>The Ministry is undertaking a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the existing Highway 3 from Centennial Avenue to Highway 4. The proposed 4-lane highway down Ron McNeil to County Road 74 is beyond the current scope of this project.</p> <p>Our study area ends just west of Centennial Avenue and will tie into the planned roundabout at Highbury Avenue which is being completed as part of a separate study being undertaken by the City of St. Thomas (link: Highbury Widening Class EA - City of St. Thomas (stthomas.ca)). St. Thomas is also undertaking a study</p>

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			<p>for a major arterial roadway connection east of Highway 3/Centennial (<u>Major Arterial Roadway Connection MCEA</u>).</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3 and the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received July 5, 2023:</p> <p>Please keep us informed as to opportunities for reviewing and having input on this project. Of particular concern is the impact on our ability to move on or cross this highway with large, slow moving farm machinery.</p>	<p>Added to the mailing list</p>	<p>Response sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the project. Your concerns and comments regarding slow moving farm machinery have been passed on to the project team for consideration.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3 and the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p>

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			Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project
	<p>Email received June 15, 2023: Your concern about impacts to your property have been noted. A summary is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a commercial property with plans for development. This is also a rental income property. Concerned about impacts of lighting Concerned about the increased traffic/noise/safety with the proposed 4-lane highway. Noted there are tenants in the house and strongly requested that no correspondence is to go through them (mail, knocking on doors, phone etc.). Upset to hear that the admail likely went to the tenants. <p align="right">and</p> <p>involved in the conversation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that you will have intermitted availability through the summer due to personal reasons and want to make sure you do not miss your time to comment. <p>Noted that phone will be the best method to reach you</p>	Added to the mailing list	<p>Response from MTO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are still very early in the process and there will be opportunity to comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anytime through the Project Website: Highway 3 Twinning and Talbotville Bypass (highway3elgin.ca) First Public Information Center (late Summer/Early Fall 2023) Second Public Information Center (Fall 2023) Transportation Environmental Study Report – Public Review/Comment Period Design and Construction Report – Public Review/Comment Period Your property has been flagged as a potential property requirement based on early concepts. I will put you in contact with a property representative to better explain the processes and rights you have. They will also be in contact regarding property acquisition, appraisals, etc. In the coming weeks, we will have a better idea of preferred options (from an engineering perspective) and impacts. Acknowledging your concerns with the property and that you want to have a say in the process. Acknowledging all correspondence shall go through you – I subsequently confirmed with Property Office that is our typical process.
	<p>Email received June 4, 2023: We are very interested in this project and implications on traffic and farmers.</p>	Added to project mailing list.	Response sent July 14, 2023 via email

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	<p>Email received July 25, 2023:</p> <p>I would like to talk to someone about how this affects</p> <p>More specifically , a stake has been place in our field , most definitely on our property. We wish to be on the same page as you all concerning property lines, etc. We wish to have these questions answered before the Aug 17 meeting, so we are not wasting other people's time on our own specific</p>		<p>Thank you for your interest in the project. Your concerns and comments have been passed on to the project team for consideration.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3 and the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>For more details and updates on the project, please visit the study website https://www.highway3elgin.ca/</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments. Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Email received June 1, 2023:</p> <p>Great to hear about all the changes coming to St Thomas ... and thus road changes too to accommodate everything</p> <p>A few basic questions ...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What will occur at Wellington Road and #3? A complete overpass/interchange? 2. What will occur at Wonderland and #3 where there is the big looping road now? A new interchange? It should also be built to accommodate a four-lane Wonderland. (which will probably be built someday ... if not soon) 3. Will a. Wellington ... b. Highbury and c. Wonderland all be four lanes? <p>=====</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Response sent July 20, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your interest and comments pertaining to the project.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held on August 17, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3 and the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line, Wellington Road, and First Avenue. Please note, direct access to Highway 3 will not be considered due to MTO's Highway Access Management Guidelines.</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment (EA), studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise. All this work is</p>

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	<p>HOWEVER....What can occur - and should - at Wellington and #3 right now?</p> <p>1. Traffic heading north on Wellington wanting to go west ... but ...there is no advanced or delayed green. Nevertheless...if you are coming south and heading east there is a green advance. somewhat Strange.</p> <p>2. In addition ... If you are on Highway 3 wanting to turn south at Wellington ... there is no advanced or delayed green... but there is if you are going east and turning north. Again Strange!! Drivers going west and then wishing to go south sometimes have to wait for three or four light cycles to make the turn... again somewhat strange.</p> <p>=====</p> <p>So .. there will be several years of construction ... meanwhile, the strange traffic light scenario is in place at Wellington and #3 it can be adjusted and thus traffic would better flow in the meantime.</p> <p>Woudl love to hear your comments.</p> <p>Email received July 6, 2023:</p> <p>I see the surveyors and planners all around the location of the new Highway 3 expansion (doubling)</p> <p align="right">with the new</p> <p>road - and a possible overpass/or roundabout... there will be no delay in traffic on Wellington which gives us breaks to turn. I hope this is taken into consideration.</p> <p>=====</p> <p>Don't build a roundabout too much traffic</p> <p>Email received July 7, 2023</p>		<p>ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses.</p> <p>Our study area ends just west of Centennial Avenue and will tie into the planned roundabout at Highbury Avenue which is being completed as part of a separate study being undertaken by the City of St. Thomas (link: Highbury Widening Class EA - City of St. Thomas (stthomas.ca)).</p> <p>St. Thomas is also undertaking a study for a major arterial roadway connection east of Highway 3/Centennial (Major Arterial Roadway Connection MCEA).</p> <p>Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p> <p>Call by Kevin Welker July 20, 2023: Hi everyone,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subdivision was related to the volume of traffic on Wellington Road and not direct access to Highway 3. He is worried that an interchange will create more north/south free-flow which will further impede their ability to make turns from McBain. • He said that with no advanced/protected left turns at 3 of the 4 approaches to the Wellington/Highway 3 intersection people are making risky turns or having to wait very long times. He thought that advanced lefts should be added now rather than waiting for construction to be completed. • I mentioned that we have the existing traffic volumes and would be looking at the intersection operations there • He said he was going to forward a link to some videos being done by the City of St. Thomas related to Highbury • We talked about the PIC timing. I said the notice would be coming out soon. He will post it on the Lynhurst Community Association Facebook page once it is sent out.

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	<p>One thing I must mention who controls the lights at #3 and Wellington?</p> <p>With several years yet before the new #3 road ... what can be done about this issue now???</p> <p>Do you know that if you are on Wellington coming south turning east onto #3 ... there is an advanced green. There is NONE for those going north and turning west onto #3</p> <p>And those on #3 wanting to turn south onto Wellington there is NO ADVANCED OR DELAYED turn signal ...but there is for those tuning north onto #3.</p> <p>Those coming onto Wellington from the East going south ... have to wait until the last moment to turn before the light turns red ... an accident waiting to happen.</p> <p>WHY???</p>		
	<p>Email received June 7, 2023: Hello Kevin and Deanna</p> <p>We have seen the huge change in traffic and noise with the Wonderland Road extension/connection. My concern with our residential area with this proposal becomes quite concerning.</p> <p>With lane widening and bypass change - I feel will even add to the volume of traffic. There has been an increase in accidents and near misses just meters from my home. The request to slow traffic down at the Ron Mcneil/Wellington Road intersection has been denied due to the need to move traffic.</p> <p>With this study will there be an investigation in the potential domino affect on other intersections?</p> <p>It is great that the increased traffic from the north will be diverted from the quaint village of Talbotville however the</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Response sent July 14, 2023 via email</p> <p>Thank you for your interest and comments pertaining to the project.</p> <p>The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held on August 17, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3 and the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line, Wellington Road, and First Avenue.</p> <p>As part of the EA, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise. All this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses.</p>

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	<p>impact on the intersection mentioned above concerns me at the 80km speed that is presently marked.</p>		<p>Your contact information has been added to the project mailing list, and you will receive any future notices associated with the project.</p>
	<p>Call received July 12, 2023: left me a voicemail about Highway 3</p> <p align="center">The memorial is on the north side of the highway within the ROW just east of Burwell Road. It is within the grading for the westbound lanes so definitely in conflict with our proposed work.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Call back on July 19, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She said the existing memorial is a granite cross with a concrete footing. She had plans to put lights on it until she found out about our project • She had worked with the LiUNA union to get this installed • I confirmed that it would conflict with the anticipated work of this project, specifically the lowering of the grade to construct the westbound lanes. I noted that it would have to be moved prior to construction, but that construction in that area was not likely to start before spring 2025. She was relieved that she had a bit of time to remove it • She was going to reach out to the union to see if they could help her get this removed. She also indicated that she would like it reinstated within the ROW following construction. • I said I would relay this information to the Ministry.
	<p>Email received July 19, 2023: will there be any impact on my property ?</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	
	<p>Email received July 17, 2023: Hi Deanna,</p> <p>I just watched the St Thomas Mayor, Joe Preston; at our Central Elgin council meeting and he stated that MTO has developed a proposed plan for roadway infrastructure and development from the VW development. He also stated that MTO is becoming more forthcoming with their plans. Is this something that can be shared with myself or the community impacted? We have several concerns as you are aware and any information/ updates would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Thank you! I hope you're enjoying this beautiful summer weather!</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent July 20, 2023:</p> <p>The focus of the MTO has currently been Highway 3 between Highway 4 and Centennial Avenue. The project team is currently working through the preliminary design in preparation for the first Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held August 17th, 2023. A notice will be sent out and published in the local newspaper with the meeting details. The PIC will provide an overview of the project, including the improvements to Highway 3 and the Talbotville Bypass, and the design alternatives where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, Wellington Road, and First Avenue. The PIC material will be available online for</p>

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	<p>Email received July 25, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for responding. My main concern is of course to the East which I understand there isn't a project for the commencement of that or assessment for that started yet.</p> <p>Mayor Preston and Sean Dyke both shared with media that the traffic was currently around 440 commuters and they expect with VW plant the amount of commuting to be almost 1600 vehicles. This is alarming since this doesn't even reflect the remaining industrial land (total of 2000 acres); ready for development that will bring in more traffic.</p> <p>When I look at the link you sent, the map showed 4 circles at some intersections to be connected. Are these going to be roundabouts? I ask because again Mayor Joe Preston stated that it will be a direct path from this industrial park to the highway so that the traffic would not slow down. That to me would suggest overpasses at intersections such as Wellington Road to keep the traffic flowing and not stopping. Are you able to elaborate on what that looks like yet? I am unfortunately away August 17th, but any info would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>I do appreciate your communication with me as we deal with the unknowns of the overall projects in the area.</p> <p>Thanks again,</p>		<p>public viewing and comment for about a month starting mid-August on the project website (link sent)</p> <p>Understanding that you are likely more concerned of what is happening east of Centennial based on our previous discussions, I can point you towards two of the studies being carried out by the City of St. Thomas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A roundabout at Highbury Avenue/Highway 3 (east of our study limits (link sent) 2. 2. A Major Arterial Roadway connection east of Highway 3/Centennial (Link sent) <p>In the future, the connection between the Major Arterial Roadway and Highway 3 beyond Yarmouth Centre Road towards Aylmer will be reviewed. Unfortunately, I do not have any more information on the scope/timing of that work.</p> <p>Please let me know if you would like to discuss further.</p> <p>Email Sent August 16, 2023:</p> <p>My apologies for the delayed response. Starting tomorrow afternoon, the Public Information Center material will be available online for public viewing and comment at highway3elgin.ca. The material should answer your questions as to what the corridor is proposed to look like.</p> <p>As for the traffic, the design will take into account the anticipated traffic growth from the proposed industrial park.</p>

Appendix B.2:
Public Information Centre 1 and Study Design Report

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. 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

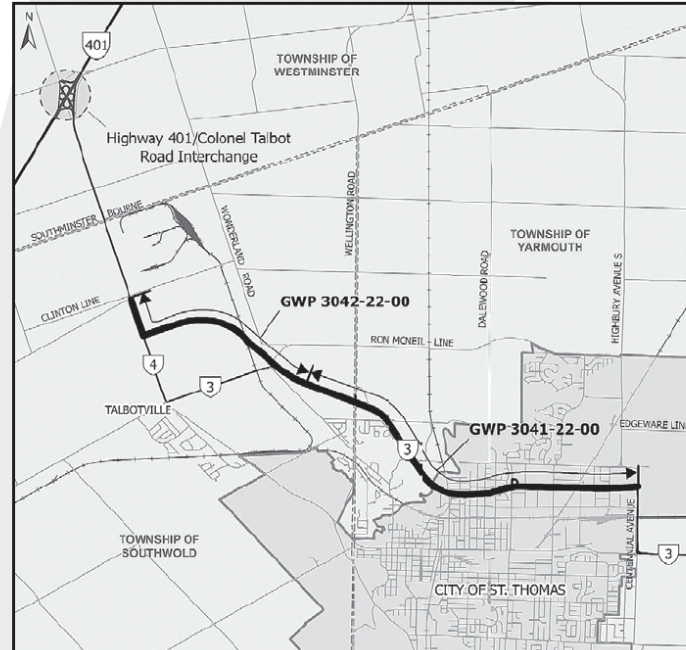
A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide the public and stakeholders with an opportunity to review the transportation needs assessment, existing conditions, alternatives to the undertaking and comment on project activities to date. The PIC will be a drop-in format, with members of the 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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All media inquiries shall be directed to MTO's Communications Branch at (416) 327-1158 or mto.media@ontario.ca.

Additional project information can be found at the study website where project information is made available as the study progresses (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.

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

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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

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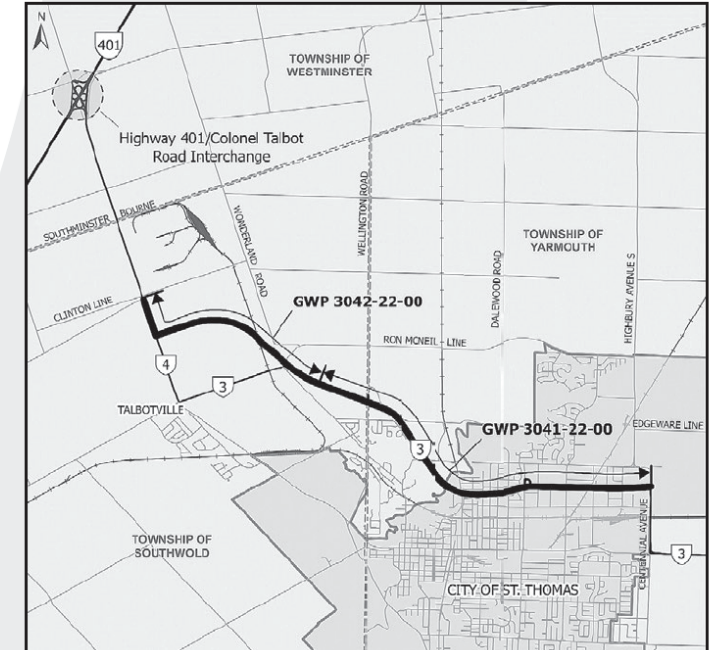
A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide the public and stakeholders with an opportunity to review the transportation needs assessment, existing conditions, alternatives to the undertaking and comment on project activities to date. The PIC will be a drop-in format, with members of the 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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All media inquiries shall be directed to MTO's Communications Branch at (416) 327-1158 or mto.media@ontario.ca.

Additional project information can be found at the study website where project information is made available as the study progresses (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.

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To: Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org
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Subject: Highway 3 Elgin - Notice of Public Information Centre and Study Design Report Review Period
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 12:34:00 PM
Attachments: [MPP Letter Hwy 4 Widening Talbotville Bypass Hwy 3 Twinning PIC1_SDR.pdf](#)
[Notice of PIC1_SDR Hwy 4 Widening Talbotville Bypass Hwy 3 Twinning.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,
Please see the attached letter and notice for the 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 Public Information Centre #1 and Study Design Report Review Period.
Thank you,
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Mr. Rob Flack, MPP
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Dear Mr. Rob Flack, MPP,

**Reference: Notice of Public Information Centre 1 & Study Design Report Period
Highway 4 Widening / Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)
Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment
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).

This project is both a Group 'A' and Group 'B' project under the Class EA and is 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 and are as followed in the project:

Group 'A' projects are considered new transportation facilities. 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).

Group 'B' projects are considered major improvements to existing transportation facilities. The following is being undertaken as a Group 'B' project (GWP 3041-22-00):

Reference: Notice of Public Information Centre 1 and Study Design Report Review Period
Highway 4 Widening / Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)
Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

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

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. The SDR summarizes the project Need and Justification, the Alternatives to the Undertaking, the Class EA process, and the consultation program.

The first in-person Public Information Centre (PIC) for the above-mentioned project is being held on August 17, 2023 as detailed in the attached notice. The PIC display boards will be available for your review on the study website at www.highway3elgin.ca on August 17, 2023. The project team is requesting that comments be submitted by Friday, September 15, 2023.

Notices to advise the public about the online PIC are being placed in the *Londoner and the St. Thomas Times Journal* on July 27th, 2023.

Should you have any comments, questions, or concerns, or wish to discuss anything in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.



Paula Hohner
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Attachment: Notice of PIC 1 and Study Design Report Review Period

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Subject: Hwy 4 Widening & Talbotville Bypass/Hwy 3 Twinning - Notice
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 4:08:00 PM
Attachments: [Notice of PIC1_SDR_Hwy 4 Widening Talbotville Bypass Hwy 3 Twinning.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,
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Subject: Hwy 4 Widening & Talbotville Bypass/Hwy 3 Twinning - Notice
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:53:00 AM
Attachments: [Notice of PIC1_SDR_Hwy 4 Widening Talbotville Bypass Hwy 3 Twinning.pdf](#)

Good morning,
The purpose of this email is to invite you to attend the Public Information Centre (PIC) in advance of the public session for the Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass, Highway 3 Twinning Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study. Details are provided below:

Date: August 17, 2023
Location: Talbotville United Church, 10734 Sunset Dr, St Thomas, ON N5P 3T2
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

As noted in my email yesterday, the public session is planned in the evening between **5:00 pm to 8:00 pm** on the same day and at the same location (see attached notice).

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Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023 12:07:20 PM
Attachments: [Notice of PIC1_SDR_Hwy 4 Widening Talbotville Bypass Hwy 3 Twinning.pdf](#)

Good morning,

We are preparing for our first Public Information Centre (PIC) for the 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 on August 17th. The attached notice will be sent out on Monday, July 24th to the project contact list and Canada Post Admail. In addition, the notice will be published in The Londoner and St. Thomas Times Journal on Thursday, July 27th. It would be great if you would post the notice on your municipal websites and social media accounts next week.

Please note, a separate email invite will be sent to municipalities, agencies, EMS, politicians to attend a pre-PIC session from 2:00 – 3:00 pm on August 17th.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else from me.

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Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:18:00 PM
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Highway 3 Twinning, Talbotville Bypass and Highway 4 Widening Public Information Centre 1

Preliminary Design, Detail Design and
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Welcome to

Public Information Centre 1



The purpose of this Public Information Centre is to present and gather your feedback on:

- Project background and the process being followed
- Transportation needs and opportunities in the study area
- Proposed cross-sections for the Talbotville Bypass and the Highway 3 twinning
- Alternative intersection configurations at Highway 4
- Alternative interchange configurations at Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road and Wellington Road
- Proposed improvements at First Avenue interchange
- Proposed evaluation process and evaluation criteria

Information related to this PIC is available on the project website www.highway3elgin.ca

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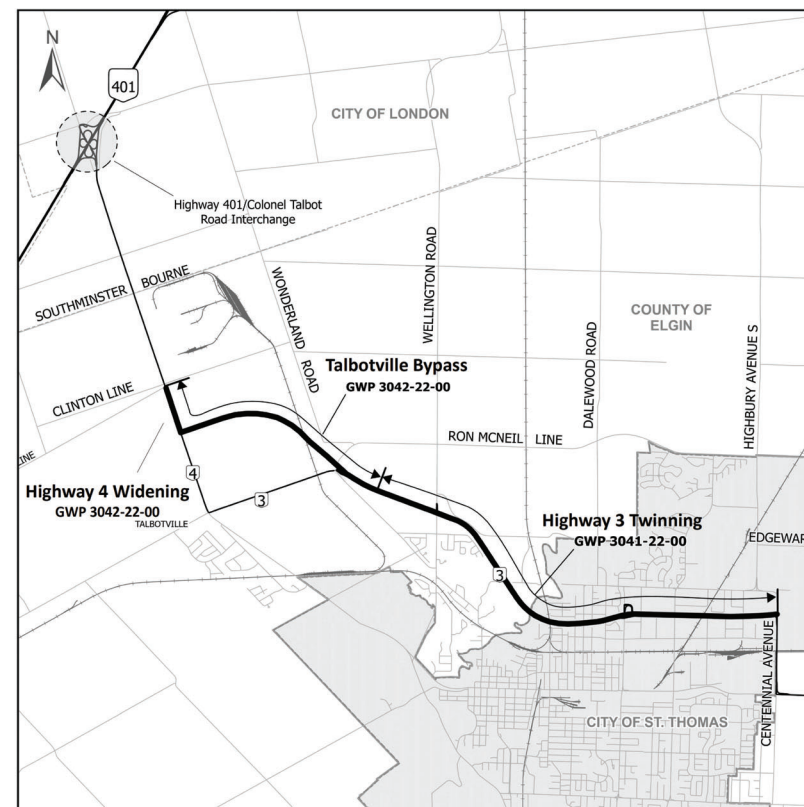
About The Project

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to undertake a Preliminary Design, Detail Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for improvements to Highway 3 from Highway 4 to Centennial Avenue in the City of St. Thomas. The study has been divided into two group work projects (GWPs).

- **Talbotville Bypass & Highway 4 Widening**, Township of Southwold (GWP 3042-22-00)
- **Highway 3 Twinning**, City of St. Thomas, Municipality of Central Elgin, Township of Southwold (GWP 3041-22-00)

This study is being carried out under the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for provincial transportation projects of a defined scope and magnitude.

The MTO Class EA process is an approved process for highway planning, design, and construction projects.



Study Area

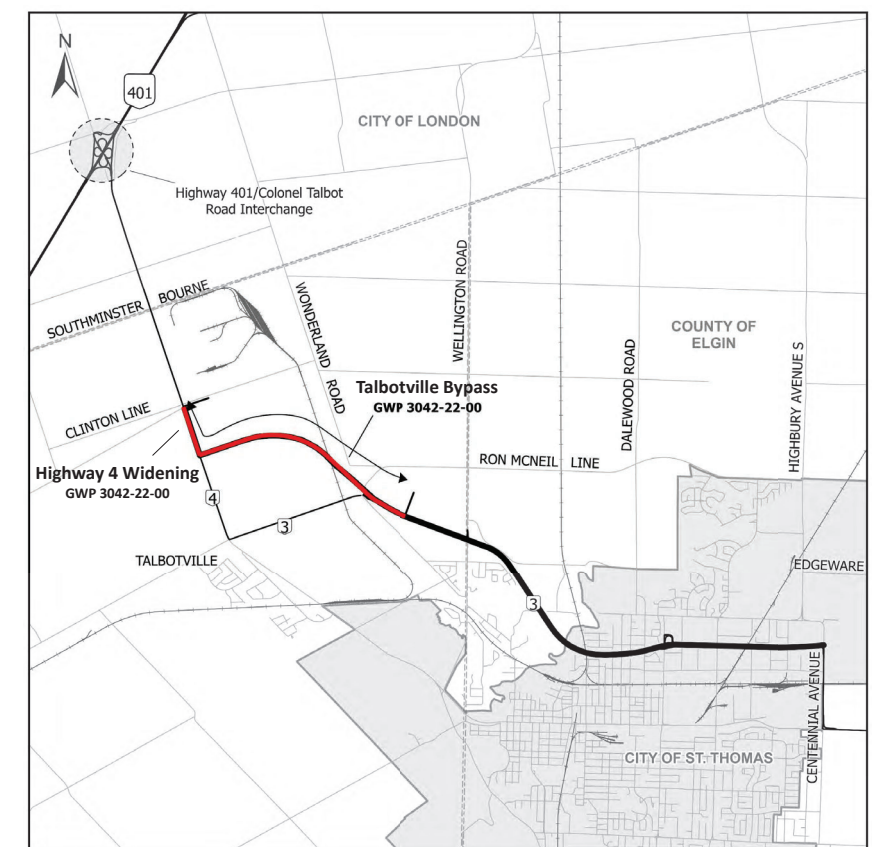
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Highway 4 Widening & Talbotville Bypass

The **Highway 4 Widening and Highway 3 Talbotville Bypass** project includes the following improvements:

- Widening of existing Highway 4 from two to four-lanes (from the new Talbotville Bypass to Clinton Line)
- A new Highway 3 alignment bypassing Talbotville (also known as the Talbotville Bypass), connecting Highway 3 near Ron McNeil Line to Highway 4
- Roundabout at Highway 4 and Talbotville Bypass
- Interchange at Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road
- Associated drainage and infrastructure improvements to facilitate the construction of the bypass, including construction of new culverts, and bridges

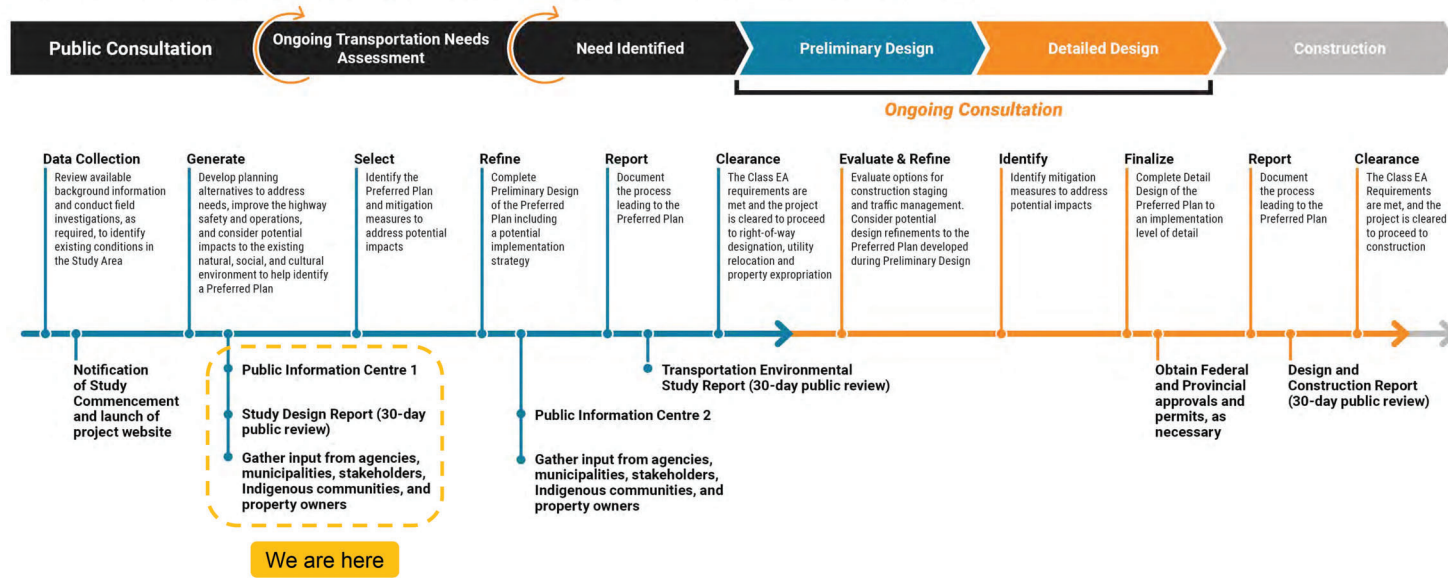
This project is being undertaken as a Group 'A' project, which is required for the construction of a new transportation facility and bypass.



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Class Environmental Assessment Process Group 'A' Project – Highway 4 Widening & Talbotville Bypass

THE CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR GROUP 'A' PROJECTS



Consultation will continue throughout the Class EA process.

Study Design Report Group 'A' Project – Highway 4 Widening & Talbotville Bypass

The submission of the Study Design Report marks the end of the project initiation stage. This stage of the study has included:

- Providing notice of the study commencement to the public, local municipalities, stakeholders, property owners, and external agencies
- Reviewing input received
- Initiating a review of background information available for the study area
- Identifying and documenting deficiencies, operational problems, and safety issues
- Reviewing and selecting the most suitable Alternative to the Undertaking

Study Design Report

A Study Design Report (SDR) is a requirement for Group 'A' projects following the Class EA process.

The purpose of this SDR is to summarize the study process that will be followed, document the planning decisions that have been made with respect to the assessment and selection of the Preferred Alternative to the Undertaking.

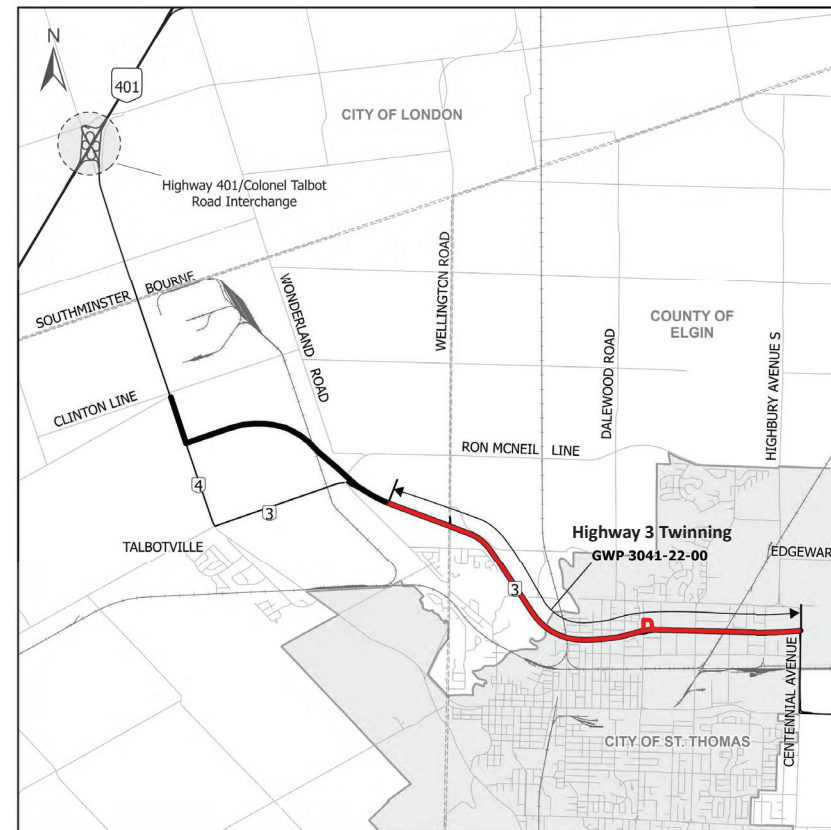
This report will provide the basis for moving the study forward with confidence once stakeholder comments regarding the above have been addressed. The Project Team will follow the plans and decisions outlined in this document unless modifications are made as a result of the consultation during the review of the SDR, or new and directly applicable information is obtained during the study.

The SDR is currently available for a 30-day public comment period on the project website (www.highway3elgin.ca) from August 17 to September 15, 2023.

Highway 3 Twinning

The **Highway 3 Twinning** project includes the following improvements:

- Twinning of Highway 3 through St. Thomas to the Township of Southwold (Centennial Avenue to Ron McNeil Line)
- Interchange at Wellington Road
- Improvements to First Avenue interchange
- Connection to proposed Centennial Avenue roundabout (study being completed by others)
- Twinning of Kettle Creek Bridge
- Associated drainage improvements (culverts and sewers), rehabilitation of existing bridges and assessment for noise barriers and retaining walls, as required

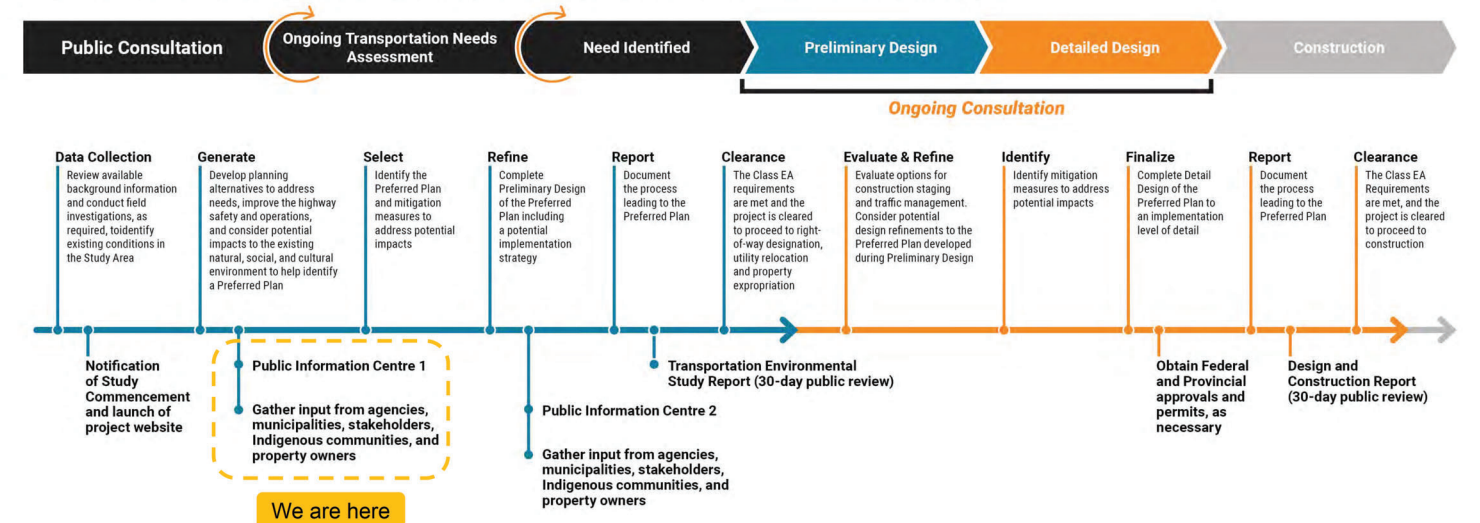


This project is being undertaken as a Group 'B' project, which is required for major improvements to existing provincial transportation facilities, such as improvements to interchanges where there may be major footprint modifications, and highway improvements where significant modification to the "footprint" beyond the roadbed of an existing highway is proposed.

Class Environmental Assessment Process

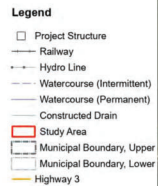
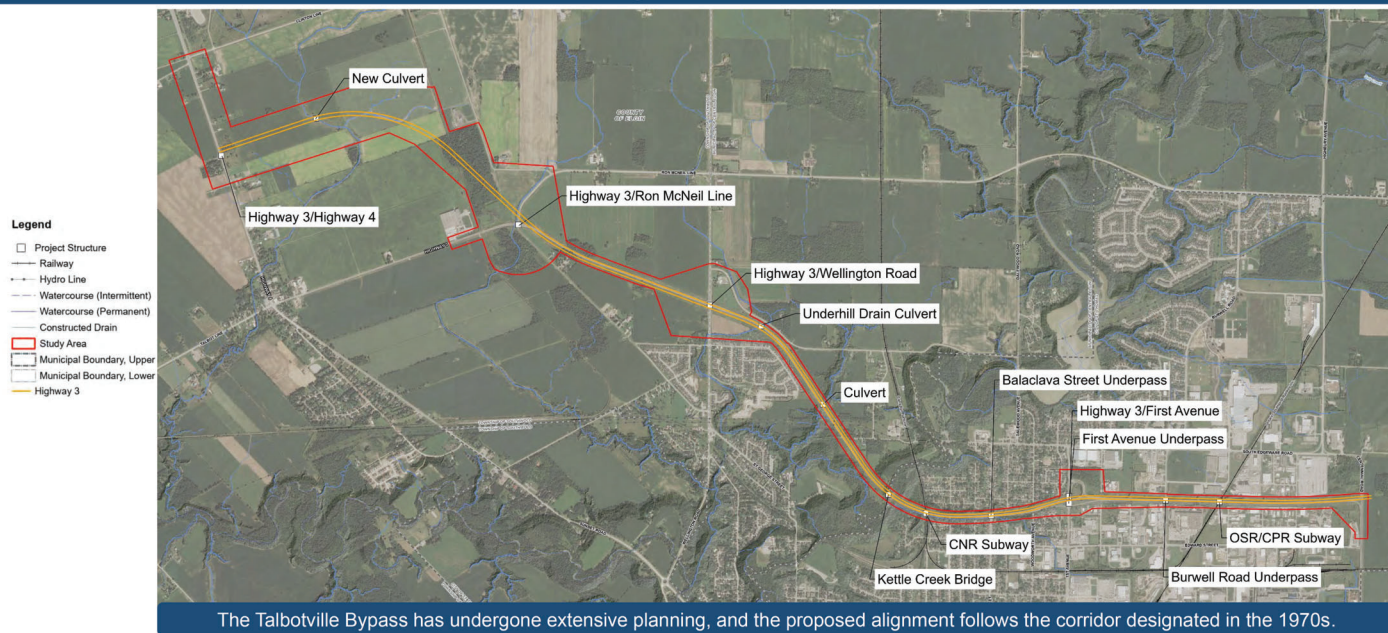
Group 'B' Project – Highway 3 Twinning

THE CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR GROUP 'B' PROJECTS



Consultation will continue throughout the Class EA process.

Project Overview



Bridges & Culverts

Bridges and culverts within the study area will need to be constructed, rehabilitated or replaced to accommodate the bypass and highway improvements. The following bridges and culverts are being assessed:

- New culverts as required
- Underhill Drain culvert
- Kettle Creek Bridge
- CNR subway
- Balaclava Street underpass
- First Avenue underpass
- Burwell Road underpass
- OSR/CPR subway

Highway Improvements

The study includes the following highway improvements:

- Highway 4 widening
- New Talbotville Bypass
- Highway 3 twinning
- Noise barriers and retaining walls, as required
- Illumination
- Roadside safety

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Intersection / Interchange Improvements

Improvements to the following intersections / interchanges are required to accommodate the bypass and/or highway improvements:

- Highway 4
- Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road
- Wellington Road
- First Avenue

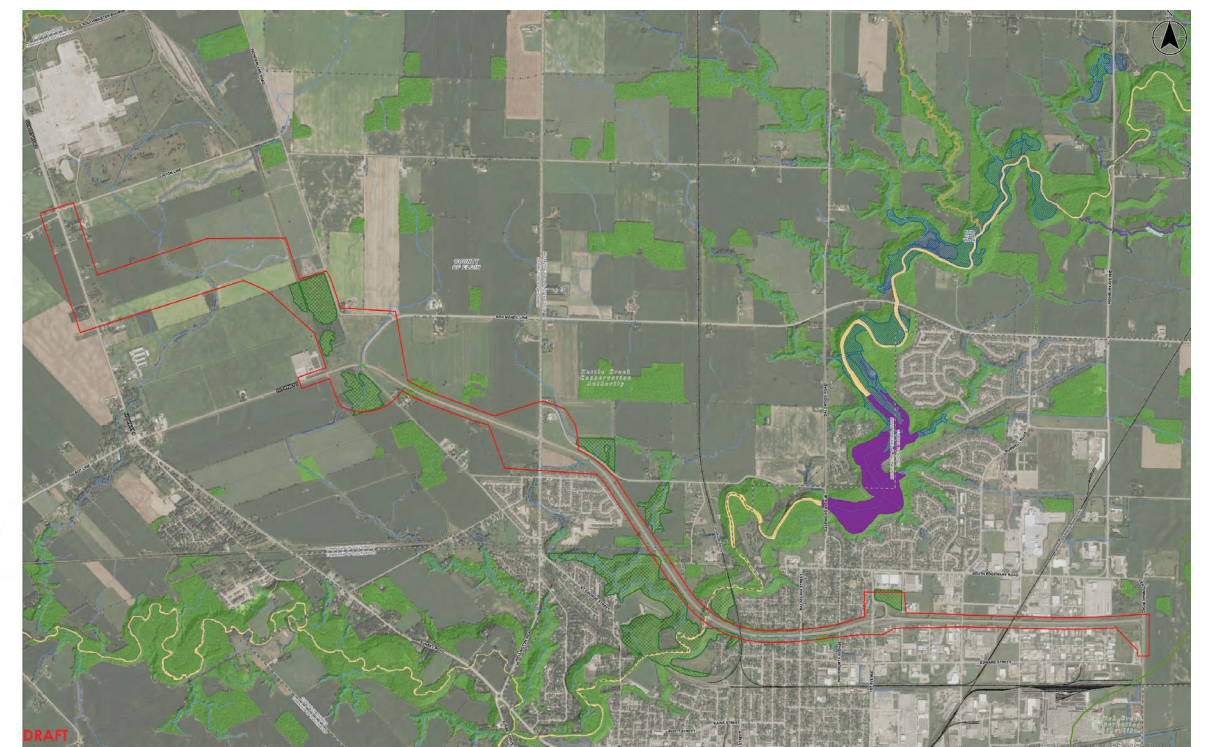
Drainage Improvements

Drainage improvements and stormwater management will be required throughout the study area to accommodate the bypass and highway improvements.

Existing Conditions - Environmental

Environmental investigations are being completed as part of this Class EA study, including but not limited to those listed below. These investigations will provide a detailed inventory of existing study area conditions.

- Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment
- Terrestrial Ecosystems Assessment
- Land Use / Socio-economic Assessment
- Fish and Fish Habitat Assessment
- Contamination Overview Study
- Noise Assessment
- Surface Water and Ground Water
- Tree Inventory
- Sediment and Erosion Risk Assessment



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Existing Conditions - Highways



Highway 4 looking south towards Talbotville.

Highway 4

- Currently an undivided four-lane road with median turning lanes from Highway 401 southerly to approximately Clinton Line.
- The highway becomes a two-lane road south of Clinton Line to the Village of Talbotville.
- There is a signalized intersection at Highway 4 and Highway 3 in the Village of Talbotville.
- The shoulders along the road are partially paved.
- Active transportation permitted but not part of the Province-wide Cycling Network.
- 80 km/h posted speed limit.



Highway 3 east of CNR Subway looking west.

Highway 3

- Two-lane undivided, Controlled-Access-Highway (CAH) that passes through the City of St. Thomas. Originally constructed to accommodate a four-lane divided highway with a 15.0 m wide median.
- There are bridges (underpasses) at Balaclava Street, Burwell Road, and at two railway lines.
- There is an interchange at First Avenue and intersections at Wellington Road and Ron McNeil Line. The intersection at Wellington Road is signalized, and Ron McNeil Line includes a two-way stop for vehicles on Ron McNeil Line and Ford Road.
- Active transportation is not permitted east of Ron McNeil Line / Ford Road.
- 80 km/h posted speed limit.

Existing Conditions - Intersections & Interchanges



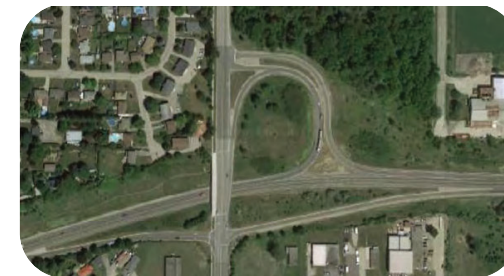
Ron McNeil Line Intersection

- This is a two-way stop controlled intersection that accommodates two-lanes of traffic on Highway 3.
- Wonderland Road connects with Ron McNeil Line northeast of the Highway 3 intersection.
- Ron McNeil Line has a posted speed of 80 km/h and Ford Road has a posted speed of 60 km/h.



Wellington Road Intersection

- This is a signalized intersection that accommodates two-lanes of traffic on Highway 3.
- Wellington Road has a posted speed of 80 km/h and transitions to 50 km/h south of the intersection with Highway 3.



First Avenue Interchange

- This is a diamond design on the south side and a Parclo A design on the north side of the interchange.
- First Avenue is a four-lane undivided road with sidewalk only on the west side of the underpass structure and a posted speed of 60 km/h.

Transportation Needs Assessment

The purpose of the study is to identify a Preferred Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs in the study area as part of MTO's ongoing review of safety and operational needs for the provincial highway network. This study will include reviewing existing conditions, developing and evaluating alternatives, identifying a preferred plan, and developing environmental protection/mitigation measures. A Preferred Plan will be confirmed and designated (i.e., protected) as part of the study.

Problems






- Traffic on Highway 3 and Highway 4 through Talbotville will continue to increase as recent and future industrial, commercial and residential growth occurs, which will impact safety in the community.
- Highway 3 is a two-lane undivided highway with at-grade intersections, which is not suitable for the anticipated increase in traffic generated by the recent and future industrial, commercial and residential growth.

Opportunities

- Highway 3 improvements and Talbotville Bypass are being planned as a provincial project to support future industrial, commercial and residential growth in the County of Elgin and St. Thomas areas. It will aim to address projected travel demand and aid in network connectivity in the area.
- Provide a four-lane divided Highway 3 between Centennial Avenue and Highway 4 to enhance safety and operations.
- Replace existing at-grade intersections with interchanges to promote free-flow movement along Highway 3 through the majority of the study area.

Alternatives to the Undertaking

The Class EA requires that 'reasonable alternatives' be considered to address identified challenges and opportunities. This involves two levels of analysis. The Alternatives to the Undertaking considers a broad range of alternatives that could address the project needs. Once the best alternative is selected, the Alternative Methods of Carrying out the Undertaking can be studied. A summary of the Alternatives to the Undertaking screened for this study are provided below:

<p>Do Nothing</p> <p>Area transportation system would be limited to maintenance of current transportation infrastructure and the implementation of approved provincial and municipal initiatives</p>	<p></p> <p>Does not address the needs and opportunities for the study area. Do not carry forward.</p>
<p>Optimize the Existing Area Transportation System</p> <p>Optimize the existing area transportation system by Travel Demand Management (TDM) and Transportation Systems Management (TSM). TDM will improve the operation of transportation by managing travel demand during peak hours. TSM will improve the transportation system through strategies and technology policy initiatives.</p>	<p></p> <p>Does not address the needs and opportunities for the study area. Do not carry forward.</p>
<p>Expanded / New Non-Road Infrastructure</p> <p>Initiatives including new or improved local transit service for public transportation, increased freight rail services for goods movement, provide inter-regional transit and passenger rail and/or provincial transitways through new/increased services.</p>	<p></p> <p>Does not address the needs and opportunities for the study area. Do not carry forward.</p>
<p>Widen / Enhance Existing Road Network</p> <p>Widen/enhance municipal arterial roads to improve capacity and operations and provide congestion relief on existing facilities through additional lanes to increase the performance of the transportation network.</p>	<p></p> <p>Does not address the needs and opportunities for the study area. Do not carry forward.</p>
<p>Improve Highway 3 & Highway 4</p> <p>Includes the twinning and extension of Highway 3 (bypass) and widening of Highway 4 to provide improved capacity and operations.</p>	<p></p> <p>Addresses the needs and opportunities for the study area. Carry forward.</p>

Evaluation Process



Step 1 – Identify Evaluation Factors & Criteria

Evaluation criteria are established through:

- public input
- similar projects
- provincial guidelines
- existing conditions

Please see the next board for the draft criteria.



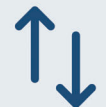
Step 2 - Screen Alternatives

Several alternatives will be identified and screened based on their ability to satisfy the engineering or environmental goals of the evaluation process. Feasible alternatives will be carried forward for more detailed evaluation against the evaluation criteria.



Step 3 - Evaluate Alternatives

The evaluation process will consider a range of engineering and environmental (natural, socio-economic and cultural) factors in the study area. Alternatives will be evaluated using a comparative analysis based on the evaluation criteria and consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative. The evaluation process will provide an objective approach to the analysis and evaluation of each alternative.



Step 4 - Rank Alternatives

Each alternative will be ranked to provide an overall recommendation (Most Preferred, Moderately Preferred, Least Preferred). This is the basis for identifying the Preferred Plan.



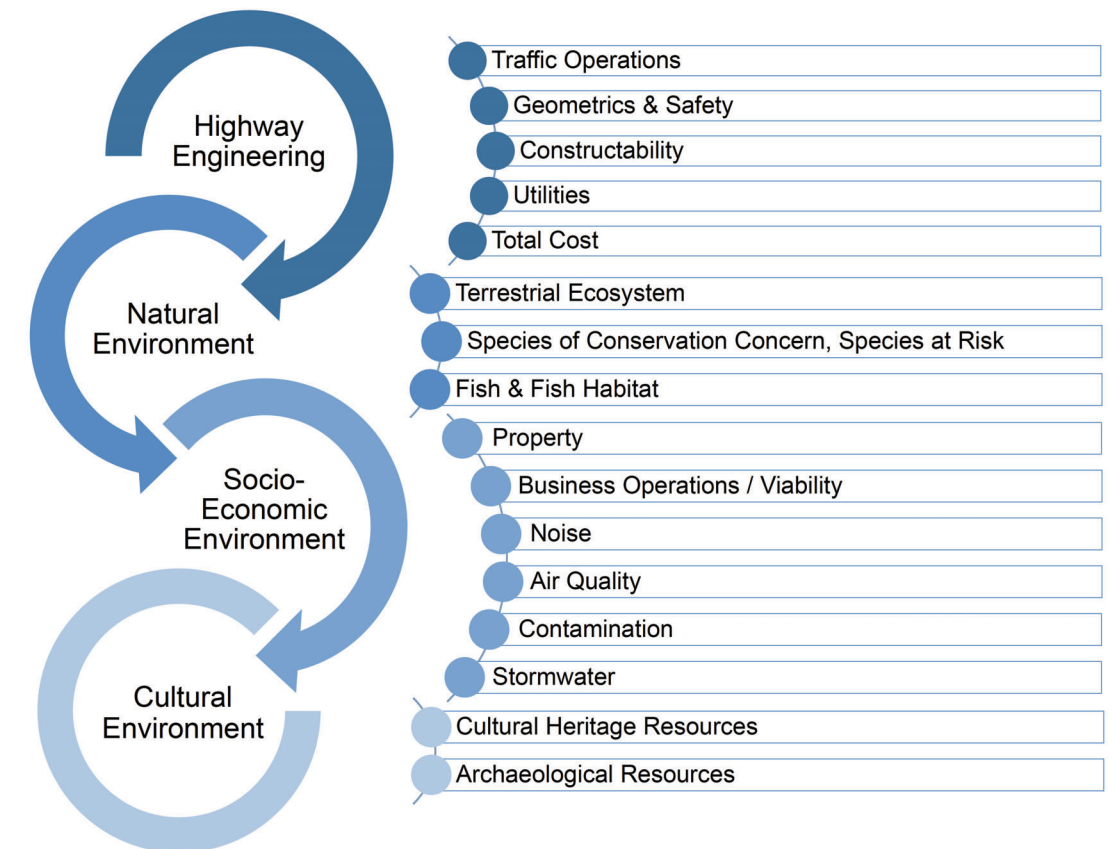
Step 5 – Preferred Plan

The Preferred Plan will be selected and presented to the public, stakeholders and external agencies at the second PIC.

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Preliminary Evaluation Criteria

The following factors and criteria will be used to evaluate the alternatives carried forward:

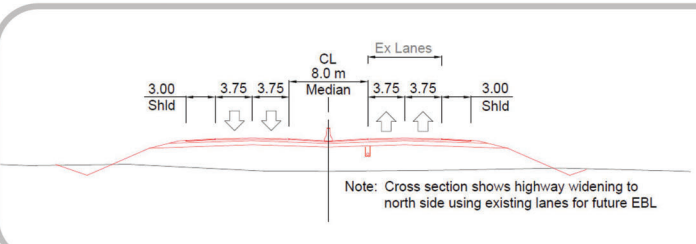


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Highway 3 Cross-Section Alternatives

Preliminary assessment of Highway 3 and Talbotville Bypass cross-section alternatives:

- Carried forward
- Screened out



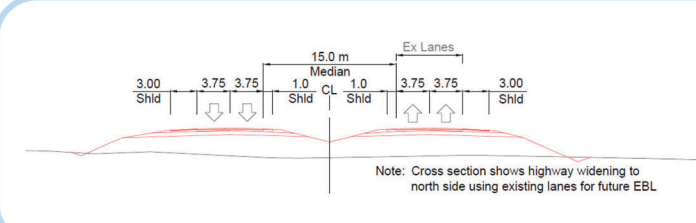
Alternative 1 – 8.0 m Median

Advantages

- Allows for future widening to the outside
- May minimize impacts to existing storm sewer within ROW

Disadvantages

- If the existing lanes remain in current location, then the twinning would not be centred within the ROW
- Does not align well with existing bridge piers in the future median
- Would require concrete median tall wall and median storm sewer



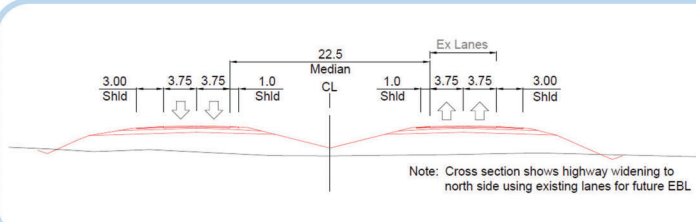
Alternative 2 – 15.0 m Median

Advantages

- Consistent with historical intent for twinning of this highway to centre the eastbound (EB) and westbound (WB) lanes within the ROW

Disadvantages

- Requires consideration for median protection
- May impact existing storm sewer in the ROW



Alternative 3 – 22.5 m Median

Advantages

- No median protection required
- Standard median width for a divided highway

Disadvantages

- Is not consistent with historical intent for twinning of this highway
- Would require modifications to existing bridge abutments/slope paving
- May impact existing storm sewer within the ROW



The 15.0 m median will be implemented where the road footprint has constraints (i.e., property impacts).
The 22.5 m median will be implemented along Highway 3 where feasible.

Highway 4 Intersection Alternatives

Preliminary Assessment of Highway 4 Intersection Alternatives:

- LEGEND
- New roadway
 - Limit of MTO right of way
 - Potential Property Impacts
- Carried forward
 - Screened out



Alternative 1: Roundabout Inline with Highway 4

Advantages

- Smaller green space footprint compared to Alternatives 2 & 3

Disadvantages

- More property required along west side of Highway 4
- Greater impacts to existing traffic with extensive construction staging required on Highway 4
- Potential utility conflicts along the west side of Highway 4



Alternative 2: Roundabout Offset of Highway 4

Advantages

- Off-line construction of the roundabout reduces impacts to traffic on Highway 4
- Opportunity to provide a E-N bypass lane

Disadvantages

- Property required in north-east quadrant
- Larger green space footprint compared to Alternative 1



Alternative 3: Roundabout Highway 3 Bypass to Highway 4 Mainline

Advantages

- Off-line construction of the roundabout reduces impacts to traffic on Highway 4

Disadvantages

- Property required in north-east quadrant
- Larger green space footprint compared to Alternative 1
- More realignment of Highway 4 required on approach to roundabout

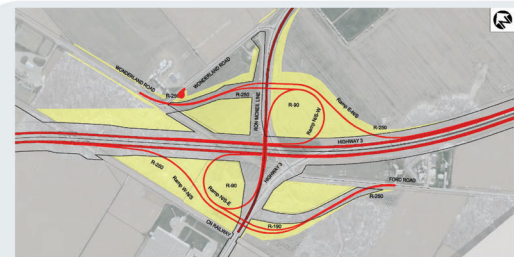


Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road Interchange Alternatives

Preliminary assessment of Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road interchange alternatives:

LEGEND
 New roadway
 Limit of MTO right of way
 Potential Property Impacts

 Carried forward
 Screened out



Alternative 1: Parclo A2

Advantages

- Loop ramp radii (R-90) meet minimum standard for 100 km/h Design Speed
- Higher traffic capacity compared to Diamond interchange
- Direct connection to Wonderland Road

Disadvantages

- Ramp terminal intersection with Ford Road too close to railway crossing
- Larger footprint than Diamond interchange
- Higher cost compared to Diamond interchange



Alternative 2: Parclo A2

Advantages

- Loop ramp radii (R-90) for ramp N/S-W meets minimum standard for 100 km/h Design Speed
- Ramp terminal intersection with Ford Road provides good separation from railway crossing
- Higher traffic capacity compared to Diamond interchange
- Direct connection to Wonderland Road

Disadvantages

- Larger footprint than Diamond interchange
- Loop ramp N/S-E radius (R-55) does not meet minimum standard for 100 km/h Design Speed
- Higher cost compared to Diamond interchange



Alternative 3: Parclo A3 (Ford Road closed with cul-de-sac)

Advantages

- Loop ramp radii (R-90) for ramp N/S-W meets minimum standard for 100 km/h Design Speed
- Direct ramp S-E eliminate left-turn conflicts and potentially reduces collision severity
- Ramp terminal intersection has good separation from railway crossing
- Higher traffic capacity compared to Diamond interchange
- Direct connection to Wonderland Road

Disadvantages

- Larger footprint than Diamond interchange
- Loop ramp N-E radius (R-55) does not meet minimum standard for 100 km/h Design Speed
- Direct ramp S-E radius (R-130) does not meet minimum standard for 100 km/h Design Speed
- Ford Road closed with cul-de-sac



Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road Interchange Alternatives (cont'd)

Preliminary assessment of Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road interchange alternatives cont'd:

LEGEND
 New roadway
 Limit of MTO right of way
 Potential Property Impacts

 Carried forward
 Screened out



Alternative 4: Parclo AB (Ford Road closed with cul-de-sac)

Advantages

- Higher traffic capacity compared to Diamond interchange
- Direct connection to Wonderland Road

Disadvantages

- Larger footprint than Diamond interchange
- Loop ramp exit on freeways are less desirable than direct ramps
- Ramp terminal intersection close to railway crossing
- Ford Road closed with cul-de-sac
- Higher cost compared to Diamond interchange



Alternative 5: Diamond (Ford Road closed with cul-de-sac)

Advantages

- Smaller footprint than Parclo interchanges
- Suitable where the through movements on crossing roads are high
- Lower cost compared to Parclo interchanges

Disadvantages

- Lower traffic capacity than a Parclo configuration
- Potential for left-turn conflicts and potential for higher collision severity
- No direct connection to Wonderland Road



Alternative 6: Parclo A/Diamond (Ford Road closed with cul-de-sac)

Advantages

- Higher traffic capacity for westbound ramps compared to the full Diamond interchange
- Ramp terminal intersection provides good separation from railway crossing
- Direct connection to Wonderland Road
- Loop ramp radii (R-90) meets minimum standard for 100 km/h Design Speed

Disadvantages

- Larger footprint than Diamond interchange
- Ford Road closed with cul-de-sac
- Higher cost compared to full Diamond interchange
- Lower traffic capacity for eastbound on-ramp compared to Parclo-A



Wellington Road Interchange Alternatives

Preliminary Assessment of Wellington Road Interchange Alternatives:

LEGEND

- New roadway
- Limit of MTO right of way
- Potential Property Impacts
- Carried forward
- Screened out



Alternative 1: Parclo A4 (On Existing Alignment)

Advantages

- Maintains tangent horizontal alignment of Wellington Road
- Higher traffic capacity compared to Diamond interchange

Disadvantages

- Requires temporary detour and intersection during bridge interchange
- Larger footprint than Diamond interchange
- Higher cost compared to Diamond interchange



Alternative 2: Parclo A4 (Alignment Shifted to West)

Advantages

- Higher traffic capacity compared to Diamond interchange
- Existing intersection to be maintained with minor detour during bridge construction

Disadvantages

- Shifted horizontal alignment on Wellington Road introduces less than desirable back-to-back curves
- Larger footprint than Diamond interchange
- Higher cost compared to Diamond interchange



Alternative 3: Parclo A4 (Larger Inner Loop on South Side)

Advantages

- Maintains tangent horizontal alignment of Wellington Road
- Higher traffic capacity compared to Diamond interchange

Disadvantages

- Larger footprint than Diamond interchange and Parclo-A interchange (Alternatives 1 and 2)
- Requires temporary detour and intersection during bridge construction
- Higher cost compared to Diamond interchange
- Proximity of south ramp terminal to McBain Line



Wellington Road Interchange Alternatives (cont'd)

Preliminary Assessment of Wellington Road Interchange Alternatives cont'd:

LEGEND

- New roadway
- Limit of MTO right of way
- Potential Property Impacts
- Carried forward
- Screened out



Alternative 4: Parclo AB

Advantages

- Maintains tangent horizontal alignment of Wellington Road
- Higher traffic capacity compared to Diamond interchange

Disadvantages

- Larger footprint than Diamond interchange
- Loop ramp exit on freeways are less desirable than direct ramps
- Higher cost compared to Diamond interchange
- N/S-W ramp speed change lane would overlap with E-N/S off-ramp at Ron McNeil Road Interchange
- Requires temporary detour and intersection during bridge construction



Alternative 5: Diamond

Advantages

- Maintains tangent horizontal alignment of Wellington Road
- Smaller footprint than Parclo A
- Lower cost than Parclo A

Disadvantages

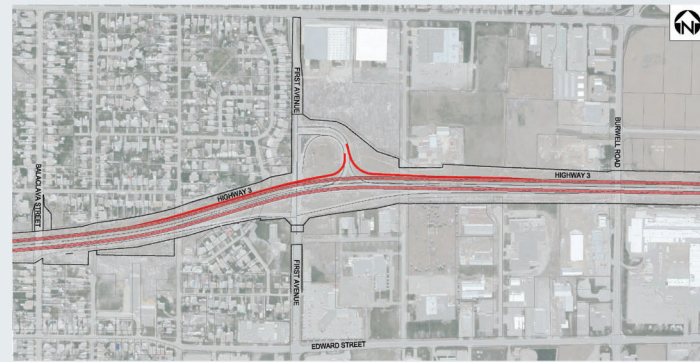
- Lower traffic capacity than Parclo A
- Requires temporary detour and intersection during bridge construction
- Potential for left-turn conflicts and potential for higher collision severity



First Avenue Interchange Alternatives

Preliminary Assessment of First Avenue Interchange Alternatives:

- LEGEND
- New roadway
 - Limit of MTO right of way
 - Potential Property Impacts
 - Carried forward
 - Screened out



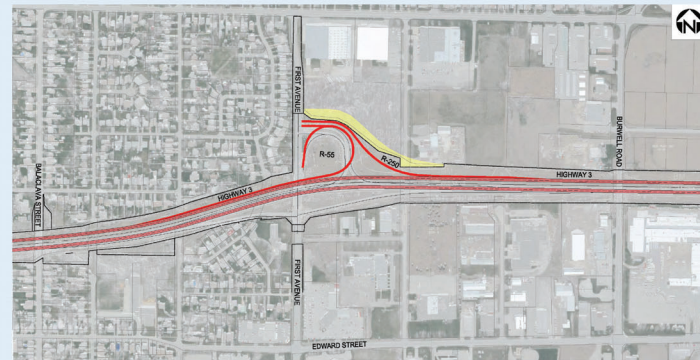
Alternative 1: Minor Improvements

Advantages

- Can utilize existing loop ramp platform
- Requires less property than Alternative 2

Disadvantages

- Substandard ramp alignments



Alternative 2: Parclo A2 North, Existing Ramps South

Advantages

- R-55 loop ramp radius meets minimum standard for 80 km/h Design Speed
- New ramp alignments are consistent with new WB lanes

Disadvantages

- More relocation required for ramp terminal intersection than Alternative 1
- Construction of Ramp E-N/S may impact existing storm sewer
- Requires more property acquisition than Alternative 1



Alternatives to Carry Forward

The following alternatives are being carried forward for evaluation:

Highway Cross-Section

- Alternative 2: 15.0 m Median
- Alternative 3: 22.5 m Median

Highway 4 Intersection

- Alternative 2: Roundabout Offset of Highway 4
- Alternative 3: Roundabout Highway 3 Bypass to Highway 4 Mainline

Ron McNeil / Wonderland Road Interchange

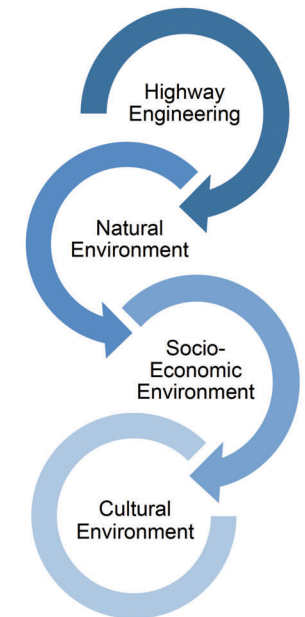
- Alternative 2: Parclo A2
- Alternative 3: Parclo A3
- Alternative 6: Parclo A

Wellington Road Interchange

- Alternative 1: Parclo A4 (On Existing Alignment)
- Alternative 2: Parclo A4 (Alignment Shifted to West)
- Alternative 3: Parclo A4 (Larger Inner Loop on South Side)
- Alternative 4: Parclo AB
- Alternative 5: Diamond

First Avenue Interchange

- Alternative 2: Parclo A2 North, Existing Ramps South



Property impacts associated with the improvements are anticipated. Property needs will be further identified as the study progresses and will be subject to change as the design is further refined. A property brochure is available upon request and on the project website.

As property needs are identified, property owners will be notified.

Next Steps in the Process

The steps below will be completed following this PIC:

- Complete 30-day public comment period for the SDR
- Review, consider and respond to the comments received
- Complete the evaluation of the alternatives carried forward
- Identify potential impacts and mitigation measures
- Prepare for and host PIC 2 to present and gather feedback on the evaluation of alternatives and Preferred Plan (tentatively scheduled for fall 2023)
- Prepare Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) for 30-day public comment period

Transportation Environmental Study Report

The Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design process for the Talbotville Bypass, widening of Highway 4 and twinning of Highway 3 will be summarized in separate TESR for each project (one for the bypass, one for the twinning).

The purpose of the TESR is to describe the project, document input received from the public, external ministries, relevant stakeholders, agencies and municipalities, provide an overview of the alternatives considered during the study, document the evaluation of the alternatives, the Preferred Plan, and impacts and mitigation measures. The TESR's will be made available for a 30-day public review.

Following the Preliminary Design and TESR review period, the Detail Design process for the Preferred Plan will commence.

Ways to Provide Your Feedback



Visit the Study website:
<http://www.highway3elgin.ca/>



Email comments@highway3elgin.ca



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**We would appreciate receiving your comments by September 15, 2023.
Thank you for your interest in this study!**

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to satisfy the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.



Before PIC Meeting

**Highway 3 Twinning/ Bypass
from the Highway 3 (Talbotville) corridor from Highway 4 (St. Thomas)**

Contact Information	Issue/Concern	Action Taken	Commitment/Response
	<p>Voicemail received July 27, 2023: Requested to be on the contact list</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Phone call returned August 25, 2023 to obtain contact information for the contact list. Also provided information about PIC 1 and the project website.</p>
	<p>Email received August 4, 2023: I am responding to your article of Thur July 23rd in the Times Journal regarding the changes to joining the highways 3 bypass to 4. My question is, what is the plan regarding the bypass/Wonderland Road/Ron McNeil intersection , if there is one ? Since Wonderland is a main road, there should be some kind of interchange there . Wonderland is also a direct route to 401 and London . The getting on to Wonderland from Ron McNeil is already strange . One hopes that this will be improved at this time ——— by a roundabout big enough for big trucks to handle it without difficulty.—— or a stop light.</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Email sent September 6, 2023: Thank you for your interest in the study. The design alternatives under consideration include an interchange connection to Wonderland Road in the area where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road. These alternatives were presented at the Public Information Centre held on August 17, 2023 at the Talbotville United Church. The information presented is available on the project website under “Documentation – Public Information Centre 1” at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience. The preferred alternative will be presented at the next Public Information Centre planned for this fall. Please let us know if you have any further questions. Your name and email address have been added to the project contact list.</p>



Before PIC Meeting

**Highway 3 Twinning/ Bypass
from the Highway 3 (Talbotville) corridor from Highway 4 (St. Thomas)**

Contact Information	Issue/Concern	Action Taken	Commitment/Response
	<p>Email Received August 10, 2023: I would request that you please add my name and email to the study mailing list.</p> <p>Thank you kindly.</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Email Sent August 10, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. I can confirm your name has been added to the project contact list. Please see the attached Notice of Public Information Centre coming up on August 17th in case you have not yet received.</p>
	<p>Email received August 14, 2023: Asked to be on mailing list</p>	Added to project mailing list	<p>Email sent August 14, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. We have added your name to the mailing list as requested. Have a good day, Paula</p>
	<p>Email received August 11, 2023:</p> <p>I seen people the other day right behind our shed in our backyard on the other side of the fence. I'm assuming taking soil samples and so on.</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Email sent September 6, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study and apologies for the slow response.</p> <p>We are in the early stages of the preliminary design and environmental assessment process and part of that process will be assessing the existing</p>



**Highway 3 Twinning/ Bypass
from the Highway 3 (Talbotville) corridor from Highway 4 (St. Thomas)**

Contact Information	Issue/Concern	Action Taken	Commitment/Response
	<p>My question is this road has already gotten increasingly busier since the pandemic with way more trucks on it than were on it before. The V.W plant is supposedly going to create 3000 jobs. So that's going to be a whack of more cars that are going to and from on this road and trucks. Is there any intentions on putting a sound bearing wall up along the people's homes on McBain that back on to Highway 3 to deal with the excessive new noise that's going to be there because of this. The "full" trees that are currently there that block the little bit of noise in the summer are not their year-round. When the cold weather comes the leaves fall off and it's like there's nothing there at all to block the noise coming through It is noticeably louder in the winter time due to this. The addition of expanding cities and doing these things is supposed to improve people's lives</p>		<p>and future projected traffic volumes, and the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor. As part of the EA, studies are being undertaken such as geotechnical, foundations, traffic, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology, and noise studies. This work is ongoing, and findings will be presented as the study progresses. You are correct that some of that fieldwork has involved drilling and soil sampling.</p> <p>A Public Information Centre was held on August 17, 2023. The materials that were available for review are available on our project website under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions. Your name and email address has been added to the project contact list.</p>



Before PIC Meeting

**Highway 3 Twinning/ Bypass
from the Highway 3 (Talbotville) corridor from Highway 4 (St. Thomas)**

Contact Information	Issue/Concern	Action Taken	Commitment/Response
	<p>with little impact on people's lives most people's bedrooms are out the back of the house so we're all the noise is coming from. I understand that there's going to be disruption during the construction phase, but it shouldn't be to punish those that have lived somewhere this was never a plan when they bought their homes over 20 years ago. The people of Central Elgin already get hosed on property taxes and on their water rates \$\$\$\$.</p> <p>I'm really hoping this is not going to be another item to add to the list of why central Elgin sucks!</p> <p>Awaiting your reply. Thank you.</p>		
	<p>Email received August 11, 2023: Good afternoon</p> <p>with the widening of the road to four lanes will the be new sound barriers put in for the current and future residents? Currently, there is nothing and it does make it hard</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent September 6, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name and email address have been added to the project contact list.</p> <p>We are in the early stages of the preliminary design and environmental assessment process and part of that</p>



Before PIC Meeting

**Highway 3 Twinning/ Bypass
from the Highway 3 (Talbotville) corridor from Highway 4 (St. Thomas)**

Contact Information	Issue/Concern	Action Taken	Commitment/Response
	to sleep at night or during the day during the hours of 4am and 11pm. Just curious if this has been mentioned?		<p>process will be assessing the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor. As part of the EA, studies are being undertaken such as geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise studies. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses.</p> <p>A Public Information Centre was held on August 17, 2023. The materials that were available for review are available on our project website here under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Email received August 13, 2023 Hello,</p> <p>My name is _____ I'm a home owner</p>	Added to project mailing list	<p>Email sent September 6, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Please see below for responses to your two questions.</p>



Before PIC Meeting

**Highway 3 Twinning/ Bypass
from the Highway 3 (Talbotville) corridor from Highway 4 (St. Thomas)**

Contact Information	Issue/Concern	Action Taken	Commitment/Response
	<p>I'm looking to greater understand the proposed changes to highway 3 and how this will impact my property and living quality.</p> <p>1. How far will the proposed changes eat into the bush and distance between my fence and the road?</p> <p>2. Are you planning to put up a sound barrier wall?</p> <p>I look forward to your response.</p>		<p>1. How far will the proposed changes eat into the bush and distance between my fence and the road?</p> <p>The project team is currently assessing potential property impacts in the vicinity</p> <p>There may also be tree cutting required within this area. More details will be provided as the design progresses and at the next Public Information Centre planned for this fall.</p> <p>2. Are you planning to put up a sound barrier wall? We are in the early stages of the preliminary design and environmental assessment process and part of that process will be assessing the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor. As part of the EA, studies are being undertaken such as geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology, and noise studies. This work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses.</p> <p>A Public Information Centre was held on August 17, 2023. The materials presented are available for review on our</p>



Before PIC Meeting

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Contact Information	Issue/Concern	Action Taken	Commitment/Response
			<p>project website here under “Documentation – Public Information Centre 1” at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions. Your name and email address have been added to the project contact list.</p>
	<p>Email received August 15, 2023:</p> <p>I read the Aylmer Express every week and just about every week people are complaining about traffic. Aylmer and Springfield complain about the increase of heavy trucks and other traffic disturbing their way of life. People are reporting that it is becoming dangerous to walk and drive in these towns. Vehicles looking to bypass Aylmer are using back roads as alternatives. The intersections at Imperial road and John wise line has an increase of accidents. Imperial road and Ron Macneil line also has increased accidents. Approximately 50 years ago studies were made that</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list</p>	<p>Email sent September 6, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study and apologies for the slow response. I can confirm your name has been added to the project contact list.</p> <p>The Ministry is undertaking a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the existing Highway 3 from Centennial Avenue to Highway 4. The proposed extension of Highway 3 from St. Thomas to east of Aylmer is outside the current scope of this project. However, the Ministry is looking to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study of Highway 3 east of St. Thomas. This study will be subject to funding and approvals. Your comments will also be shared with</p>



Before PIC Meeting

**Highway 3 Twinning/ Bypass
from the Highway 3 (Talbotville) corridor from Highway 4 (St. Thomas)**

Contact Information	Issue/Concern	Action Taken	Commitment/Response
	<p>implied that increased traffic would warrant the extension to highway 3 bypass from St Thomas to the east of Aylmer. This highway would help solve many of these concerns and make the towns and roadways safer and save lives. The addition of the plants in St Thomas will increase traffic in these areas, making it more dangerous than it is now. Workers from the east end of Elgin would like safer roads to St Thomas for work. Truckers would also like driving through the area safer. The province needs to know this and keep their promise of 50 years ago. The province is making changes to the roads to help traffic to London, why not Elgin County.</p> <p>Elgin County resident.</p>		<p>others, including the County of Elgin for their information.</p> <p>A Public Information Centre was conducted on August 17, 2023. The materials that were available for review are available on our project website here under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Email received August 16, 2023: Good Morning,</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent August 28, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study and apologies for the slow response. I</p>



Before PIC Meeting

**Highway 3 Twinning/ Bypass
from the Highway 3 (Talbotville) corridor from Highway 4 (St. Thomas)**

Contact Information	Issue/Concern	Action Taken	Commitment/Response
	<p>I would like to request that myself and (cc'd to this email) please be added to the mailing list for the ongoing Class EA for the Highway 4 Talbotville Bypass/Highway 3 Twinning Project in Southwold?</p> <p>Please confirm receipt of this email and let us know if there are any comments, questions, or concerns. Thank you. Kind Regards,</p> <p>Email received August 28, 2023</p> <p>Hi Paula, Thank you for confirming we have been added to the project contact list and for circulating details regarding the public information centre. Kind Regards,</p>		<p>can confirm your name has been added to the project contact list.</p> <p>You may already have reviewed the material, however I thought I would make sure you are aware that a Public Information Centre was held on August 17, 2023. The materials that were available for review are available on our project website here under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1": www.highway3elgin.ca</p>

**Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3042-21-00) and Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
Preliminary Design, Detail Design, and Class Environmental Assessment Study**

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	<p>Comment Received September 11, 2023: Kevin and Deanna,</p> <p align="right">I am</p> <p>submitting this email as a comment form for the Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass municipal class EA project (GWP 3042-22-00). My contact information is provided at the end of this email. Please confirm receipt of this comment and a response to this comment is requested.</p> <p>I have reviewed the project information posted online (highway3elgin.ca) and I attended the public information centre (PIC) 1 on August 17, 2023. I have found that the information provided, both online and at the PIC, does not address my concerns. My concerns relate to the intersections of Highway 4 and Longhurst Line and Highway 4 and Clinton Line.</p> <p>The information posted for the project describes that the Talbotville bypass project includes 1) construction of a new Talbotville bypass from Highway 4 to Highway 3 at Ron McNeil Line 2) widening of Highway 4 from two to four lanes from Clinton Line to the new Talbotville bypass and 3) preliminary design, detail design and Group A Class EA. A screenshot (from the project website) of the project description is provided below.</p> <p>Both online and at the PIC there was plenty of information provided about the proposed intersection of Highway 4 and Highway 3 including several roundabout layouts. However I was not able to locate any information on the intersection of Highway 4 and Longhurst Line or the intersection of Highway 4 and Clinton Line. During the PIC I asked several presenters from both Stantec and Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and no information could be provided for these intersections. From the MTO I was told originally told that the intersections of Highway 4 and Longhurst Line and Highway 4 and Clinton Line would be studied as part of a future project (this was described as a future project to look at improvements to the Highway 4 and 401 interchange). When I directed the MTO representative to the project website and showed that the existing project includes a study area through Clinton Line and that the intersection of Longhurst Line and Highway 4 is within the current study area the MTO representative could not provide further response. I continued to ask PIC participants for information on the</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and questions relating to Longhurst Line and Clinton Line.</p> <p>We are in the early stages of the preliminary design and environmental assessment process and part of that process will be assessing the existing and future projected traffic volumes, and the need for improvements in the area between Clinton Line and the proposed bypass.</p> <p>Your concerns specific to the intersection between Clinton Line/Longhurst Line have been noted. As part of the project, we will assess the existing and future conditions anticipated at this intersection as they relate to traffic movements and safety. These assessments will determine if any improvements are required in this area.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>

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	<p>intersection of Highway 4 and Longhurst Line and was eventually instructed that the intersection is part of the current project study area, that information on this intersection is not available and that I should complete and submit a comment form.</p> <p>My concerns include the intersections of Highway 4 and Longhurst Line and Highway 4 and Clinton Line and specifically traffic safety. I do not see that any work or studies have been completed for these intersections and request that these intersections should be studied to confirm existing traffic movements are safe and to confirm that proposed traffic movements will be safe. The proposed project includes Highway 4 improvements (Highway 4 will be widened from 2 to 4 lanes to Clinton Line) however the existing cross section of Highway 4, in the area of Clinton Line and Longhurst Line, already has 5 lanes (including a centre turning lane). It is not clear, and no detail has been provided, if the existing turning lane will be maintained and if the existing centre lane provides the required opportunity for turning and acceleration to make traffic movements safe at these intersections. Further there has been no information provided to show if a deceleration lane should be provided to allow safe turning from Highway 4 onto Clinton Line or Longhurst Line. I understand that the rationale for the Highway 4 widening project is that traffic will increase significantly on Highway 4. Therefore my recommendation and comment is that a traffic study of the existing intersections of Clinton Line and Highway 4 and Longhurst Line and Highway 4 should be completed and improvements implemented as part of the Highway 4 Widening project to ensure that the increased traffic, anticipated on Highway 4, does not cause unsafe conditions at existing intersections.</p>		
	<p>Comment Received July 24, 2023:</p> <p>It can take 5 -7 or more minutes on a good day to get out of our lane way depending on time of day. What is the plan to address this already busy intersection and stretch of highway as the traffic will only continue to increase on highway 3 with the VW plant. Is a traffic circle or other options being considered? If not, why?</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study and sorry for the delayed response.</p> <p>The Ministry is undertaking a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the existing Highway 3 from Highway 4 easterly to just west of Centennial Avenue. Your concerns at Highway 3/Yarmouth Center Road are east of the study area for this project.</p> <p>Our study area ends just west of Centennial Avenue and will tie into the planned roundabout at Highbury Avenue which is being completed as part of a separate study being undertaken by the City of St. Thomas (link: Highbury Widening Class EA - City of St. Thomas (stthomas.ca)). St. Thomas is also undertaking a study for a major arterial</p>

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			<p>roadway connection east of Highway 3/Centennial (link: Major Arterial Roadway Connection MCEA).</p> <p>The Ministry is looking to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for Highway 3 east of St. Thomas. The timing of this study will be subject to funding and approvals. No information on the timing or extent of the study is available at this time.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment Received July 25, 2023: You know it's great we got this notification, but we were never notified about the sneaky 1500 acres destroyed, everything was hush hush for six years. It's very upsetting to a lot of us, shame on you and the city. We know this is a different situation, but would of been professional of Central Elgin to prepare for this so called huge plant, vert disturbing.</p>	<p>Requested to not be added to the mailing list but wants to receive mail notifications</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>
	<p>Comment Received July 25, 2023: Please keep me updated</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>
	<p>Comment Received July 26, 2023: None, just wanted to be added to the mailing list. Thanks.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>
	<p>Comment Received July 27, 2023: 3042-22-00 - is there an extension of highbury under consideration as 90 degree turn at Centennial and Edgewood Road makes it difficult for large trucks - at 1st Ave. and highway 3 diamond interchange the Ministry conceded land to St. Thomas for the connection to the future WBL of Hwy 3 . Is that now under reconsideration? - on highway 3 between First Ave slopes were constructed at 1 1/2 to one because of property resentment from the public. This resulted in slope failures on highway 3. Can this be corrected? - is there consideration given to interchange or intersectional improvements at highway 3 and Wellington road?</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name has been added to the project contact list. Answers to your questions are provided below.</p> <p>1. Is there an extension of Highbury under consideration as 90 degree turn at Centennial and Edgewood Road makes it difficult for large trucks</p> <p>The Ministry is undertaking a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the existing Highway 3 from Centennial Avenue to Highway 4. Our study area ends just west of Centennial Avenue and will tie into the planned roundabout at Highbury Avenue which is being completed as part of a separate study by the City of St. Thomas (link: Highbury Widening Class EA - City of St. Thomas (stthomas.ca)).</p>

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	<p>3042-22-00</p> <p>- Ron MacNeil and Highway 3 intersection improvements recently went through and I believe through detail design. How is the extension of Highway 3 on virgin soil going to affect the required improvements for this intersection?</p> <p>- at the new intersection of highway 4 and 3 there were two old farm houses and a shared well. The houses were torn down by the Ministry after the highway construction was completed. You might want to see if the concrete foundations were removed and the well was sealed. Also at this intersection you have a water pipe, setback for future considerations, and another poorly located utility recently relocated at this location.</p> <p>Good luck. 50 years of "that will never be built" just went out the window.</p>		<p>2. At First Ave. and Highway 3 diamond interchange the Ministry conceded land to St. Thomas for the connection to the future WBL of Hwy 3 . Is that now under reconsideration?</p> <p>One design alternative was carried forward for consideration at First Avenue - a partial cloverleaf interchange on the north side with a connection to Highway 3. There are no alignment changes to the diamond ramps on the south side. This alternative was presented at the Public Information Centre held on August 17, 2023 at the Talbotville United Church. The information presented is available on the project website under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience. The preferred alternative will be presented at the next Public Information Centre planned for this fall.</p> <p>3. On Highway 3 between First Ave slopes were constructed at 1 1/2 to one because of property resentment from the public. This resulted in slope failures on highway 3. Can this be corrected?</p> <p>We are in the early stages of the preliminary design and environmental assessment process and part of that process will be reviewing grading requirements to accommodate planned improvements. We are aware of the geometric issues at this location and improvements are being assessed. This work is ongoing, and findings will be presented as the study progresses.</p> <p>4. Is there consideration given to interchange or intersectional improvements at Highway 3 and Wellington Road?</p> <p>The design alternatives under consideration include an interchange connection to Wonderland Road in the area where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road. These alternatives were presented at the Public Information Centre held on August 17, 2023 at the Talbotville United Church. The information presented is available on the project website under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience. The preferred alternative will be presented at the next Public Information Centre planned for this fall.</p> <p>In addition to work undertaken pertaining to this project, ministry staff will review the operation of the traffic signals at this location to determine if operational improvements are needed at this time.</p> <p>5. Ron MacNeil and Highway 3 intersection improvements recently went through and I believe through detail design. How is the extension of Highway 3 on virgin soil going to affect the required improvements for this intersection?</p>

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			<p>Geotechnical investigations are underway to assess the existing ground conditions. This information will be considered as part of the highway and structural design at this location.</p> <p>6. At the new intersection of Highway 4 and 3 there were two old farm houses and a shared well. The houses were torn down by the Ministry after the highway construction was completed. You might want to see if the concrete foundations were removed and the well was sealed. Also at this intersection you have a water pipe, setback for future considerations, and another poorly located utility recently relocated at this location.</p> <p>Thank you for the information. It has been shared with the project team for consideration and review.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or comments.</p>
	<p>Comment Received August 2, 2023: Can you please advise if municipal sewers will be in the plans for the corner of Sunset Rd & Talbot Line. (Highway 3 & 4)</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name has been added to our project contact list.</p> <p>The intersection of Sunset Road and Talbot Line is not within our study area for this project. Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p> <p>A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on August 17, 2023. Materials that were available for review at the PIC are available on our project website here under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. A copy of the materials is attached for your convenience.</p>
	<p>Comment Received August 5, 2023: Interested local resident.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>
	<p>Comment Received Augst 10, 2023: Surveyors are staking out property lines in backyards, including mine and they are under the impression that we have been contacted about this. I have not been contacted. Please add me to the mailing list</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>

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	<p>Comment Received August 15, 2023: Will you be putting up a fence to control the noise, as it is now the sound of cars/truck travelling down the highway does not allow you to have a conversation with someone in the back yard with out screaming or waiting for a break in traffic.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email Sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name has been added to the project contact list.</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p> <p>The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021. The assessment will be presented at the next Public Information Centre planned for this fall.</p>
	<p>Email received August 17, 2023: Hello</p> <p>I had the opportunity to visit the info session in Talbotville.</p> <p>Met with a person from each sector of this project.</p> <p>1) no one could answer when this project is slated to start or finish - not even an estimate. I feel that there should be a date and the residence in this area should be informed before a news broadcast.</p> <p>2) the speed of traffic in this area will be increasing, when my initial note to you was the danger of the current speed and the outcome when there is an incident. The speed for this road will increase the speed of the arteries coming off of it. If there is no forethought to this the change will sadly occur after a severe incident which has been past practice. There should be a preventative proactive approach in this small country community. We are not the GTA or chose not to live near a 100km Hwy. Why does it need to be 100km highway.</p> <p>3) also with speed, there is increase noise, what type of barriers will be put in place. Primarily where the Hwy runs next to a quiet country home.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. I can confirm your name has been added to the project contact list.</p> <p>1) no one could answer when this project is slated to start or finish - not even an estimate. I feel that there should be a date and the residence in this area should be informed before a news broadcast.</p> <p>Construction will follow the environmental assessment and design phase. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in phases. Construction could start as early as 2025, subject to funding and approvals. Details on the schedule will be provided as the study progresses. You will be contacted on more information on the progress of the study as you have provided your email, which has been included in the project contact list.</p> <p>2) the speed of traffic in this area will be increasing, when my initial note to you was the danger of the current speed and the outcome when there is an incident. The speed for this road will increase the speed of the arteries coming off of it. If there is no forethought to this the change will sadly occur after a severe incident which has been past practice. There should be a preventative proactive approach in this small country community. We are not the GTA or chose not to live near a 100km Hwy. Why does it need to be 100km highway.</p> <p>The County of Elgin and St. Thomas area is growing. Improvements to Highway 3, including the proposed Talbotville Bypass, are being planned to support recent and</p>

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	<p>4) is there a post completion study slated to occur to reevaluate the impact on the areas not directly part of this Hwy expansion at present but could possible be negatively affected and how to correct those impacted in a timely manor. Most concerning a possible increase in traffic at the Wellington / Ron Mcneil intersection. (The wonderland road expansion had dramatically increased traffic at this intersection)</p> <p>What I did hear over and over was how the traffic will flow from the battery plant to the 401 faster. This expansion will include traffic that is not related to the battery plant - this is the traffic that concerns my family residence.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your response,</p>		<p>future industrial, commercial and residential growth in the area. It will aim to address projected travel demand and aid in network connectivity in the area. Major sectors of the area municipality's economies are dependent on the efficient movement of goods and reducing conflicts between truck traffic, railways, and commuter/local traffic.</p> <p>Your concerns regarding safety and speed have been noted and passed along to the project team.</p> <p>3) also with speed, there is increase noise, what type of barriers will be put in place. Primarily where the Hwy runs next to a quiet country home.</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p> <p>The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021.</p> <p>4) is there a post completion study slated to occur to reevaluate the impact on the areas not directly part of this Hwy expansion at present but could possible be negatively affected and how to correct those impacted in a timely manor. Most concerning a possible increase in traffic at the Wellington / Ron MI intersection. (The wonderland road expansion had dramatically increased traffic at this intersection)</p> <p>The design alternatives under consideration include an interchange connection to Wonderland Road in the area where Highway 3 intersects with Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road. These alternatives were presented at the Public Information Centre held on August 17, 2023 at the Talbotville United Church. The information presented is available on the project website under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience. The preferred alternative will be presented at the next Public Information Centre planned for this fall.</p> <p>5) What I did hear over and over was how the traffic will flow from the battery plant to the 401 faster. This expansion will include traffic that is not related to the battery plant - this is the traffic that concerns my family residence.</p>

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			<p>As noted in 2) above, the St. Thomas and Elgin areas are growing. The objective is to provide a safe corridor for all road users. The existing Provincial road network will be upgraded to support the increase in traffic from planned and future industrial, commercial and residential developments.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have further questions. Thank you again for your comments.</p>
	<p>Email Received August 17, 2023: Hello,</p> <p>I'm unable to attend the PIC meeting this evening and I have some questions about the Highway 3 twinning project.</p> <p>I have some questions/comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is ample space on the opposite side of the highway to expand without impacting the living quality of a residential neighborhood. Additionally disrupting the environmental eco system of mature trees and other foliage that provide a nice back drop to an otherwise already busy highway. 2. If the poor decision is made to expand toward the residential neighborhood what monetary considerations will be provided to home owners if their land is impacted ? 3. Can you please provide a detailed outline of exactly how far from my Fence line the road would be in your current proposal? 4. When is this project intended to commence ? 5. What consideration is being given to the impact of 4 lane highway noise on a residential neighborhood? <p>Look forward to your response ,</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Kevin Welker Response to August 27 Email: I can confirm that we've received your message. We are preparing formal responses to everyone that has reached out with questions, so we will get back to you shortly. We appreciate your patience. In the meantime, the information from the public meeting is available on the project website at (website link provided)</p> <p>Email sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name has been added to the project contact list. The answers to your questions are provided below.</p> <p>1. There is ample space on the opposite side of the highway to expand without impacting the living quality of a residential neighborhood. Additionally disrupting the environmental eco system of mature trees and other foliage that provide a nice back drop to an otherwise already busy highway.</p> <p>Your comments have been noted. We are in the early stages of the preliminary design and environmental assessment (EA) process. As required by the EA, the location of significant environmental features will be taken into consideration during the generation, development, and evaluation of project alternatives, and will be considered in the selection of the technically preferred alternative. The project team will endeavor to avoid or minimize impacts to properties outside of the existing ROW, as well as significant environmental features and trees, where possible.</p> <p>2. If the poor decision is made to expand toward the residential neighborhood what monetary considerations will be provided to home owners if their land is impacted?</p> <p>All impacted property owners will be contacted by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario at a later date with more information on the potential impacts to your property. You can find more information available online on our project website under "Documentation – Property Brochure" www.highway3elgin.ca</p> <p>3. Can you please provide a detailed outline of exactly how far from my Fence line the road would be in your current proposal?</p>

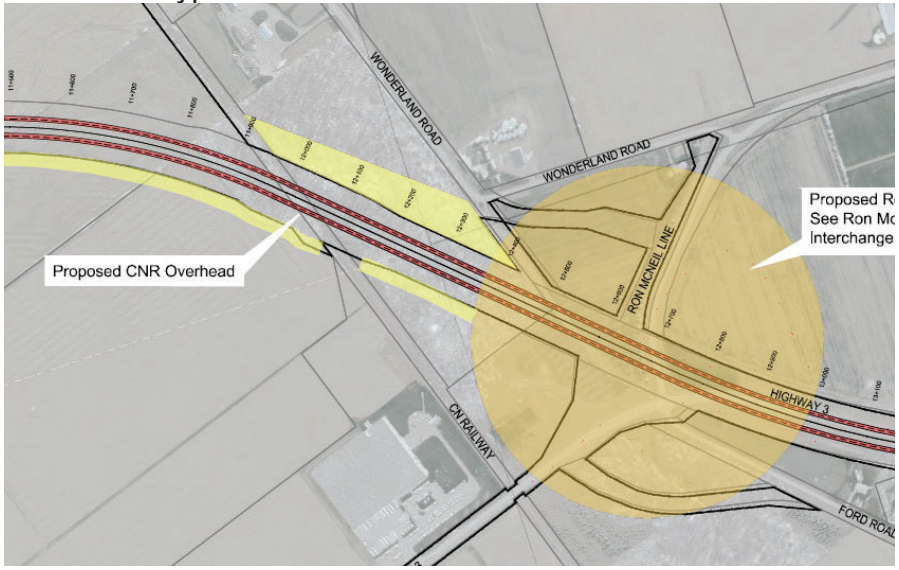
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	<p>Email received August 27, 2023: Hello,</p> <p>Just want to follow up on my previous email in this thread regarding the planned twinning of Highway 3 as I have yet to receive a response.</p>		<p>As noted, we are assessing potential property impacts related to grading for the additional lanes on Highway 3, interchange ramps including associated acceleration and deceleration lanes, drainage improvements and noise barriers (if warranted by the ongoing study – see response 5 below). At this time the exact impacts are being reviewed, so we are advising potentially impacted property owners. As the design progresses and mitigation measures are determined, that more precise information will be available and we will provide you with those details.</p> <p>4. When is this project intended to commence?</p> <p>Construction will follow the environmental assessment and design phase. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in phases. Construction could start as early as 2025, subject to funding and approvals. Details on the schedule will be provided as the study progresses.</p> <p>5. What consideration is being given to the impact of 4 lane highway noise on a residential neighborhood?</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise studies. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p> <p>The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions or comments.</p>
	<p>Email received August 17, 2023: Hello, please add me to your mailing list for the Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass & Highway 3 Twinning information.</p> <p>I am unable to make tonight's meeting, but would like to receive a recap of what was spoken about if possible.</p> <p>Many thanks,</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent August 18, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your message and interest in the project. Your name has been added to the project mailing list. The materials that were available for review at the Public Information Centre (PIC) are available on our project website here under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1": www.highway3elgin.ca</p> <p>If you need the materials in a different format, please let us know. The meeting was a drop-in format, with members of the Project Team available to discuss the project and respond to questions. There was no formal presentation.</p> <p>Thank you, Paula</p>

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	<p>Email received August 18, 2023: Good Afternoon.</p> <p>I would like to thank all of those involved in the presentation yesterday. I definitely learned a lot, and greatly appreciate the patience of Kevin Welker who spent upwards of 45 minutes with me. I will be submitting my full commentary on the design and process prior to the submission date, but I have a further question.</p> <div> <pre> graph LR A[Data Collection] --> B[Generate] B --> C[Select] subgraph D [Public Information Centre 1] D1[Gather input from agencies, municipalities, stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and property owners] end C -.-> D </pre> </div> <p>In discussions with Mr. Welker, he indicated that the alternatives presented have already been screened down from a larger list of alternatives. Who were the stakeholders involved in that "pre-screening" process? It certainly didn't include any of the affected property owners that I have spoken with. Were there any municipal stakeholders or was it simply a gathering of design engineers from Stantec and the Ministry?</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your message and interest in the project. Your name has been added to the project mailing list.</p> <p>A Study Design Report (SDR) was prepared to provide an overview of the Class EA study process being followed for this project. The Class EA is based on an assessment of alternatives, starting with a broad perspective, and narrowing to a more focused perspective as the study progresses. The process of collecting additional environmental data as the project becomes more focused ensures that current information is sought and used throughout the study process. The public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities are consulted/engaged during the assessment and evaluation of alternatives, and to refine issues/concerns in an attempt to develop measures for resolving them. A copy of the SDR is attached for your convenience.</p> <p>The Class EA requires that 'reasonable alternatives' be considered to address identified challenges and opportunities. This involves two levels of analysis. The Alternatives to the Undertaking considers a broad range of alternatives that could address the project needs. Once the best alternative is selected, the Alternative Methods of Carrying out the Undertaking can be studied. A longer list of design alternatives was developed, assessed and screened by the project team prior to the Public Information Centre that was held on August 17, 2023.</p> <p>Concerning your question on the CN Rail line, the design alternatives under consideration include an interchange connection to Wonderland Road in the area where Highway 3 intersects with Highway 4, Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road. Highway 3 will continue to have an at-grade crossing at its current location; however a grade separation is proposed at the CN Rail tracks for the Talbotville Bypass. These alternatives were presented at the Public Information Centre held on August 17, 2023 at the Talbotville United Church. The information presented is available on the project website under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience. The preferred alternative will be presented at the next Public Information Centre planned for this fall.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

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	<p>Thank you again for the time, and I hope that further discussions can occur with an open mind.</p> <p>Email received August 25, 2023: In anticipation of completing my comments submission, I need clarity on one aspect of the proposals that I neglected to obtain at the PIC. With regards to this interchange, is the intent to have Hwy 3 go over the CN Rail tacks adjacent to the North Star facility or have the tracks elevated to go over the proposed Hwy 3 Talbotville bypass?</p>  <p>Thank you for your prompt response, and for taking the time to answer my questions.</p> <p>Email received September 10, 2023: Provided a 44 page report</p>		
	<p>Email received August 20, 2023 Hi there</p> <p>are potentially going to be impacted we have learned with this new talbotville bypass. Who do we speak to more about this matter and our property</p> <p>This is very concerning as the noise level is already loud with mufflers and people racing by. Having a road closer and no barrier is concerning for sound and safety.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent October 2, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your message and interest in the project. Your name has been added to the project mailing list.</p> <p>At this stage of Preliminary Design, the project team is aware that properties immediately adjacent to Highway 3 may be impacted. Possible impacts may include a temporary construction area on private land or the acquisition of property. We are in the process of assessing and refining the impacts at the location of your property at exact impact is unknown at this time.</p>

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	<p>You can reply to this email or contact myself at</p>		<p>If an impact is confirmed, you will be contacted by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario at a later date with more information specific to your property. At this time, you can find more property information available online on our project website under "Documentation – Property Brochure" www.highway3elgin.ca. The property representative listed in the brochure would be able to answer general questions related to acquisition/costs/legal counsel, in advance of knowing exact impacts (Susan McKay, Property Supervisor, Tel: 519-319-0527 Email: Susan.McKay2@ontario.ca).</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise studies. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the assessment of need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor. A Permission to Enter Form was provided to you on September 29, 2023 to facilitate the fieldwork associated with these studies. Additional information with regard to the associated fieldwork has been included in the correspondence sent to you with the Permission to Enter Form.</p> <p>The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021.</p>
	<p>Email received August 21, 2023:</p> <p>Response Requested</p> <p>As property owners of the above address our major concerns are as follows.</p> <p>We would like to know how close to our property line will the new highway be? I am very concerned about noise levels from traffic. What will be done to minimize the noise? Also, will our property be impacted or affected by this project? A reply to my concerns would be greatly appreciated.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent October 3, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your message and interest in the project.</p> <p>At this stage of preliminary design, the project team is aware that properties immediately adjacent to Highway 3 may be impacted. Possible impacts may include a temporary construction area on private land or the acquisition of property. We are in the process of assessing and refining the impacts The exact impact is unknown at this time.</p> <p>If an impact is confirmed, you will be contacted by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario at a later date with more information specific to your property. At this time, you can find more property information available online on our project website under "Documentation – Property Brochure" www.highway3elgin.ca. The property representative listed in the brochure would be able to answer general questions related to acquisition/costs/legal counsel, in advance of knowing exact impacts (Susan McKay, Property Supervisor, Tel: 519-319-0527 Email: Susan.McKay2@ontario.ca).</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise studies. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p>

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			The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021.
	<p>Comment form Received August 17, 2023: Watermain along Wonderland heading east onto Ron McNeil was installed as private but now township within easement. HDPE</p>	Added to project mailing list.	No response required.
	<p>Comment form Received August 17, 2023: Noise barrier is definitely needed for the housing area on McBain Line that backs onto Highway 3 Better traffic control @ Wellington Road Highway 3</p>	Added to project mailing list.	Checked "Response Not Required" on Comment Form
	<p>Comment form received August 17, 2023: Highway 4 Intersection alternatives - Prefer alternative 2 because if the east north by-pass Ron McNeil Line – It would be better to not cut off Ford Road traffic so go with Alternative 2 or another option that leaves Ford Road entrance open. Wellington – Pedestrian Bridge near McBain will be needed for students crossing Wellington. First Avenue – Great to make exit a larger and less sharp so support alternative 2 as only option</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Email sent October 3, 2023 Thank you for your interest in the study. Your names have been added to the project contact list. Your comments regarding the alternatives have been provided to the Project Design Team for consideration.</p>
	<p>Comment form received August 17, 2023: Width of proposed roundabout Highway 4 - Leave a 25 foot wide curve planter to move in the spring there this highway - Consideration for width (2 lanes?) for traffic to go there roundabout</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Email sent October 3, 2023 Thank you for your interest in the study. Your names have been added to the project contact list. Your comments regarding the alternatives have been provided to the Project Design Team for consideration.</p>
	<p>Comment form received August 17, 2023: Noise Barrier/ relationship wall – the existing is eroded fence</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Email sent October 3, 2023 Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name has been added to the project contact list. At this stage of Preliminary Design, the project team is aware that properties immediately adjacent to Highway 3 may be impacted. Possible impacts may include a</p>

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	<p>Acquisition concerns</p> <p>Legal council required? Costs? Are these covered</p> <p>Time frame/ notice provided</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Email received August 22, 2023: Hello</p> <p>I did attend the first info session and spoke with the Project Manager. With concerns relating to retaining walls and property acquisition, I would like more information.</p> <p>Looking forward to more info.</p>		<p>temporary construction area on private land or the acquisition of property. We are in the process of assessing and refining the impacts The exact impact is unknown at this time.</p> <p>If an impact is confirmed, you will be contacted by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario at a later date with more information specific to your property. At this time, you can find more property information available online on our project website under "Documentation – Property Brochure" www.highway3elgin.ca. The property representative listed in the brochure would be able to answer general questions related to acquisition/costs/legal counsel in advance of knowing exact impacts (Susan McKay, Property Supervisor, Tel: 519-319-0527 Email: Susan.McKay2@ontario.ca).</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise studies. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p> <p>The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021.</p> <p>With respect to timeline, construction will follow the environmental assessment and design phase. Details on the schedule will be provided as the study progresses.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment form received August 17, 2023:</p> <p>I agree with alternative number 1 for wellington interchange. Best option.</p> <p>For the McNeil/ Wonderland interchange alternative 2.</p> <p>We are very concerned about noise pollution -> need sound barriers?</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent October 3, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name has been added to the project contact list. Your comments regarding the alternatives have been provided to the Project Design Team for consideration.</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p> <p>The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021.</p>

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			Please let us know if you have further questions or comments.
	<p>Comment form received August 17, 2023: Can we be notified about the noise impact study and participate?</p> <p>Where Water Tower Line meets Wellington Road turning left to go south can be very difficult when traffic volumes are high (currently). Since traffic will increase we hope better measures will be in place.</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Email sent October 3, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your names have been added to the project contact list.</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor. The traffic study will assess the area of Wellington Road/Highway 3.</p> <p>The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021.</p> <p>The design alternatives under consideration include an interchange connection to Wellington Road in the area where it intersects with Water Tower Line. These alternatives were presented at the Public Information Centre held on August 17, 2023 at the Talbotville United Church. The information presented is available on the project website under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience. The preferred alternative will be presented at the next Public Information Centre planned for this fall.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment form received August 17, 2023: How are you taking into consideration the tractor traffic going onto the roundabouts is speed and traffic volume would have to gear down on the tractor not able to maintain speed with the rest of the traffic.</p> <p>IN farm Country a Major Concern.</p>	Added to project mailing list.	<p>Email sent November 16, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study and concerns relating to farm vehicles in the area.</p> <p>The design team is taking the accommodation of farm vehicles into consideration when developing and assessing design alternatives. The proposed alternatives at Ron McNeil/Wonderland and Wellington Road include bridges that will allow traffic (including farm vehicles) to cross over Highway 3. A roundabout is the proposed alternative at Highway 4 and the Talbotville Bypass. Please note that farm equipment will not be permitted to use the Talbotville Bypass and Highway 3 in the twinned section.</p>

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			<p>Your concerns related to the speed of traffic relative to farm vehicles has been noted. Traffic speeds in the roundabout and on the sideroads will be less than mainline Highway 3 speeds. Sightlines will be appropriate to allow speeds to be adjusted when encountering slower-moving farm equipment.</p> <p>The design alternatives under consideration were presented at the Public Information Centre held on August 17, 2023 at the Talbotville United Church. The information presented is available on the project website under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. The preferred alternative will be presented at the next Public Information Centre scheduled on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.</p> <p>We will continue engaging the local agricultural community through this process.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment form received August 17, 2023:</p> <p>Is there going to be a concrete sound wall for the people who live on McBain Line</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent October 3, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name has been added to the project contact list.</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls or other safety measures along the highway corridor.</p> <p>The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021.</p>
	<p>Comment form received August 17, 2023:</p> <p>All roads need to be connected Any overpasses need to be wide enough to accommodate large farm equipment Wonderland, Ford Line, Ron McNeil Line Wellington Road, and Highbury.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Checked "Response Not Required" on Comment Form</p>
	<p>Comment received August 22, 2023:</p> <p>A lot of information was presented Thursday evening at this meeting in Talbotville. Unfortunately the room was too small and not well ventilated for the large number of people at this meeting.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent November 16, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study and concerns relating to farm vehicles in the area.</p>

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	<p>I would like to see another meeting with the local farmers from the area that will be directly affected by this project. I believe upgrades in roads are going to be required and I fully support this. In the past the County and the Township have not built roads large enough to handle traffic flows and large farm equipment. This time the project needs to be done right. Do not build narrow roads without gravel shoulders. Build the roads wide enough to handle growth into the future.</p> <p>I have travelled to many areas in the world and the roads in the London area and surrounding area are some of the worst roads in North America. Everything is under engineered. The latest example of this is the upgrade of Wonderland Road. The road is too narrow to handle the current traffic flow. The gravel shoulders are too narrow to move farm equipment along it safely. The bridges are too narrow. It is so dangerous that the OPP will not stop cars along this stretch of road to write traffic tickets.</p> <p>The local agriculture community needs to be involved in this process and we need a say on the future road upgrades.</p> <p>I am interested in both projects. Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00) Highway 3 Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)</p>		<p>We had an overwhelming response to the Public Information Centre (PIC) and will plan for a larger venue for the second PIC planned this fall. The project team appreciated the patience of those individuals that attended during the busy period.</p> <p>The design team is taking the accommodation of farm vehicles into consideration when developing and assessing design alternatives for each interchange. The proposed alternatives at Ron McNeil/Wonderland and Wellington Road include bridges that will allow traffic (including farm vehicles) to cross over Highway 3. A roundabout is the proposed alternative at Highway 4 and the Talbotville Bypass. Please note that farm equipment will not be permitted to use the Talbotville Bypass and Highway 3 in the twinned section.</p> <p>Your concerns related to the movement of farm equipment has been noted. New infrastructure related to the project will meet current design standards and take the movement of farm equipment into consideration. Upgrades to municipal and county roads are outside the scope of this assignment. We are working with the various municipalities as part of this project and will pass along your concerns to them through the design process.</p> <p>The design alternatives under consideration were presented at the Public Information Centre held on August 17, 2023 at the Talbotville United Church. The information presented is available on the project website under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience. The preferred alternative will be presented at the next Public Information Centre on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.</p> <p>We will continue engaging the local agricultural community through this process.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Email received August 25, 2023:</p> <p>I am calling because I received a letter in the mail about a the expansion of Hwy. 3. and I just want to know exactly what the plans are. I was away on holiday so I did not receive the letter nor could come to the public meeting about it. If you could give me a call back, my number is Thank you. Bye.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Call returned by Kevin Welker to provide information of what the project was about.</p>
<p>Email sent to</p> <p>Good Day</p>	<p>July 22, 2023:</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email response August 24, 2023:</p> <p>Dear</p> <p align="right">Limited</p>

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	<p>It is interesting to see the planning for the infrastructure changes proposed for the northeast corner of St. Thomas.</p> <p>We live at _____ currently can hear truck traffic on Highway #3 from our home. Our concern is that with the projected increase in truck traffic on Highbury Avenue, truck noise from the Highbury area will be heard in our neighbourhood. What measures are being taken in the planning and design of this project to mitigate the impact of traffic noise on the surrounding residential neighbourhoods?</p> <p>Email sent to _____ August 26, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your response. I hope the criteria used for the noise assessment that was undertaken prove sufficiently stringent that the increased road traffic and accompanying increase in noise pollution, does not adversely impact our quality of life/enjoyment of our outdoor spaces.</p> <p>Yours truly</p>		<p>On behalf of the City of St. Thomas, thank you for your comments and interest in the Highbury Avenue Widening project. The project team appreciates your input and the noted concerns regarding that the recommended Highbury Avenue improvements potentially causing an increase in truck noise in your neighbourhood.</p> <p>As part of the Class EA, an environmental noise assessment was completed to predict operational sound levels as it relates to the project and provide mitigation measures to minimize the potential for noise impact, as required. The assessment found that no noise mitigation measures are recommended based on the design. It is also noted your residence is some distance away from the Study Area and as such, is shielded from the receptor by a number of large intervening facilities.</p> <p>As noted by Patrick, we can share your comment with the proponents of the Highway 3 twinning project, which we expect may be more relevant to your concern given the distance of your property from Highbury Avenue.</p> <p>Thank you again for your interest in the study. You have been added to the project's mailing list and will receive all future updates on the project via the email you have provided.</p>
	<p>Email received August 29, 2023: Hello,</p> <p>Thank you for the information session a few weeks ago regarding the HWY 3 project.</p> <p>After considering the five interchange possibilities for Wellington at HWY 3 I would like to comment on a few of the alternatives described. First of all, alternatives #2 and #4 seem the least appropriate. The alignment shift of #2 does not lend itself to any safety related advantage of Wellington traffic. Alternative #4, while using the least developed land to the NW of interchange doesn't lend itself to existing exiting Northbound traffic volume from Westbound HWY 3.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent October 3, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name has been added to the project contact list and the project team has been notified by your concerns and your preferred alternative interchange for Wellington at Highway 3.</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, studies are being undertaken such as traffic, geotechnical, foundations, natural heritage, cultural heritage resources, archaeology and noise studies. All of this work is ongoing and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor.</p> <p>Your comments will be shared with others, including the County of Elgin for their information. Please note the County was present at PIC 1, and we have been in contact with them about this project, including their future plans.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>

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	<p>My primary concern besides noise and drainage, is the interaction of traffic volume and speed for the residential access at Wellington and McBain Line. For this reason I like alternative #5. It demands traffic slows/stops for access to Wellington and for access to HWY 3 on-ramps. However, I am not privy to current or forecasted traffic volumes and it would increase left turn conflicts. I've attached a picture of an interchange on HWY 402. It would probably have some of the same issues as alternative #5 for traffic volume but wanted to add if it is a possible alternative for land use and proximity to residential concerns.</p> <p>I was unable to add an Elgin County contact on this email for their inclusion. It would be preferred they have a representative at the next planning information session as they need to be able to advise what the future County plans are for Wellington (McBain Line).</p> <p>As stated. If the Parclo is the preferred design, I am concerned for northbound wellington speed without any control at McBain Line. People will hit the eastbound HWY 3 on-ramp at high speed or otherwise conflict with slower residential traffic turning on to Wellington or McBain Line.</p>		
	<p>Email received August 30, 2023: Good morning.</p> <p>I'd like this email to be on the mailing list for the highway three bypass plan, please.</p> <p>My immediate question is this:</p> <p align="right">I</p> <p>can't tell from the maps if any stoplights are going in. When the bypass is completed and traffic from the new factory and the Amazon centre is all up and running, will we be able to turn left onto highway four north to London. Or will we be trapped by the traffic flow and have to go south only.</p> <p>Thanks,</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name and email address has been added to the project contact list.</p> <p>We are in the early stages of the Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment process, and part of that process will be assessing the existing and future projected traffic volumes, and the need for improvements in the area between Clinton Line and the proposed bypass. As part of the project, we will assess the existing and future conditions anticipated in this area as they relate to traffic movements and safety. These assessments will determine if any highway upgrades are required.</p> <p>To view in more detail the alternatives for Highway 4 and Highway 3, a Public Information Centre was held on August 17, 2023. The materials that were available for review are available on our project website here under "Documentation – Public Information Centre 1" at www.highway3elgin.ca and attached for your convenience.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>

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	<p>Comment Received August 17, 2023: DO they have an Ariel may of were it will be going threw from #3 highway in the area of #3 and wonderland road what they think they are going to do it or not and what land are they going to use or buy up to make this happen .</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name and email address have been added to the project contact list.</p> <p>The design alternatives under consideration were presented at the Public Information Centre held on August 17, 2023 at the Talbotville United Church. The information presented is available on the project website under “Documentation – Public Information Centre 1” at www.highway3elgin.ca. The Public Information Centre displays are also attached for your convenience. The preferred alternative will be presented at the next Public Information Centre planned for this fall.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment received August 21, 2023: To start: Talbotville United Church was much too small a venue for your initial community PIC. Please consider a more suitable location for other meetings.</p> <p>How will this planned change affect current EDR 401 using Talbot Line west of Talbotville and feeding into / through the village? Will the corner at Talbotville remain the same, with lights and advanced turning in all directions? How will this affect EDR in the future? Will all of this large highway be forced to transit to and through Talbotville when 401 is closed? East and Westbound.</p> <p>I look forward to receiving updates regarding the possible traffic circle East of Talbotville and traffic flow patterns particularly in emergency situations when the old hwy 3 isn't up to the task.</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>Email sent October 3, 2023:</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name and email address have been added to the project contact list.</p> <p>We had an overwhelming response to the Public Information Centre (PIC) and will plan for a larger venue for the second PIC planned this fall. The project team appreciated the patience of those individuals that attended during the busy period.</p> <p>Currently, the intersection at Talbotville is not within the scope of the project. Therefore, at this time, there are no plans to make changes at this location. There are also no proposed changes to the Highway 401 EDR west of Highway 4. Your concerns regarding the overall EDR have been noted and passed along to the Ministry for future discussions/consideration.</p>
	<p>Comment received August 27, 2023: Thankyou for your time at the meeting of August 17. It helped a lot to see the bigger picture,</p> <p>Our thoughts are</p> <p>Alternative 4 parclo AB would be a waste of good farmland cutting the drain off .Andrews drain goes across the road to the south to mc bain rd.</p> <p>Ford Rd will cause us a lot of travel time wasted</p>	<p>Added to project mailing list.</p>	<p>See above for answer.</p>

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	<p>I guess we could be in favor of 3Parclo A3 Ford RD closed cul de sac.</p> <p>for the wellington Rd alternative 5 Diamond or #3 Parclo A4.</p> <p>our concerns are#1 rail lines crossing roads #2 how will we move large machinery to the west and south #3 drainage you will cut off . there are still some you have never fixed from the first bypass. #4Ford rd ,Mcbain line and Major line have new housing coming 400-500 all the surrounding roads will have a lot more traffic.</p> <p>We trust you will take all of this into consideration</p>		
	<p>Email received September 3, 2023: *Response from August 11 email they sent us*</p> <p>Love the fact you guys have this email set up for people to contact you with questions and concerns. Yet you don't reply to people and I messaged you August 11th. Pathetic. You really don't care so why act like you do?</p>		<p>Email sent September 3, 2023:</p> <p>I can confirm that we've received your message. We are preparing formal responses to everyone that has reached out with questions, so we will get back to you shortly. We appreciate your patience. In the meantime, the information from the public meeting is available on the project website at www.highway3elgin.ca</p> <p>Email sent September 6, 2023 – see Pre-PIC table.</p>

**Appendix B.3:
Public Information Centre 2**

Notice of Public Information Centre 2

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.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 2

A second Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide the public and stakeholders with an opportunity to review the evaluation of alternatives and to present the preferred plan. 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. The PIC is being held at the following date and location:

Date: November 22, 2023

Location: St. Annes Centre, 20 Morrison Dr, St Thomas, ON N5R 4S6

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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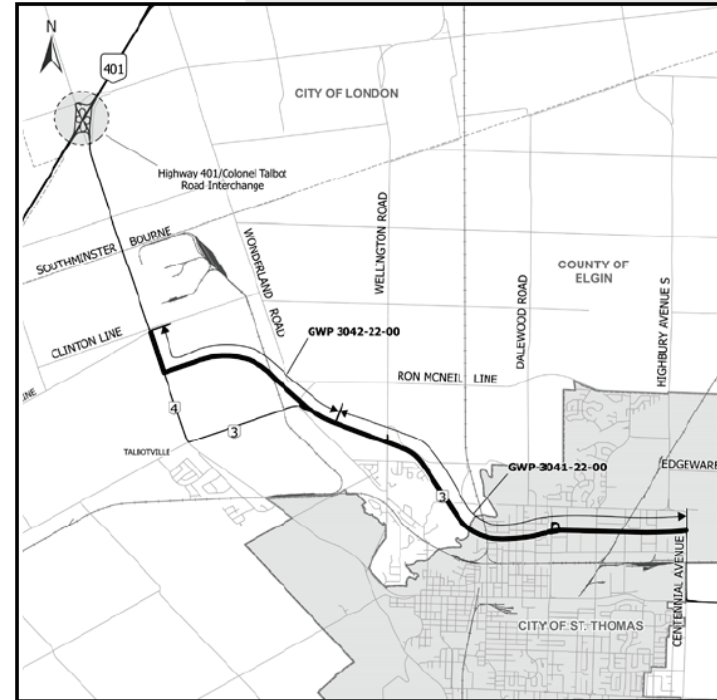
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All media inquiries shall be directed to MTO's Communications Branch at (416) 327-1158 or mto.media@ontario.ca.

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

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Notice of Public Information Centre 2

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.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 2

A second Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide the public and stakeholders with an opportunity to review the evaluation of alternatives and to present the preferred plan. 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. The PIC is being held at the following date and location:

Date: November 22, 2023

Location: St. Annes Centre, 20 Morrison Dr, St Thomas, ON N5R 4S6

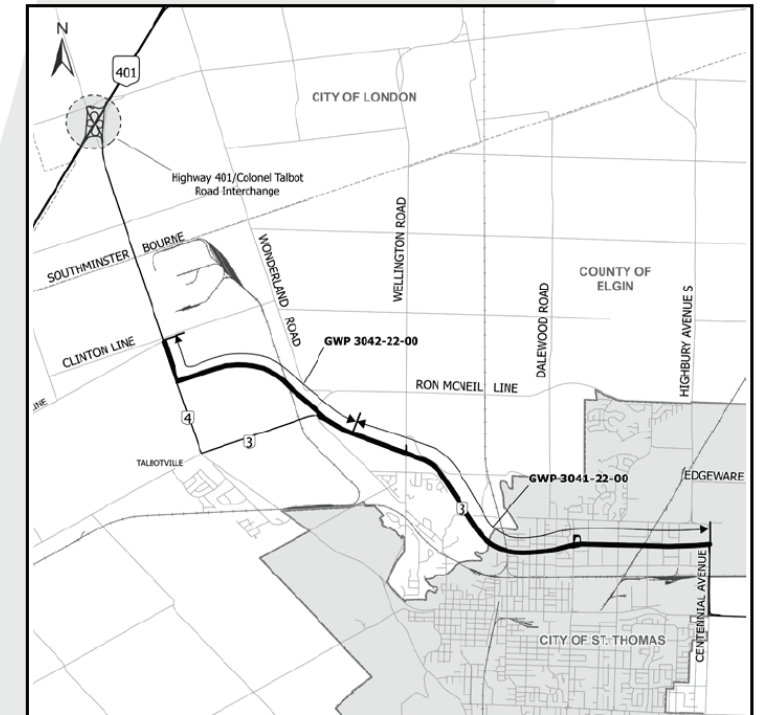
Time: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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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All media inquiries shall be directed to MTO's Communications Branch at (416) 327-1158 or mto.media@ontario.ca.

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Attachments: [MPP Letter Hwy 4 Widening, Talbotville Bypass, Hwy 3 Twinning PIC2.pdf](#)
[Notice of PIC2 Hwy 4 Widening Talbotville Bypass Hwy 3 Twinning.pdf](#)

Hello,

Please see the attached letter and notice for the 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, Public Information Centre #2.

Thank you,

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November 6, 2023

Project/File: 165001308

Mr. Rob Flack, MPP

750 Talbot Street
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St. Thomas, ON N5P 1E2
Email: Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org

Dear Mr. Rob Flack, MPP,

**Reference: Notice of Public Information Centre 2
Highway 4 Widening / Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)
Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment
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).

This project is both a Group 'A' and Group 'B' project under the Class EA and is 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 and are as followed in the project:

Group 'A' projects are considered new transportation facilities. 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).

Group 'B' projects are considered major improvements to existing transportation facilities. The following is being undertaken as a Group 'B' project (GWP 3041-22-00):

Reference: Notice of Public Information Centre 1 and Study Design Report Review Period
Highway 4 Widening / Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)
Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

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

The second in-person Public Information Centre (PIC) for the above-mentioned projects are being held on November 22, 2023 as detailed in the attached notice. The PIC display boards will be available for review on the study website at www.highway3elgin.ca on November 22, 2023. The project team is requesting that comments be submitted by December 8, 2023.

Notices to advise the public about the online PIC are being placed in the Dorchester Signpost and Aylmer Express on November 8, 2023, and the Londoner and the St. Thomas Times Journal on November 9, 2023.

Should you have any comments, questions, or concerns, or wish to discuss anything in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

STANTEC CONSULTING LTD.



Paula Hohner
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Attachment: Notice of PIC 2

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Subject: Highway 3 Elgin - Notice of PIC 2 on Municipal Websites
Date: Monday, November 13, 2023 11:45:00 AM
Attachments: [Notice of PIC2_Hwy 4 Widening Talbotville Bypass Hwy 3 Twinning.pdf](#)

Good morning,

As you know, we are preparing for our second Public Information Centre (PIC) for the 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 on November 22nd. The attached notice was sent out on November 6th to the project contact list and through Canada Post Admail. In addition, the notice has been published in The Londoner, St. Thomas Times Journal, Dorchester Signpost, and Aylmer Express on November 8/9.

It would be appreciated if you would please post the notice on your municipal websites and social media accounts this week, leading up to the PIC event next Wednesday. I've attached a copy of the Notice of PIC 2.

Please note, a separate email invite was sent to municipalities, agencies, EMS and politicians to attend a pre-PIC session from 2:00-3:00pm on November 22nd.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thank you,

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Hello,

Please see the attached Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) 2 for the Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass, Highway 3 Twinning Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study.

The purpose of this email is to invite you to attend the PIC in advance of the public session. Details are provided below:

Date: November 22, 2023
Location: St. Annes Centre, 20 Morrison Drive, St Thomas, ON N5R 4S6
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

The public session is planned in the evening between **5:00 pm to 8:00 pm** on the same day and at the same location (see attached notice).

The PIC materials will also be available on the project website for your review on **November 22, 2023**: www.highway3elgin.ca. Comments are requested by Friday, December 22, 2023.

Please contact a member of the project team identified on the attached Notice if you have any questions, comments or concerns (comments@highway3elgin.ca).

Thank you,

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[Notice of PIC1 SDR Hwy 4 Widening Talbotville Bypass Hwy 3 Twinning.pdf](#)
[Notice of PIC2 Hwy 4 Widening Talbotville Bypass Hwy 3 Twinning.pdf](#)

Hello,

Please find the attached Notice of Study Commencement, Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) 1, and Notice of PIC 2 for the Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass, Highway 3 Twinning Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study.

PIC 2 is being held at the following date and location:

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Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm

The PIC materials will also be available on the project website for your review on November 22, 2023: www.highway3elgin.ca

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www.highway3elgin.ca

Please contact a member of the project team identified on the attached Notice if you have any questions,

Highway 3 Twinning, Talbotville Bypass and Highway 4 Widening Public Information Centre 2

Preliminary Design, Detail Design and
Class Environmental Assessment Study

GWP 3041-22-00 & 3042-22-00

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Welcome to

Public Information Centre 2



The purpose of this Public Information Centre is to present and gather your feedback on:

- Project background and the process being followed
- Evaluation of alternatives
- Preferred Plan for the Talbotville Bypass and Highway 4 Widening, and Highway 3 Twinning
- Potential detour plans and construction staging
- Potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures

Information related to this PIC is available on the project website www.highway3elgin.ca

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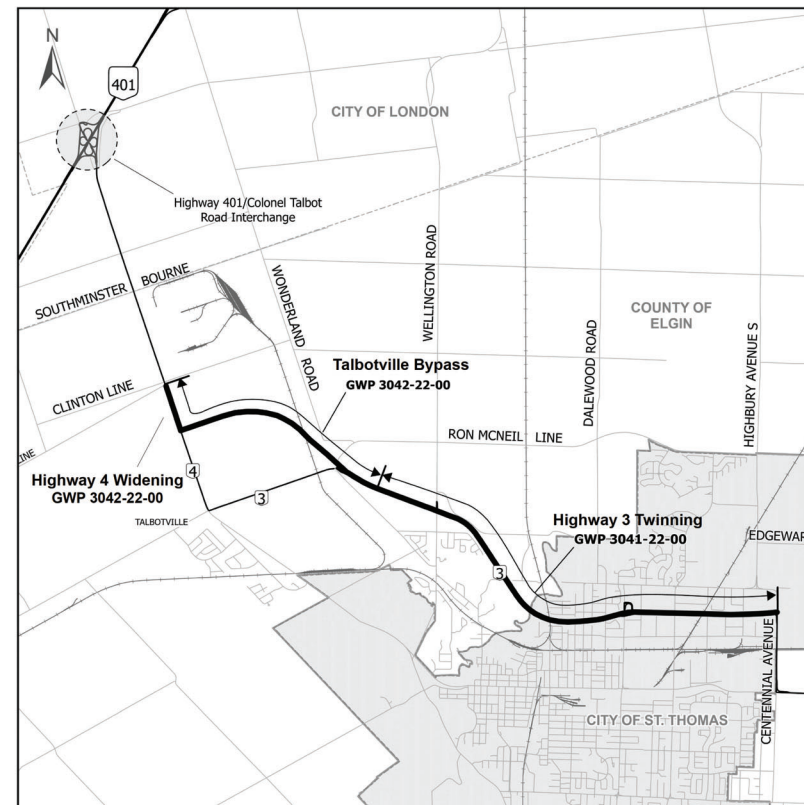
About The Project

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to undertake a Preliminary Design, Detail Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for improvements to Highway 3 from Highway 4 to Centennial Avenue in the City of St. Thomas. The study has been divided into two group work projects (GWPs).

- **Talbotville Bypass & Highway 4 Widening**, Township of Southwold (GWP 3042-22-00)
- **Highway 3 Twinning**, City of St. Thomas, Municipality of Central Elgin, Township of Southwold (GWP 3041-22-00)

This study is being carried out under the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for provincial transportation projects of a defined scope and magnitude.

The MTO Class EA process is an approved process for highway planning, design, and construction projects.



Study Area

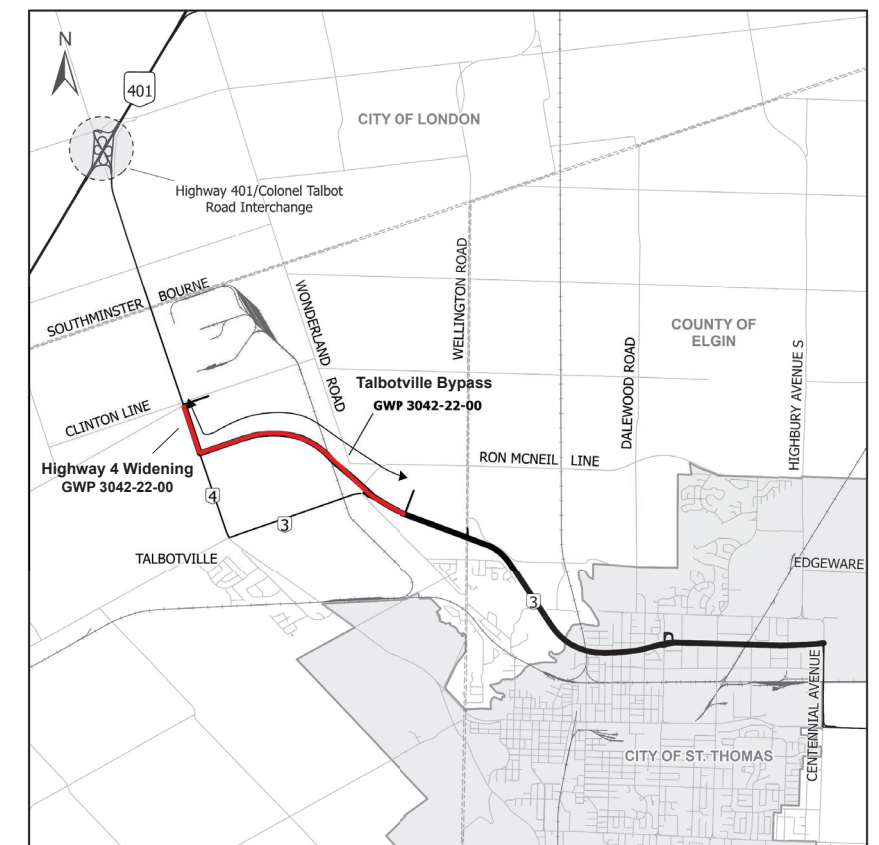
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Highway 4 Widening & Talbotville Bypass

The **Highway 4 Widening and Highway 3 Talbotville Bypass** project includes the following improvements:

- Widening of existing Highway 4 from two to four-lanes (from the new Talbotville Bypass to Clinton Line)
- A new Highway 3 alignment bypassing Talbotville (also known as the Talbotville Bypass), connecting Highway 3 near Ron McNeil Line to Highway 4
- Roundabout at Highway 4 and Talbotville Bypass
- Interchange at Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road
- Associated drainage and infrastructure improvements to facilitate the construction of the bypass, including construction of new culverts, and bridges

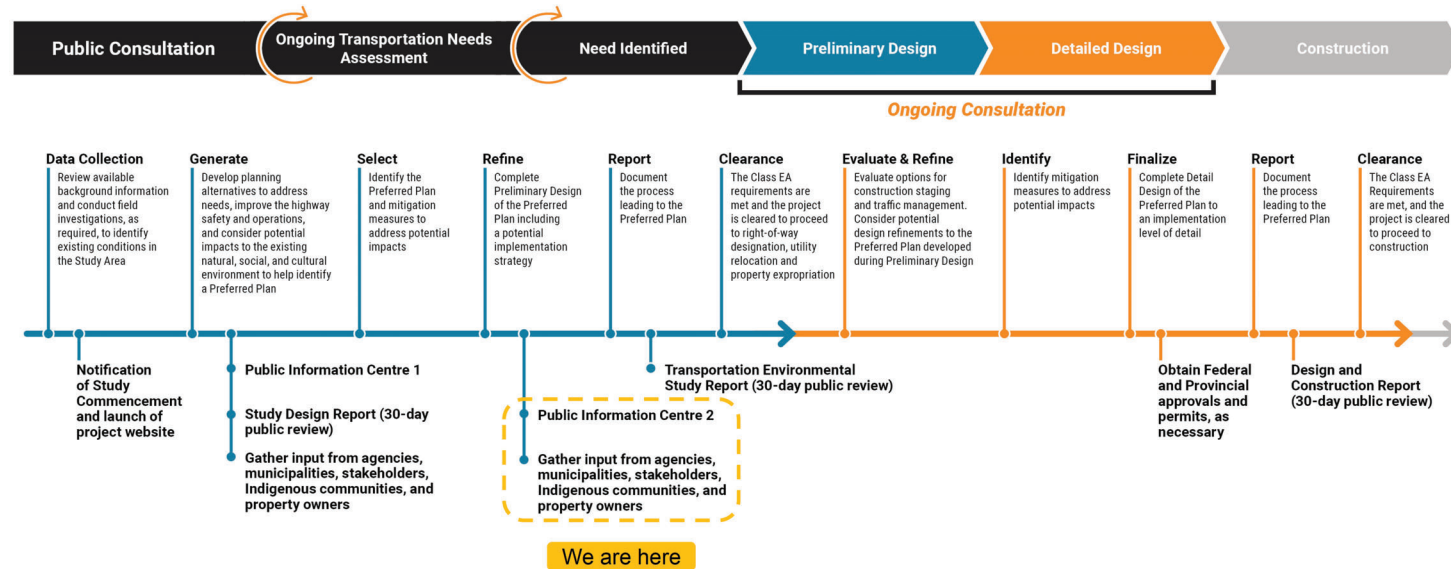
This project is being undertaken as a Group 'A' project, which is required for the construction of a new transportation facility and bypass.



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Class Environmental Assessment Process Group 'A' Project – Highway 4 Widening & Talbotville Bypass

THE CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR GROUP 'A' PROJECTS



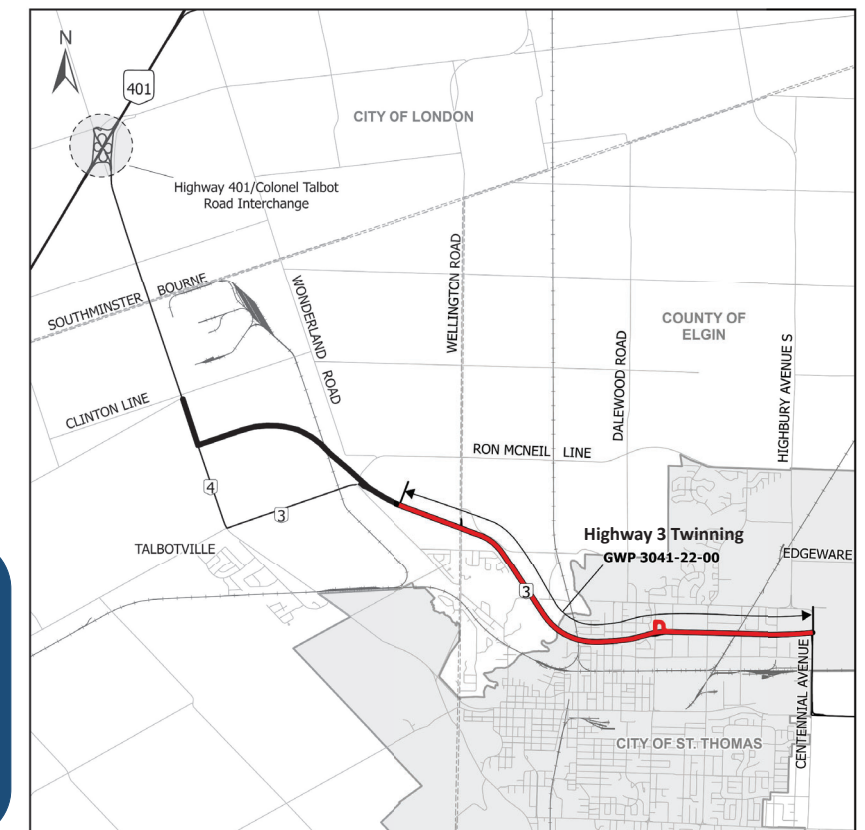
Consultation will continue throughout the Class EA process.

Highway 3 Twinning

The **Highway 3 Twinning** project includes the following improvements:

- Twinning of Highway 3 through St. Thomas to the Township of Southwold (Centennial Avenue to Ron McNeil Line)
- Interchange at Wellington Road
- Improvements to First Avenue interchange
- Connection to proposed Centennial Avenue roundabout (study being completed by others)
- Twinning of Kettle Creek Bridge
- Associated drainage improvements (culverts and sewers), rehabilitation of existing bridges and assessment for noise barriers and retaining walls, as required

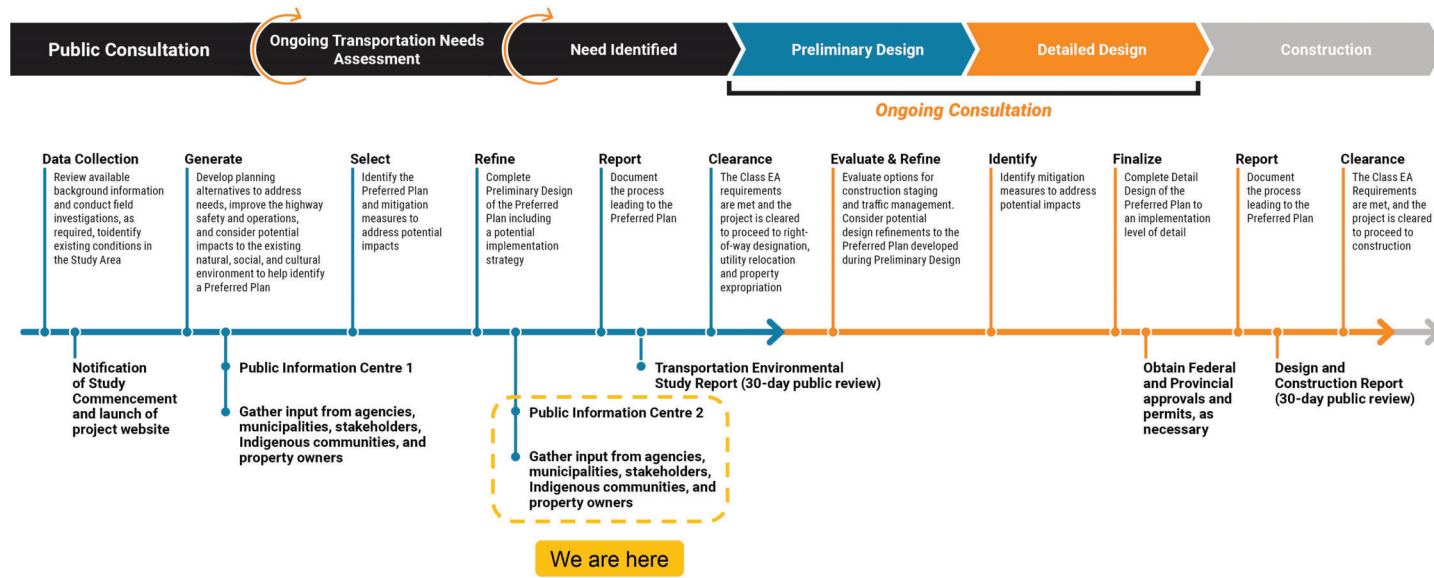
This project is being undertaken as a Group 'B' project, which is required for major improvements to existing provincial transportation facilities, such as improvements to interchanges where there may be major footprint modifications, and highway improvements where significant modification to the "footprint" beyond the roadbed of an existing highway is proposed.



Class Environmental Assessment Process

Group 'B' Project – Highway 3 Twinning

THE CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR GROUP 'B' PROJECTS



Consultation will continue throughout the Class EA process.

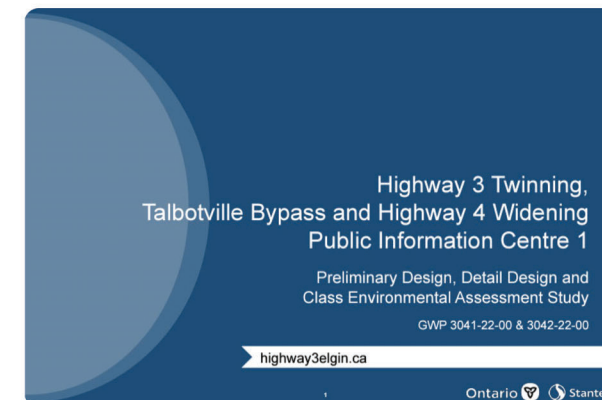
Public Information Centre 1 Summary

Public Information Centre 1 was held on August 17, 2023, to present and gather feedback on:

- Project background and the Class EA process
- Transportation needs and opportunities in the study area
- Existing study area conditions
- Evaluation process and criteria
- Preliminary alternative median width configurations
- Preliminary alternative interchange configurations

What did we hear?

- What are the impacts to property
- Why we need access to property
- Concerns about increased traffic volumes
- Interest in safety
- Concerns at Clinton Line/Longhurst Line at Highway 4
- Movement of agricultural equipment
- Concerns about highway noise
- Impacts to the surrounding road network



The Public Information Centre 1 presentation materials are available on the project website, including a summary of comments received and responses (www.highway3elgin.ca).

Evaluation Process

Step 1 – Identify Evaluation Factors & Criteria

Evaluation criteria were established through public input, similar projects, provincial guidelines and existing conditions.

Step 2 - Screen Alternatives

Several alternatives were identified and screened based on their ability to satisfy the engineering or environmental goals of the evaluation process. These were presented at PIC 1. The feasible alternatives were carried forward for more detailed evaluation against the evaluation criteria and are presented at PIC 2.

Step 3 - Evaluate Alternatives

The evaluation process considered a range of engineering and environmental (natural, socio-economic and cultural) factors in the study area. Alternatives were evaluated using a comparative analysis based on the evaluation criteria and consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative. The evaluation process provides an objective approach to the analysis and evaluation of each alternative.

Step 4 - Rank Alternatives

Each alternative was ranked to provide an overall recommendation (Most Preferred, Moderately Preferred, Least Preferred). This is the basis for identifying the Preferred Plan.

Step 5 – Preferred Plan

Following the completion of the evaluation process, the preliminary design of the preferred alternatives was progressed. The Preferred Plan is presented at this PIC in the following slides.

Factors & Criteria

Highway Engineering

- Traffic Operations
- Geometrics & Safety
- Constructability
- Utilities
- Total Cost

Natural Environment

- Terrestrial Ecosystem
- Species of Conservation Concern, Species at Risk
- Fish & Fish Habitat

Socio-Economic Environment

- Property
- Business Operations / Viability
- Noise
- Air Quality
- Contamination
- Stormwater

Cultural Environment

- Cultural Heritage Resources
- Archaeological Resources

Short List of Alternatives

The following alternatives were carried forward from Public Information Centre 1 for further evaluation using the factors and criteria presented on the previous display board:

Highway 3 Median Width

- Alternative 2: 15.0m median
- Alternative 3: 22.5m median

Highway 4 Intersection

- Alternative 2: Roundabout Offset of Highway 4
- Alternative 3: Roundabout Highway 3 Bypass to Highway 4 Mainline

Ron McNeil / Wonderland Road Interchange

- Alternative 2: Parclo A2
- Alternative 3: Parclo A3 (Ford Road closed with cul-de-sac)
- Alternative 6: Parclo A (Ford Road closed with cul-de-sac)

Wellington Road Interchange

- Alternative 1: Parclo A4 (On Existing Alignment)
- Alternative 2: Parclo A4 (Alignment Shifted to West)
- Alternative 3: Parclo A4 (Larger Inner Loop on South Side)
- Alternative 4: Parclo AB
- Alternative 5: Diamond

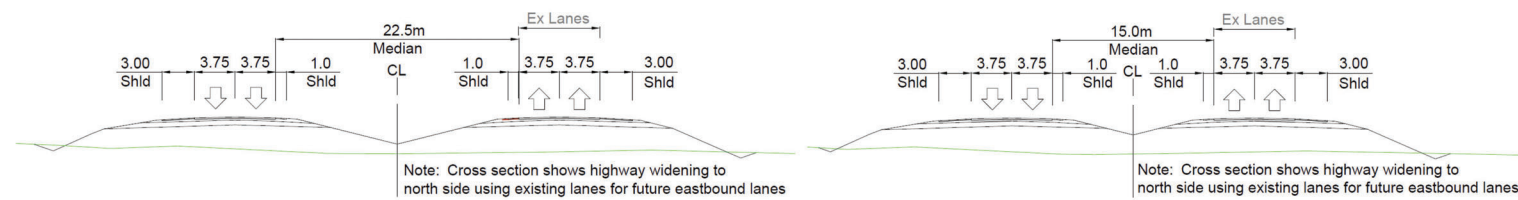
First Avenue Interchange

- Alternative 2: Parclo A2 North, Existing Ramps South

Highway 3 Median Width

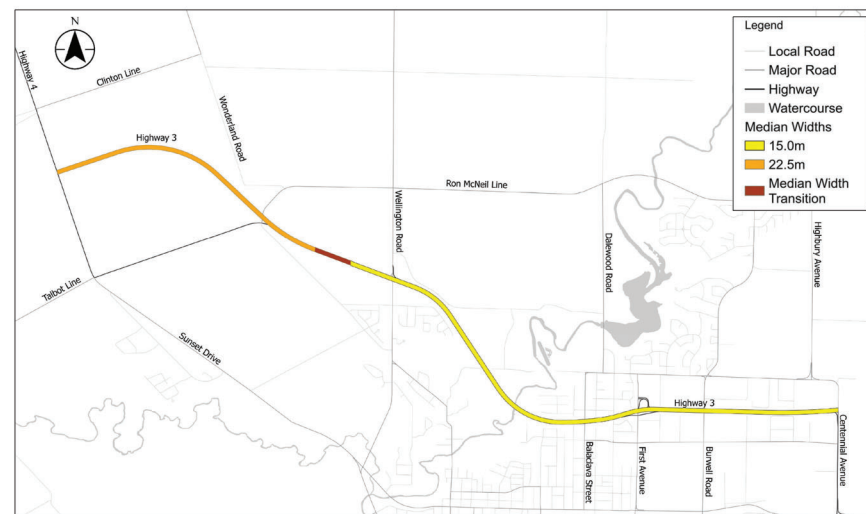
Why are two different median widths being considered?

- The 22.5m median width is the standard for divided highways and will be implemented along Highway 3 where feasible.
- The 15.0m median width will be implemented where the road footprint has constraints (i.e., property impacts).



The Preferred Plan

- The 22.5m median width will be used in the Bypass section.
- The 22.5m median width will transition to the 15.0m median width just west of Wellington Road. The 15.0m median width was extended further west to reduce property impacts at the Lyndhurst Subdivision.
- The 15.0m median width is used in the constrained/developed section east of Kettle Creek.



Highway 4 Intersection Alternatives



Factors / Criteria	Alternative 2: Roundabout – Offset East of Highway 4 (with east to north bypass lane)	Alternative 3: Roundabout – Highway 3 Bypass to Highway 4 Mainline (without east to north bypass lane)
Highway Engineering	Most Preferred	Moderately Preferred
Natural Environment	Moderately Preferred	Least Preferred
Socio-Economic Environment	Most Preferred	Moderately Preferred
Cultural Environment	Moderately Preferred	Least Preferred
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE		

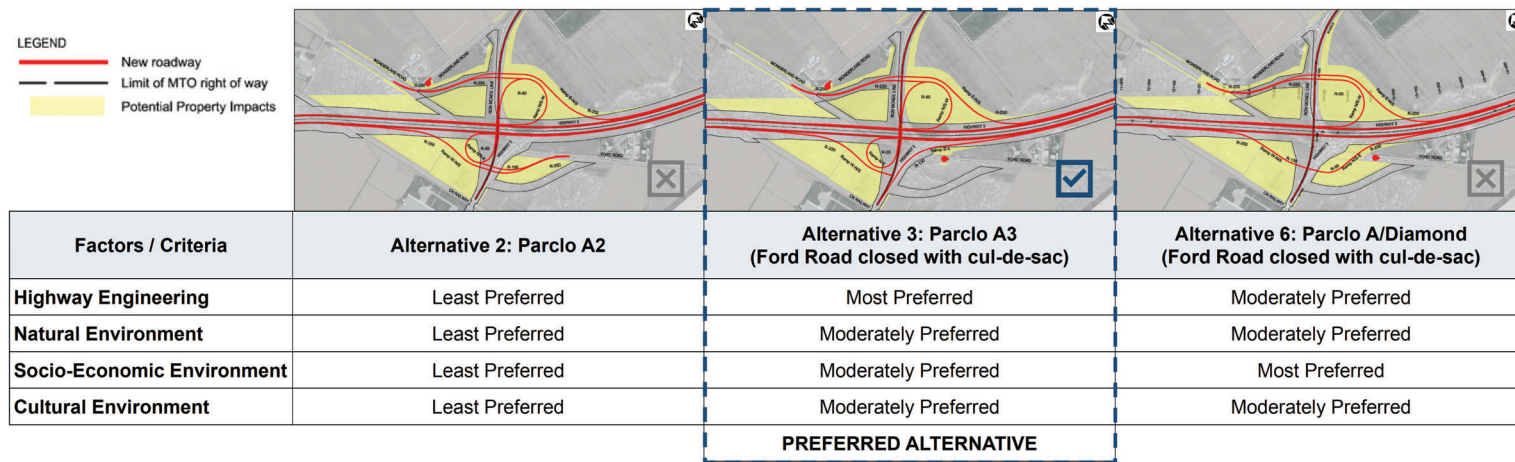
Alternative 2: Roundabout – Offset East of Highway 4 (with east to north bypass lane) is recommended for the Highway 4 intersection for the following reasons:

- Provides the highest traffic capacity due to the bypass lane for traffic travelling from an east to north direction.
- Minimizes collision severity in comparison to an at-grade intersection.
- Easier to construct with reduced impacts to Highway 4 traffic.
- Slightly smaller footprint and reduces impacts to property.
- Free-flow east to north bypass lane reduces traffic noise (e.g., braking, accelerating).



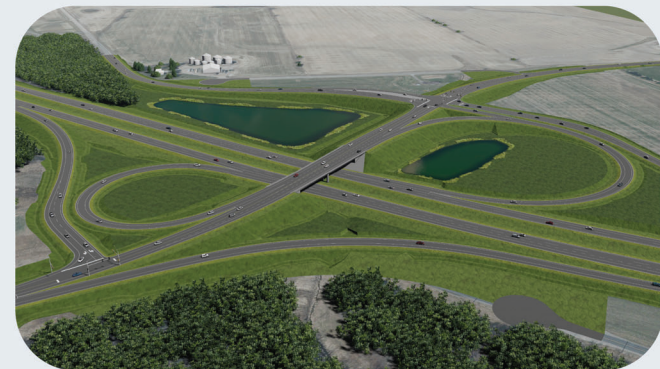
Rendering of Proposed Highway 4 Intersection
This is a conceptual rendering only. The design is subject to change.

Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road Interchange Alternatives



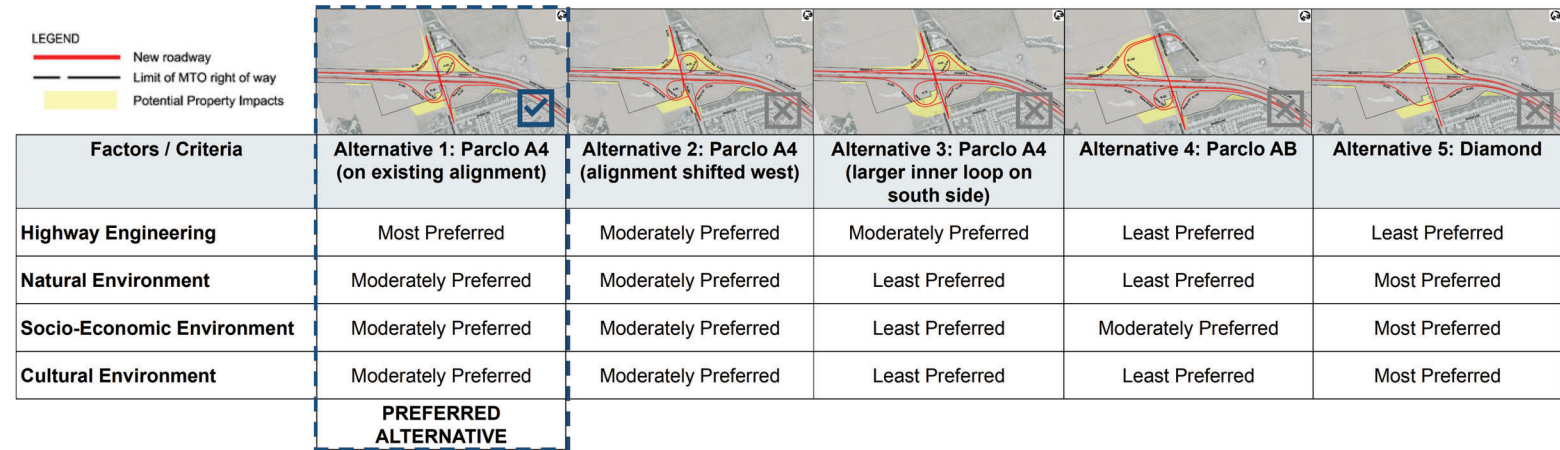
Alternative 3: Parclo A3 (Ford Road closed with cul-de-sac) is recommended for the Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road Interchange for the following reasons:

- Has the least number of conflict points between traffic movements and provides free-flow operations for most of the movements.
- Free-flow eastbound on-ramp eliminates a northbound left-turn movement which improves traffic operations and safety.
- Has the smallest footprint in the southeast quadrant; similar footprint as other alternatives in other quadrants.
- Bridge shoulder widths will accommodate cyclists.



Rendering of Proposed Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road Interchange
This is a conceptual rendering only. The design is subject to change.

Wellington Road Interchange Alternatives



Alternative 1: Parclo A4 (On Existing Alignment) is recommended for the Wellington Road Interchange for the following reasons:

- Has the least number of conflict points between traffic movements and provides free-flow operations for most of the movements.
- Free-flow on-ramps eliminate left-turn movements which improves traffic operations and safety.
- Has the smallest footprint in the southwest quadrant; similar footprint as the other Parclo A4 alternatives in other quadrants.
- Provides straight alignment approaching intersection with McBain Line and Water Tower Line.
- Construction staging is similar for all Parclo A4 alternatives.
- The Parclo A4 is most preferred for the highway engineering factors, which outweigh the benefits of the Diamond Interchange.



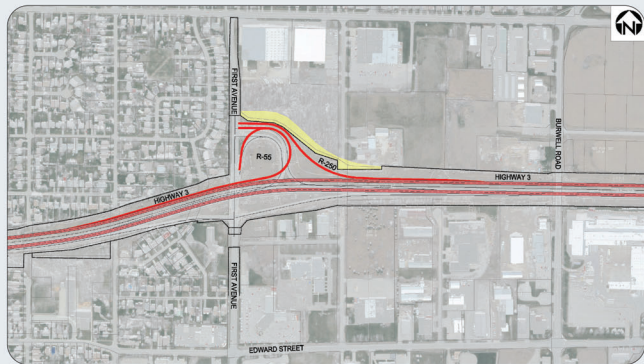
Rendering of Proposed Wellington Road Interchange
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First Avenue Interchange

Two alternatives for the First Avenue Interchange were presented at Public Information Centre 1:

- Alternative 1: Minor Improvements
- Alternative 2: Parclo A2 North, Existing Ramps South

Alternative 1: Minor Improvements was screened out from further consideration.



Rendering of Proposed First Avenue Interchange
This is a conceptual rendering only. The design is subject to change.

Alternative 2: Parclo A2 North, Existing Ramps South is recommended for the First Avenue Interchange for the following reasons:

- Westbound on-ramp radius meets the minimum design standard.
- This alternative is consistent with the new westbound lane alignment.

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Preferred Plan

The **Preferred Plan** includes the following:

- Realignment of Clinton Line/Longhurst Line at the Highway 4 intersection
- Highway 4 widening
- Highway 4 roundabout connecting to Talbotville Bypass
- 22.5m median width with two lanes in each direction from Clinton Line to west of Wellington Road interchange
- 15.0m median width from west of Wellington Road to the eastern study area limit
- Parclo A3 interchange at Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road
- Shoulder widths on Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road will accommodate farm vehicles and future bike lanes
- Parclo A4 interchange at Wellington Road
- Twinning of Kettle Creek Bridge
- Improvements to First Avenue Interchange
- Alignment of Highway 3 to accommodate roundabout at Centennial Avenue being undertaken as part of a separate study by the City of St. Thomas

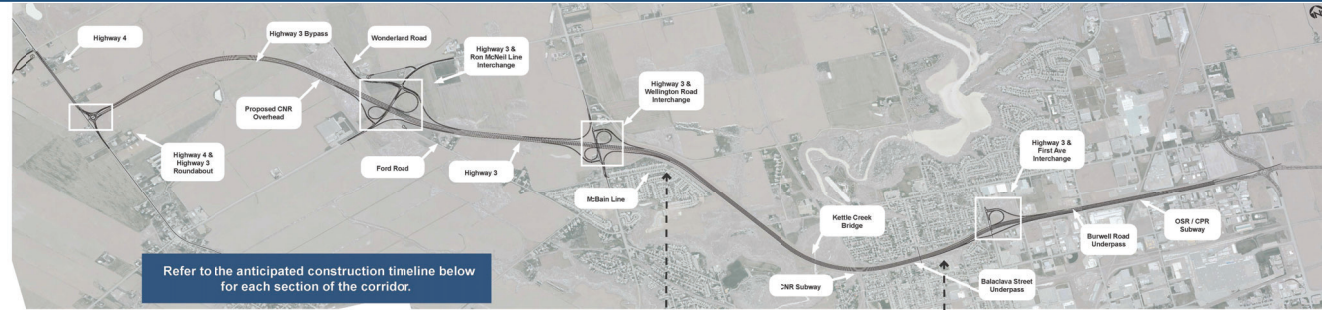
A copy of the Preferred Plan is provided in-person at PIC 2 and is available online at www.highway3elgin.ca.



Rendering of Proposed Kettle Creek Bridge
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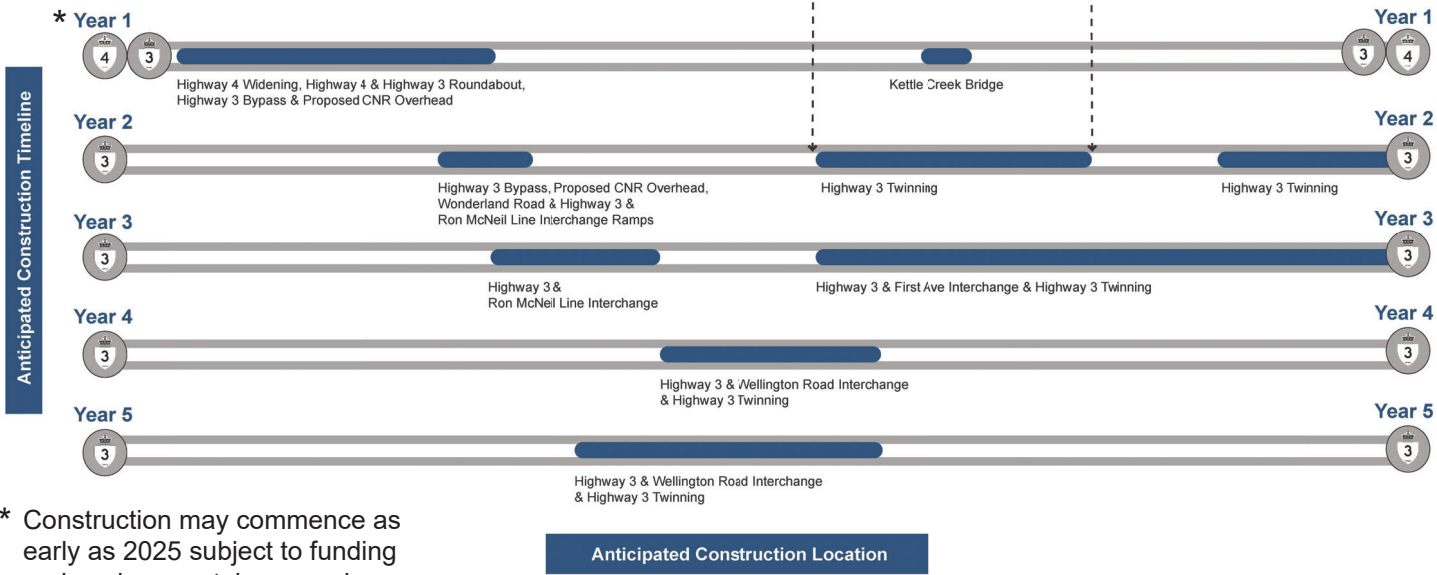
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Preliminary Construction Staging Sequence



Refer to the anticipated construction timeline below for each section of the corridor.

Note: Prior to Year 1, advanced work such as utility relocations and vegetation clearing may begin



* Construction may commence as early as 2025 subject to funding and environmental approvals.

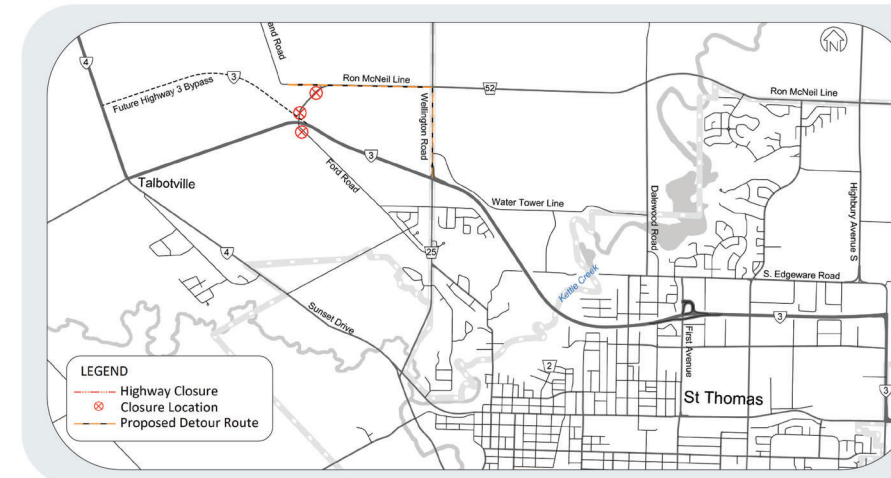
Potential Road Closures and Detour Routes

Notification of road closures will be provided in advance of the implementation of detour routes. Detours and staging plans will be finalized during Detail Design, in consultation with municipalities and emergency service providers.

There are three main areas where temporary road closures and detour routes are required for construction:

- Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road Interchange (includes the permanent closure of Ford Road)
- Wellington Road Bridge
- Wellington Road Interchange

Additional temporary closures may be required for construction and will be confirmed during Detail Design.

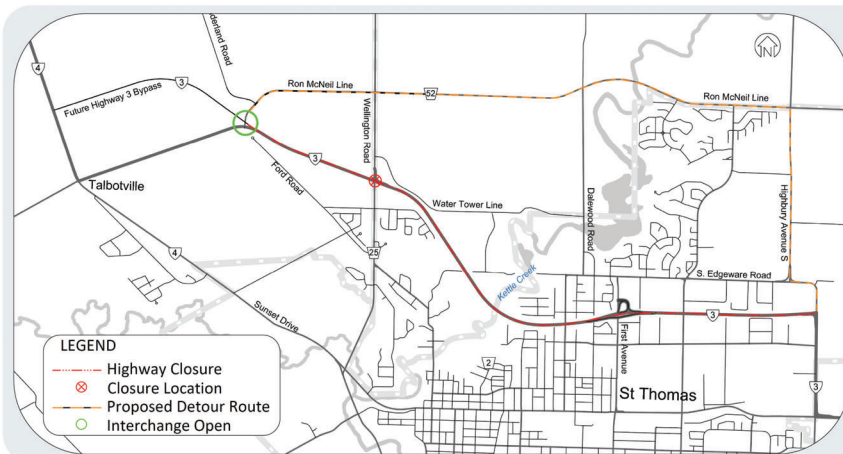


Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road Interchange

Detour is required during the temporary closure of Ron McNeil Line for the construction of the interchange:

- Ron McNeil Line and Wonderland Road traffic to access Highway 3 via Wellington Road.

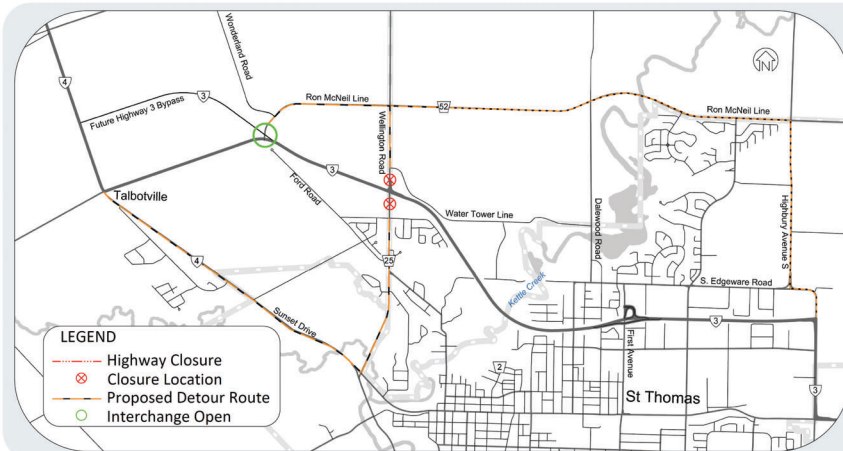
Potential Road Closures and Detour Routes (cont'd)



Wellington Road Bridge

Detour is required during the temporary closure of Highway 3 for the construction of the Wellington Road Bridge:

- Highway 3 will be closed between Ron McNeil Line and Centennial Avenue.
- Highway 3 traffic will detour via Ron McNeil Line, Highbury Avenue South and Centennial Avenue.



Wellington Road Interchange

Detour is required during the temporary closure of Wellington Road for the construction of the interchange:

- Wellington Road traffic north of Highway 3 will detour via Ron McNeil Line, Highbury Avenue South and Centennial Avenue.
- Wellington Road traffic south of Highway 3 will detour via Sunset Drive and Highway 4.

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Property Acquisition Process

Impacts to private property have been identified in association with the Preferred Plan.

MTO is committed to working with property owners to make sure they understand the property acquisition process and their rights. Property owners are entitled to fair compensation and will be treated in consistent manner. The Ministry will contact all affected property owners and make offers to purchase based on an independent market appraisal. An MTO Real Estate Officer will meet with you one-on-one, discuss property value and compensation, answer your questions and listen to your concerns.

For more information on the property acquisition process, please reference the Property Brochure available in-person at PIC 2, and available for download on the project website at www.highway3elgin.ca. Alternatively, you may contact the MTO Property Supervisor below:

Susan McKay
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 Ministry of Transportation
 659 Exeter Road
 London, Ontario N6E 1L3
 Tel: 519-319-0527
 Email: Susan.McKay2@ontario.ca

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Potential Impacts and Proposed Mitigation Measures

Impacts resulting from this project will be minimized to the extent possible. Investigations are ongoing and will continue during Detail Design to help confirm environmental impacts, refine mitigation measures, and support obtaining required permits and approvals.



Archaeological Resources

A Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment is ongoing for areas identified as retaining archaeological potential. Stage 3 Archaeological Assessments are required where significant archaeological resources have been recovered.



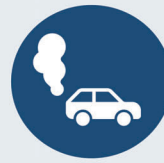
Utilities

Utility conflicts with the Preferred Plan will be determined. Relocations or mitigation measures will be completed in advance of construction through consultation with individual utility organizations.



Noise Impacts

The potential changes in traffic noise associated with the Preferred Plan is currently being reviewed. A Noise Assessment is being completed in accordance with Provincial guidelines to determine if measures are required to mitigate potential increases in traffic noise (i.e., noise wall, landscaping, etc.).



Air Quality

An Air Quality Assessment is being completed in accordance with Provincial guidelines to assess the potential changes in local and regional air quality, and to determine if mitigation measures are required (i.e., landscaping, etc.).



Natural Environment

Trees and vegetation will need to be removed and will be minimized to the extent possible. A landscape design plan is being developed to identify opportunities for new plantings and landscape enhancements. Targeted species surveys are ongoing for species that have the potential to be present. Mitigation measures to protect wildlife will be identified.

Next Steps in the Process

The steps below will be completed following this PIC:

- Review, consider and respond to comments received
- Confirm the Preferred Plan
- Confirm the impacts and proposed mitigation measures
- Prepare the Transportation Environmental Study Reports (TESRs)
- Issue Notice of Study Completion and file TESRs for 30-day public comment period (spring/summer 2024)

Transportation Environmental Study Report

The Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design process for the Talbotville Bypass, widening of Highway 4 and twinning of Highway 3 will be summarized in separate TESR for each project (one for the bypass, one for the twinning).

The purpose of the TESR is to describe the project, document input received from the public, external ministries, relevant stakeholders, agencies and municipalities, provide an overview of the alternatives considered during the study, document the evaluation of the alternatives, the Preferred Plan, and impacts and mitigation measures. The TESRs will be made available for a 30-day public review.

Following the Preliminary Design and TESR review period, the Detail Design process for the Preferred Plan will commence.

Ways to Provide Your Feedback



Visit the Study website:
<http://www.highway3elgin.ca/>



Email comments@highway3elgin.ca



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All media inquiries shall be directed to MTO's Communications Branch at (416) 327-1158 or mto.media@ontario.ca.

**We would appreciate receiving your comments by December 7, 2023.
Thank you for your interest in this study!**

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to satisfy the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, and in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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	<p>Email received November 6th, 2023 Has there been any new information posted on the website?</p>	Already on mailing list	<p>Email sent November 6th, 2023 The Public Information Centre #2 materials will be posted on the project website (www.highway3elgin.ca) on November 22, 2023. No new information has been published on the project website at this time.</p> <p>Should you have any additional questions, please contact comments@highway3elgin.ca.</p>
	<p>Email received November 20, 2023: On Nov 8/23 I spoke with Susan about any updates on the design in the area. I was informed that a meeting between your people was to occur on Nov 9th and that I would have some information and/or a private meeting prior to the PIC on Nov 22nd.</p> <p>I have not received a call back to date.</p> <p>Please follow up and also phone me as well as email as I do not want to miss an email while I am at work.</p>		<p>No response required. Susan McKay, MTO Property has been in contact with to discuss questions.</p>
	<p>Email November 23, 2023: If an acquisition occurred, is there a list of things i.e. expenses that are covered, available? Specifically mortgage penalty and fees?</p>		
	<p>Email received November 6th, 2023</p> <p>Please please think of noise for all residential housing in St. Thomas area.</p> <p>We request a large wall to block TRUCK NOISE that we hear even now. Even from the west of our neighborhood right now.</p> <p>Please note I am making request for large wall to block noise from several neighbours who do not have e-mail or internet access or means to go to meetings.</p>	<p>Already on mailing list</p> <p>Confirmation email sent November 15, 2023.</p>	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024 Thank you for your interest and comments on the project.</p> <p>As part of the environmental assessment, a noise study is being undertaken. The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. This work is based on the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently published draft NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, dated December 2021. Areas under consideration for noise mitigation were presented at Public Information Centre (PIC) #2, within the Preferred Plan. The Preferred Plan Project Roll Plans are available on the study website for your review: https://www.highway3elgin.ca/documentation.html.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Email received November 7th, 2023 Thank you for keeping me informed</p>	Already on mailing list	
	<p>Email received November 6th, 2023</p> <p>Thank you. Thank you. Any word on adjusting the traffic lights at #3 and Wellington for turns. Going one way there is an advanced green</p>	<p>Already on mailing list</p> <p>Confirmation email sent</p>	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your email regarding the traffic signals at the intersection of Highway 3 and Wellington Road. Ministry traffic staff have reviewed the operation of the traffic signals at this location and have determined that no interim modifications are</p>

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	the other direction Nothing at all. This light will be in operation for several more years yet. Time to fix the situation.	November 15, 2023.	necessary at this time. Any remaining deficiencies will be corrected as part of the larger project. Please let us know if you have any further questions.
	<p>Email received November 15, 2023 The major traffic concerns for the area is the north-south corridors between St. Thomas and London/401. Highbury and Wellington are death drives at the best of times. Why if you're going to twin a section, twin Highbury from Ron McNeil to the 401. North-South Traffic from London or the east NEVER will go to hwy 4 to get south.</p>	Added to mailing list. Confirmation email sent November 15, 2023.	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in this study.</p> <p>The Ministry is undertaking a Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the existing Highway 3 from Highway 4 easterly to just west of Centennial Avenue. Planned growth within the industrial sector of the City of St. Thomas is expected to result in increased vehicular and truck traffic volumes travelling to and from Highway 401 along Highway 4 and Highway 3. Highway 3 improvements will address projected travel demand and aid in the Ministry of Transportation's network connectivity in the area. It will also support recent and future industrial, commercial, and residential growth in the Elgin County and St. Thomas area.</p> <p>Our project will tie into the planned roundabout at Highbury Avenue at Highway 3, which is being completed as part of the Highbury Avenue Widening Study being undertaken by the City of St. Thomas (click here for more information). The City of St. Thomas is also undertaking a study for the construction of a major arterial roadway connection to the east of Highway 3/Centennial Avenue (click here for more information).</p> <p>Highbury Avenue and Wellington Road are municipal and county roads. Upgrades to municipal and county infrastructure will be at the discretion of the applicable municipality and is outside the scope of this assignment.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment Form November 22, 2023: Had concerns about farm equipment access on the highway. Would like drawings with overpass width, turning ramp widths and shoulder widths. The equipment is about 22ft wide.</p>	Already on mailing list.	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>The Project Team took the accommodation of farm equipment into consideration while developing and assessing the design alternatives for each interchange/intersection.</p> <p>The Preferred Plan at Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road and Wellington Road include bridges that will allow traffic (including farm vehicles) to cross over Highway 3. The current bridge design, as an example, will consist of a single through lane as well as a speed change lane and wide shoulders in each direction. Generally, the minimum dimensions from the centreline of the bridge include a 3.75m through lane, 3.5m speed change lane and a 1.75m shoulder. This will accommodate agricultural</p>

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			<p>equipment 22ft (6.7m) wide to cross the bridge in either direction and not occupy lanes in the opposing direction.</p> <p>Traffic speeds within the proposed roundabout at Highway 4 and the Talbotville Bypass will be significantly lower than mainline speeds, and sightlines will be designed to allow for road users to identify slower-moving farm equipment and adjust their speed accordingly. Please note that farm equipment is not currently permitted to use Highway 3 from Ron McNeil to Centennial Avenue and will continue to not be permitted to use the Talbotville Bypass and Highway 3 in the twinned section.</p> <p>The Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design process for the Talbotville Bypass and widening of Highway 4, and twinning of Highway 3 will be summarized in separate Transportation Environmental Study Reports (TESR) (one for the bypass, one for the twinning). Additional information regarding the Preferred Plan, including detailed drawings of the Recommended Plan, will be included within the TESRs. The TESRs will be available for 30-day public review and is tentatively scheduled for February 2024.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment Form November 22, 2023: Will the section of Sunset Rd no longer called Highway 3 fall into the care of Southwold Township?</p>	<p>Already on mailing list</p>	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>The jurisdictions/ownership of sections of Highway 3 and Highway 4 (Talbot Line and Sunset Road) that are outside the project limits will be determined as the project progresses.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment Form November 22, 2023: The drawing, signs and technical people were very informative. Good luck with project.</p>		<p>No response required.</p> <p>Thank you for this comment – this is helpful feedback.</p>
	<p>Comment Form November 22, 2023: As an avid road cyclist I use Ford Road to access Wonderland Road, which has a bike path into London. If Ford Road is dead ended, there is no way to get to Wonderland Road other than cycling on Wellington Road to Ron McNeil. Is there a way to accommodate some crossing at the Ford Road cul-de-sac?</p>	<p>Already on mailing list</p>	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in this study.</p> <p>Your concerns about this connection are noted. The project team is considering opportunities for a safe active transportation connection within this area. Cycling will not be permitted on Highway 3.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>

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	<p>Comment Form November 22, 2023: Should develop Ron McNeil Line connecting to Wonderland Road #74 & 73 Roads Leaving #3 as is. Wonderland is a direct route to 401 & 402</p>	<p>Already on mailing list</p>	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in this study.</p> <p>Wonderland Road is a municipal a road and upgrades will be at the discretion of the applicable municipality and is outside the scope of this assignment. However, interchanges are proposed at Highway 3 and Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road, and Highway 3 and Wellington Road. Planned growth within the industrial sector of the City of St. Thomas is expected to result in increased vehicular and truck traffic volumes travelling to and from Highway 401 along Highway 4 and Highway 3. Highway 3 improvements will address projected travel demand and aid in the Ministry of Transportation's network connectivity in the area. It will also support recent and future industrial, commercial and residential growth in the Elgin County/St. Thomas area.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Comment Form November 22, 2023: Lives at _____ and notes a lots of accidents and suggests stop lights or a four way stop at Ron McNeil/Wonderland during the diversion</p>	<p>Already on mailing list</p>	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in this study.</p> <p>Please note that Public Information Centre (PIC) #2 presented a Preliminary Construction Staging Sequence to provide the anticipated construction timeline for each section of the corridor. It is anticipated that the Ron McNeil Line Interchange will be constructed in advance of the Wellington Road Interchange. We will review the need for temporary traffic signals for use during construction during the detailed design phase. This will allow the new Ron McNeil Line/Wonderland Road Interchange to be available for vehicular traffic during the construction staging and potential detours of the Wellington Road Interchange.</p>
	<p>Comment Form November 22, 2023:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Utility crossings at Highway 4 may require depth location if you are going with open ditch or closed (sewer pipe & catch basin) for conflict. Rogers cable (high speed) crossing on Wellington at Highway 3 may require attention. Should relocate to bullnose to move around interchange. 2. Municipal drain (I believe named Jackson) on Highway 4 has two 300mm pipes. One should be filled with grout may not handle drainage for widened 4 because it was design for agriculture. 3. Good luck. This highway has a history 	<p>Already on mailing list</p>	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in this study.</p> <p>Your comments related to the location of utility crossings has been shared with our team. Consultation with agencies, such as utility companies, and local municipalities, has been ongoing as part of this study to identify potential utility and infrastructure conflicts within the study area. In addition, fieldwork is ongoing to complete locates and geotechnical investigations to support the existing conditions data.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions.</p>
	<p>Email November 23, 2023:</p>	<p>Added to mailing list</p>	<p>Response emailed December 12, 2023 Thank you for your comments and interest in this study.</p>

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	<p>Please accept this email as a formal request to be added to the project mailing list for the above noted project. Please include as well (cc'd on this email).</p> <p>Could you also kindly provide me with a copy of the information materials provided at the Second Public Information Centre hosted yesterday (November 22), to get an understanding of the review of alternatives and the preferred plan. Thank you in advance.</p>		<p>The Public Information Centre (PIC) #2 materials can be found on the project website, through the 'Documentation' tab. Additional information, including the Preferred Plan, and the Ministry of Transportation Property Brochure are also available on the website. The website link is provided below:</p> <p>www.highway3elgin.ca</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any trouble accessing the materials online.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
	<p>Voicemail received November 16, 2023 Calling in regards to the project that you're working on. My husband and I are wondering how it's going to be impacting our property. We're not going to be able to attend the meeting that you have scheduled for November the 22nd here in St. Thomas. As we'll be away. We wanted to know whether or not you're going to have an online option zoom or something where people could participate and be present in that form if we had any questions. It's showing in the documents our properties somehow impacted.</p> <p align="right">If you can follow up,</p> <p>the phone number is _____</p>	<p>Already on mailing list</p>	<p>Stantec left voicemail on November 17, 2023.</p>
	<p>Email November 23, 2023: I know you will be sending up follow-up communication early next with diagrams as per our discussion earlier this week. _____, my husband asked about a rendered picture. I see from a person who was able to attend the Nov. 22nd meeting there is a rendered picture of the changes to come.</p> <p>Lastly, is Wellington Road going to be four lanes _____ or will it remain two lanes with the addition of the onramp _____</p>		<p>Response November 24, 2023: I'm confirming that we've received your comments and questions.</p> <p>You will note that in plan _____ a magenta line which is an area under consideration for noise barriers. The renderings are conceptual only so the noise barrier locations will be based on the recommendations of the noise study, which is currently being finalized.</p> <p>You are correct about the lane configuration on Wellington, a single through lane in each direction plus auxiliary lanes (i.e., turn lanes) as required.</p> <p>We will review your other comments/question and provide a formal response in the near future.</p>

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	<p>Email November 23, 2023: I managed to find the rendered picture.</p> <p>having no wall is going to increase the sound impact on our property. *We will need a sound wall that goes across the entire back side of our property to reduce the sound impact, not partial or no sound wall We appreciate your follow up.</p> <p>I believe I answered my other question...</p> <p>* would like to know where the creek is and is that being diverted/ not? You had mentioned changes. *</p> <p>We would like to see what Wellington Rd @ McBain will Look like</p> <p>And the other wall you mentioned was that a break wall? What will the height of that be and look like?</p>		<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in this study.</p> <p>A noise assessment is being undertaken as part of the study. This work is ongoing, and findings will identify the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor. If a noise barrier is required in the area of your property, it will be constructed within the Ministry's right-of-way. Areas under consideration for noise mitigation were presented at Public Information Centre (PIC) #2, within the Preferred Plan. The Preferred Plan Project Roll Plans are available on the study website for your review: www.highway3elgin.ca.</p> <p>The findings of the noise assessment will be documented in the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR). Two TESR's are being prepared, one for the Highway 4 widening and Talbotville Bypass, and one for the Highway 3 Twinning. The TESRs will document the study process, including the alternatives considered, the evaluation of alternatives, the Preferred Plan, and impacts and mitigation measures. The TESRs will be available for 30-day public review and is tentatively scheduled for February 2024.</p> <p>Please refer to the Preferred Plan on the project website to view the potential design of Wellington Road The Preferred Plan identifies single lanes in each direction on Wellington Road, with an on ramp to Highway 3. Wellington Road traveling south towards McBain Line will also have a turning lane at the intersection, which will extend the right-of-way to the west.</p> <p>The existing tributary to Kettle Creek will be retained. A new culvert will be constructed under Highway 3 for the tributary, and it is anticipated that the existing culvert at Wellington Road will require improvements to accommodate the road works. Additional opportunities for improvements to drainage will be considered and impacts to the existing tributary will be reduced to the extent possible.</p> <p>Regarding the "other wall" noted in your email, the reference was to a potential retaining wall in parallel to Wellington Road . The approximate height of that wall is 5m (at the maximum height).</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any further questions. Thank you,</p>
	<p>Email November 28, 2023: I have been told that neighbours on either side of us have received information regarding back yard access but we have not received an update or information.</p>	<p>Already on mailing list</p>	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your email and interest in the study. We can confirm that the project team hand delivered a Permission to Enter letter to complete required field work (see attached) on October 24, 2023. The project team has been updating the preliminary</p>

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	Is there something that was missed? Is there any work scheduled or planned involving our property		design of the recommended highway improvements and have determined that we no longer require access to your property at this time. Please note, a noise assessment is being undertaken as part of the study. This work is ongoing, and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor. The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. The noise assessment work is being undertaken in accordance with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' (MECP) draft document titled NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, published in December 2021. If a noise barrier is required in the area of your property, it will be constructed within the Ministry's right-of-way. Please let me know if you require any additional information.
	<p>Email December 3, 2023: I attended the November 22nd PIC re: Hwy 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00) and Hwy 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00). My husband and I reviewed the maps outlining the areas being considered for noise mitigation and we are concerned because the section of the Hwy 3 Bypass is not currently highlighted as an area being considered for noise mitigation. We already experience noise from the bypass, and of course it will become noisier when this project is completed. I'm requesting for you to include noise mitigation measures in the section of Hwy 3 bypass to avoid a worsening noise situation.</p> <p>Our address is:</p>	Already on mailing list	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your email and interest in the study.</p> <p>Please note, a noise assessment is being undertaken as part of the study. This work is ongoing, and findings will be presented as the study progresses, including the need for noise barrier walls along the highway corridor. The noise assessment will use current and future traffic data to model the sound levels caused by road traffic with and without the proposed improvements. The noise assessment work is being undertaken in accordance with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' (MECP) draft document titled NPC-306, Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic, published in December 2021. If a noise barrier is required in the area of your property, it will be constructed within the Ministry's right-of-way.</p> <p>Please let me know if you require any additional information.</p>
	<p>Email December 7, 2023 Comparing the three roadway overpasses within the city, Burwell Rd is substandard. Balaclava St has sidewalks on both sides and streetlighting on one side. First Ave has a sidewalk on one side and streetlighting on both sides. Burwell Rd has neither. The only way across for mobility scooters, pedestrians, and bicycles is in the traffic lane. A cost-effective solution would be a cantilever sidewalk with streetlighting on the west side opposite the overhead powerlines.</p>	Already on mailing list	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>Please note that Burwell Road and Balaclava Street are municipal roads. Upgrades to municipal infrastructure is outside the scope of this assignment. We are working with the various municipalities as part of this project and will pass along your concerns to them though the design process.</p>

**Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3042-21-00) and Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
Preliminary Design, Detail Design, and Class Environmental Assessment Study**

Contact Information	Issue/Concern	Action Taken	Commitment/Response
			Please let me know if you have any additional questions.
	<p>Email December 8, 2023: Overall I like the design of the whole project, but I'm hoping to see this kind of large-scale project as a catalyst to really showcase the improvements in both safety and operations by using roundabouts wherever possible/feasible. I note that the plans show them at both ends of the highway (including the separate Centennial Drive study) but would like to see them used at ramp terminals too wherever possible. Having navigated interchanges which feature roundabouts in both Ontario and the US, it feels significantly safer to drive vs. encountering yet another traffic signal or stop sign. It calms and slows you down, giving you the time and means to focus on what's happening. Signals generally keep you on high alert. The general stigma of the public being afraid of roundabouts goes away once they experience how much safer and better they are to drive. Just look at Waterloo region.</p>	Added to mailing list	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.</p> <p>Based on existing and future traffic projections, it was determined that interchanges in the locations selected supports the anticipated traffic volumes, connections to the existing sideroads, the proposed twinned portion of Highway 3, and the proposed Talbotville bypass. Some of the ramp terminals at the interchanges are recommended to have signalized intersections but were assessed for potential roundabouts. While we agree with the safety benefits of roundabouts, the approach grades to the bridge over Highway 3 make the installation of roundabouts less desirable. In addition, roundabouts at the ramp terminals would present challenges for large agricultural equipment/vehicles and would require a larger footprint to accommodate the equipment. The signalized intersections reduce the overall footprint when compared to roundabouts, which also reduces impacts to private properties.</p> <p>Please let me know if you have any additional questions.</p>
	<p>Email December 11, 2023: No Comments to date - I would just like to be added to the mailing list for this project</p>	Added to mailing list	<p>Email sent December 11, 2023</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the study. Your contact information has been added to the mailing list.</p>
	<p>Email December 14, 2023: In regards to the intersection of Longhurst Line and Hwy 4, I am very concerned about the safety and ease of access for those using this intersection. It is currently very difficult to turn left from Longhurst onto Hwy 4 and this is only going to get worse as Amazon ramps up, the Talbotville residential subdivisions grow, further industrial land develops around Amazon and the VW plant opens.</p> <p>I am also concerned about traveling south on Hwy 4 and turning right onto Longhurst line. When traveling south, most small vehicle traffic moves into the left lane as they approach Longhurst and you can safely slow down and turn right onto Longhurst. Larger vehicles that traditionally travel in the right lane and aren't familiar with the area stay in this lane and have a hard time slowing down. If they can't move to the left right away and have to slow down to my speed (as I'm turning left onto Longhurst) the trucks then have a hard time merging into the left lane when they slowed down.</p>	Added to mailing list	<p>Email sent January 2, 2024</p> <p>Thank you for your comments.</p> <p>Based on current and project travel demands, traffic signals at the intersection of Clinton Line/Longhurst Line and Highway 4 are not warranted, but a gap analysis will be completed in order to assess the movements of farm and commercial vehicles crossing/accessing Highway 4 from Clinton Line and Southminster Bourne.</p> <p>Please note that Highway 4 is being widening from two to four lanes from Clinton Line to the new Highway 4 and Talbotville Bypass roundabout. Traffic will be required to reduce speeds as they approach the roundabout to continue traveling south towards Talbotville, or along the Talbotville Bypass/Highway 3. Highway 4 south of the roundabout will remain in its existing two-lane conditions (one lane in each direction), and Highway 3 will provide a four-lane corridor (two lanes in each direction).</p> <p>Please let me know if you have any additional questions.</p>

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Contact Information	Issue/Concern	Action Taken	Commitment/Response
	<p>I'd like to see a left hand turn lane added so that residents and our customers can safely turn from southbound hwy 4 onto Longhurst line.</p> <p>As traffic continues to increase, I'm also concerned about turning right from Longhurst onto Hwy 4. Currently there is essentially a speed change lane in place as most small vehicle traffic has move to the left lane before they reach Longhurst. This leaves the lane open for those turning right onto Hwy 4. Continuing to have a speed change lane in place after the hwy expansion will help with safety and ease for us and our customers and all the school busses that travel on Longhurst.</p> <p>Ensuring that in the proposed combination of Clinton and Longhurst there are both a left and right hand turn lane as it reaches Hwy 4 would also be required.</p>		

**Appendix B.4:
Agency Contact List**

Highway 401/Wonderland Road South Interchange - Minor Improvements (GWP 3032-22-00) - Mailing List

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**Appendix B.5:
Agency Correspondence**

From: [Taylor Jones](#)
To: [Hohner, Paula](#)
Subject: RE: Notice of Study Commencement - Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00), Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)
Date: Friday, June 2, 2023 11:43:55 AM

Hi Paula, please remove me from this correspondence I no longer work in that capacity here at Enbridge.

Thanks,

Taylor

From: Hohner, Paula <Paula.Hohner@stantec.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 11:17 AM
Cc: Welker, Kevin <Kevin.Welker@stantec.com>; Pizycki, Deanna (MTO) <Deanna.Pizycki@ontario.ca>; Hohner, Paula <Paula.Hohner@stantec.com>
Subject: [External] Notice of Study Commencement - Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00), Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)

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Good morning,

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) (please see attached notice). Additional project information can be found at www.highway3elgin.ca.

The purpose of this email is to introduce the project, to seek your input on the existing conditions within the Study Area, and to identify any issues or concerns that you may have.

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

If you wish to provide comments, have your name added to the study mailing list, or have questions about this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below.

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Ministry of Transportation
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Thank you,
Paula

Notice of Study Commencement



Hydro One Networks Inc.

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HydroOne.com

June 08, 2023

Re: Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass; Highway 3 Twinning

Attention:
Kevin Welker, P.Eng.
Project Manager
Stantec Consulting Ltd.

Thank you for sending us notification regarding (Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass and Highway 3 Twinning). In our preliminary assessment, we have confirmed that Hydro One has existing high voltage Transmission and Distribution facilities within your study area. At this time, we do not have sufficient information to comment on the potential resulting impacts that your project may have on our infrastructure. As such, we must stay informed as more information becomes available so that we can advise if any of the alternative solutions present actual conflicts with our assets, and if so; what resulting measures and costs could be incurred by the proponent. Note that this response does not constitute approval for your plans and is being sent to you as a courtesy to inform you that we must continue to be consulted on your project.

In addition to the existing infrastructure mentioned above, the applicable transmission corridor may have provisions for future lines or already contain secondary land uses (e.g., pipelines, watermains, parking). Please take this into consideration in your planning.

Also, we would like to bring to your attention that should (Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass and Highway 3 Twinning) result in a Hydro One station expansion or transmission line replacement and/or relocation, an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be required as described under the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016). This EA process would require a minimum of 6 months for a Class EA Screening Process (or up to 18 months if a Full Class EA were to be required) to be completed. Associated costs will be allocated and recovered from proponents in accordance with the Transmission System Code. If triggered, Hydro One will rely on studies completed as part of the EA you are current undertaking.

Consulting with Hydro One on such matters during your project's EA process is critical to avoiding conflicts where possible or, where not possible, to streamlining processes (e.g., ensuring study coverage of expansion/relocation areas within the current EA). Once in receipt of more specific project information regarding the potential for conflicts (e.g., siting, routing), Hydro One will be in a better position to communicate objections or not objections to alternatives proposed.

If possible at this stage, please formally confirm that Hydro One infrastructure and associated rights-of-way will be completely avoided, or if not possible, allocate appropriate lead-time in your

project schedule to collaboratively work through potential conflicts with Hydro One, which ultimately could result in timelines identified above.

In planning, note that developments should not reduce line clearances or limit access to our infrastructure at any time. Any construction activities must maintain the electrical clearance from the transmission line conductors as specified in the Ontario Health and Safety Act for the respective line voltage.

Be advised that any changes to lot grading or drainage within, or in proximity to Hydro One transmission corridor lands must be controlled and directed away from the transmission corridor.

Please note that the proponent will be held responsible for all costs associated with modifications or relocations of Hydro One infrastructure that result from your project, as well as any added costs that may be incurred due to increased efforts to maintain said infrastructure.

We reiterate that this message does not constitute any form of approval for your project. Hydro One must be consulted during all stages of your project. Please ensure that all future communications about this and future project(s) are sent to us electronically to secondarylanduse@hydroone.com

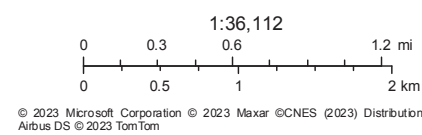
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Strategy & Integrated Planning
Hydro One Networks Inc.**

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June 8, 2023



From: [Hohner, Paula](#)
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Date: Friday, July 14, 2023 11:14:02 AM

Hi Joseph,
Thank you for your email and for the letter provided.

A Stage 1 archaeological assessment was completed as part of the preliminary planning and design process. We are currently conducting Stage 2 archaeological assessments in areas that retain archaeological potential as determined by the Stage 1 assessment. The information gathered during the Stage 2 assessment will then be used to recommend further archaeological work, as applicable. A Cultural Heritage Resources Assessment Report will be undertaken to identify built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes, present within and adjacent to, the study area. Reports will be submitted to MCM for acceptance when available.

Your contact information will remain on the mailing list and MCM will be kept informed as the project proceeds.

Thank you,
Paula

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Cc: Pizycki, Deanna (MTO) <Deanna.Pizycki@ontario.ca>; Hohner, Paula <Paula.Hohner@stantec.com>

Subject: FW: Files 0019339 and 0019340: Notice of Study Commencement - Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00), Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)

Kevin Welker,

Please find attached our initial advice on the above referenced undertaking.

Please note that the responsibility for administration of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and

matters related to cultural heritage have been transferred from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM). Individual staff roles and contact information remain unchanged. Please continue to send any notices, report and/or documentation to both Karla Barboza and myself.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Joseph Harvey | Heritage Planner

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Sent: June-01-23 11:17 AM
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Subject: Notice of Study Commencement - Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00), Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)

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Good morning,

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) (please see attached notice). Additional project information can be found at www.highway3elgin.ca.

The purpose of this email is to introduce the project, to seek your input on the existing conditions within the Study Area, and to identify any issues or concerns that you may have.

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

If you wish to provide comments, have your name added to the study mailing list, or have questions about this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below.

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Deanna Pizycki, P.Eng.
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Ministry of Transportation
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Thank you,

Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism **Ministère des Affaires civiques et du Multiculturalisme**

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June 14, 2023

Via Email Only

Kevin Welker, P.Eng.
Project Manager
Stantec Consulting Ltd.
comments@highway3elgin.ca

MCM Files : 0019339 and 0019340
Proponent : Ministry of Transportation
Subject : Notice of Study Commencement
Project : 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
Location : Municipality of Southwold and City of St. Thomas

Dear Kevin Welker:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) with the Notice of Study Commencement for the above-referenced projects.

MCM's interest in this Environmental Assessment (EA) project relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage, which includes:

- archaeological resources, including land and marine;
- built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and,
- cultural heritage landscapes.

Under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities, proponents are required to:

- identify existing environmental conditions and sensitivities,
- identify potential environmental impacts; and
- describe proposed measures to mitigate potential negative impacts.

Project Summary

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

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

Identifying Cultural Heritage Resources

While some cultural heritage resources may have already been formally identified, others may be identified through assessment.

Provincial Heritage Properties

Please note that the [Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties](#) (S&G), prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the *Ontario Heritage Act (OHA)*, came into effect on July 1, 2010. All Ontario government ministries and public bodies that are prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10 must comply with the S&Gs. They apply to property that is owned or controlled by the Crown in right of Ontario or by a prescribed public body.

Archaeological Resources

This EA project may impact archaeological resources. Please advise whether the study area has been screened for archaeological potential and/or is the subject of an archaeological assessment. If an archaeological assessment has been previously undertaken, please send us the Project Information Form (PIF) number.

If the study area, including any temporary roads, detours or work areas associated with the project, has not been previously screened or assessed, the Ministry's [Criteria for Evaluating Archaeological Potential](#) can assist you to determine if an archaeological assessment is needed. If it is determined that the project area exhibits archaeological potential, then an archaeological assessment (AA) will be undertaken during the planning phase. If further AA(s) are recommended, then MCM recommends that further stages of AA be completed as early as possible during the detailed design phase and prior to any ground disturbing activities.

Archaeological assessments are required to be undertaken by an archaeologist licenced under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, who is responsible for submitting the report directly to MCM for review.

The results of the AA will be summarized in the EA report, i.e. the Executive Summary of each AA report provides a brief summary of the work completed and the recommendations for next steps, whether for further archaeological assessment, in which case the report will include a map that identifies those areas, or for no further assessment. The EA report must also include clear commitments to undertake any further AA stages recommended, and a timeline for their completion.

Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

This EA project may impact built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. Please advise whether the study area has been screened for built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes and/or is the subject of a cultural heritage assessment. If technical cultural heritage studies have been previously undertaken for this study area, please send us an electronic copy of the study(ies).

If the study area, including any temporary roads, detours or work areas associated with the project, has not been previously screened or assessed, MTO's [Environmental Guide for Built Heritage and Cultural Heritage Landscape \(2007\)](#) and [Ontario Heritage Bridge Guidelines for Provincially Owned Bridges](#) as well as this Ministry's [Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes](#) can assist you to determine if a Cultural Heritage Assessment Report, Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report and/or Heritage Impact Assessment is needed.

Technical cultural heritage studies will be undertaken by a qualified person who has expertise, recent experience and knowledge relevant to the type of cultural heritage resources being considered and the nature of the project being proposed.

Community input should be sought to identify locally recognized and potential cultural heritage resources. Sources include, but are not limited to, municipal heritage committees, historical societies and other local heritage organizations.

Cultural heritage resources are often of critical importance to Indigenous communities. Indigenous communities may have knowledge that can contribute to the identification of cultural heritage resources, and we suggest that any engagement with Indigenous communities includes a discussion about known or potential cultural heritage resources that are of value to them.

Bridges and Culverts

Should this project impact any bridges please determine whether the structure is:

- included on the Ontario Heritage Bridge List
- listed in MTO's *Heritage Bridges: Identification and Assessment Guide, Ontario 1945-1965*
- 40 years or older and not listed in the above Guide
- locally or regionally unusual

Additionally, to determine whether this undertaking may impact on (recognized or potential) heritage bridges, Section 3.0 of the Ontario Heritage Bridge Guidelines (MTO, Interim January 2008) is of assistance.

If the proposed work involves a culvert, please note that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has developed the following reference materials, which should be consulted when dealing with culverts:

[Heritage Assessment of Structural Culverts](#)
[Structural Culvert Heritage Screening Form](#)
[Heritage Screening Report for Structural Culverts](#)

Environmental Assessment Reporting

The findings of technical cultural heritage studies should be summarized as part of the EA report's discussion of existing conditions, impact assessment, mitigation and future commitments. Commitments for further studies should clearly state what is to be done, who is responsible for implementation, and when. Recommendations from the technical cultural heritage studies described above should be reflected as commitments in the EA report.

If it is determined that no cultural heritage resources will be impacted and/or that technical studies are not warranted, this should be documented, summarised and incorporated in the final EA report. In this regard, we recommend including the completed screening checklists as part of the EA report.

Please note that the responsibility for administration of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and matters related to cultural heritage have been transferred from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM). Individual staff roles and contact information remain unchanged. Please continue to send any notices, report and/or documentation to both Karla Barboza and myself.

- Karla Barboza, Team Lead - Heritage | Heritage Planning Unit (Citizenship and Multiculturalism) | 416-660-1027 | karla.barboza@ontario.ca
- Joseph Harvey, Heritage Planner | Heritage Planning Unit (Citizenship and Multiculturalism) | 613. 242. 3743 | joseph.harvey@ontario.ca

Thank you for consulting MCM on this project and please continue to do so throughout the EA process. If you have any questions or require clarification, do not hesitate to contact myself.

Sincerely,

Joseph Harvey
Heritage Planner
Heritage Planning Unit
joseph.harvey@Ontario.ca

Copied to: Deanna Pizycki, Project Engineer, Ministry of Transportation
Paula Hohner, Senior Environmental Planner, Stantec

It is the sole responsibility of proponents to ensure that any information and documentation submitted as part of their EA report or file is accurate. The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the any checklists, reports or supporting documentation submitted as part of the EA process, and in no way shall MCM be liable for any harm, damages, costs, expenses, losses, claims or actions that may result if any checklists, reports or supporting documents are discovered to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent.

Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*, S.O. 2002, c.33 requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 30/11* the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at archaeology@ontario.ca) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

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June 12, 2023

Deanna Pizycki, P.Eng.
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SUBJECT: Notice of Study Commencement - Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass, Highway 3 Twinning Class Environmental Assessment

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) received the Notice of Study Commencement on June 1, 2023. Thank you for circulating this to our office. Please note that we have not completed a screening of natural heritage or other resource values for the project at this time. This response, however, does provide information to guide you in identifying and assessing natural features and resources as required by applicable policies and legislation, as well as engaging with the Ministry for advice as needed.

Please also note that it is the proponent's responsibility to be aware of, and comply with, all relevant federal or provincial legislation, municipal by-laws or other agency approvals.

Natural Heritage

MNRF's natural heritage and natural resources GIS data layers can be obtained through the Ministry's [Land Information Ontario \(LIO\)](#) website. You may also view natural heritage information online (e.g., Provincially Significant Wetlands, ANSI's, woodlands, etc.) using the [Make a Map: Natural Heritage Areas](#) tool.

We recommend that you use the above-noted sources of information during the review of your project proposal.

Natural Hazards

A series of natural hazard technical guides developed by MNRF are available to support municipalities and conservation authorities implement the natural hazard policies in the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). For example, standards to address flood risks and the potential impacts and costs from riverine flooding are addressed in the *Technical Guide River and Stream Systems: Flooding Hazard Limit (2002)*. We recommend that you consider these technical guides as you assess specific improvement projects that can be undertaken to reduce the risk of flooding.

Petroleum Wells & Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act

There may be petroleum wells within the proposed project area. Please consult the Ontario Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Library website (www.ogsrlibrary.com) for the best-known data on

any wells recorded by MNRF. Please reference the 'Definitions and Terminology Guide' listed in the publications on the library website to better understand the well information available. Any oil and gas wells in your project area are regulated by the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resource Act*, and the supporting regulations and operating standards. If any unanticipated wells are encountered during development of the project, or if the proponent has questions regarding petroleum operations, the proponent should contact the Petroleum Operations Section at POSRecords@ontario.ca or 519-873-4634.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act

Please note, that should the project require:

- The relocation of fish outside of the work area, a Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* will be required.
- The relocation of wildlife outside of the work area (including amphibians, reptiles, and small mammals), a Wildlife Collector's Authorization under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* will be required.

Public Lands Act & Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act

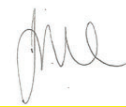
Some Project may be subject to the provisions of the *Public Lands Act* or *Lakes and River Improvement Act*. Please review the information on MNRF's web pages provided below regarding when an approval is, or is not, required. Please note that many of the authorizations under the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* are administered by the local Conservation Authority.

- For more information about the *Public Lands Act*: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-work-permits>
- For more information about the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/lakes-and-rivers-improvement-act-administrative-guide>

After reviewing the information provided, if you have not identified any of MNRF's interests stated above, there is no need to circulate any subsequent notices to our office. If you have identified any of MNRF's interests and/or may require permit(s) or further technical advice, please direct your specific questions to the undersigned.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,



Jody Marks
Regional Planner
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Land Use Planning and Strategic Issues Section – Southern Region
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

From: [Hohner, Paula](#)
To: [Wendell Graves; comments@highway3elgin.ca](#)
Cc: [lperrin; gbrooks](#)
Subject: RE: Highway 4 Widening Proposal and Highway 3 Twinning
Date: Friday, July 7, 2023 1:53:28 PM

Good afternoon,
Thank you for your interest in the study! We have received your request to be added to the study mailing list for future notices/correspondence.
Have a good day,
Paula

Paula Hohner MScPI, MCIP, RPP
Senior Environmental Planner

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Subject: Highway 4 Widening Proposal and Highway 3 Twinning

Good morning

On behalf of the Municipality of Central Elgin I want to register the municipality's desire to be added to the study mailing list and to advise that in the days ahead we may have specific comments about the proposal.

Thank you.

Wendell Graves
CAO/ Clerk (Interim)

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From: [Loucas, Mark \(OPP\)](#)
To: comments@highway3elgin.ca
Subject: Notice of Study Commencement - Addition to the Mailing List
Date: Monday, June 12, 2023 3:11:14 PM

Good afternoon,

I am facilitating with the new OPP Satellite Detachment which will be built on the new VW Plant property. As such, may I please be added to the mailing list for project updates regarding the highway expansion.

Thank you,
Mark



Mark Loucas | Inspector | Operational Support | West Region Headquarters
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From: [Hohner, Paula](#)
To: [Young, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Contact information Hwy 3 Twinning and Talbotville Bypass
Date: Friday, September 22, 2023 3:12:01 PM
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Cc: Werner-Hill, Julie <Julie.Werner-Hill@stantec.com>; Welker, Kevin <Kevin.Welker@stantec.com>
Subject: FW: Contact information Hwy 3 Twinning and Talbotville Bypass

From: Sara Little <Sara.Little@toronto.ca>
Sent: September 21, 2023 11:11 AM
To: Pizycki, Deanna (MTO) <Deanna.Pizycki@ontario.ca>
Cc: Horan, Colton (MTO) <Colton.Horan@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: Contact information Hwy 3 Twinning and Talbotville Bypass

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Hi Deanna,

Thanks you for reaching out and yes please do add me to your project distribution list.

Thanks you also for the link to the project page. I will watch for further updates and likely will take you up on your offer to field any questions in the meantime.

Have a great day.

Regards,

Sara Little
Manager, Green Lane Landfill
Transfer Stations & Landfill Operations, Solid Waste Management
City of Toronto
Phone: 519-652-0909



From: Pizycki, Deanna (MTO) <Deanna.Pizycki@ontario.ca>
Sent: September 21, 2023 11:06 AM
To: Sara Little <Sara.Little@toronto.ca>
Cc: Horan, Colton (MTO) <Colton.Horan@ontario.ca>
Subject: [External Sender] RE: Contact information Hwy 3 Twinning and Talbotville Bypass

Hi Sara,

If you are agreeable, I can add your email to the Highway 3 Project distribution list.

The documentation from the first PIC can be found here: [Documentation \(highway3elgin.ca\)](#)

We are targeting our second PIC later this fall of this year – we should have more information by that time.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Thanks,
Deanna Pizycki
T: (519) 859-7492

From: Sara Little <Sara.Little@toronto.ca>
Sent: September 21, 2023 11:03 AM
To: Horan, Colton (MTO) <Colton.Horan@ontario.ca>
Cc: Pizycki, Deanna (MTO) <Deanna.Pizycki@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: Contact information Hwy 3 Twinning and Talbotville Bypass

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Hi Colton,

Agreed that it was nice to put a face to an email. I appreciate you taking time with me last night to hear me out on our concerns about these two upcoming projects.

I look forward to communicating with Deanna in the upcoming months. For now, I would ask if there are any more PICs planned for the Hwy 3 project as I was not aware of the one that took place in August so did not attend.

Inclusion in any communications on both of the projects will be much appreciated and I would also like to know of the construction progress meeting schedule in hopes that we can have representation there.

Thanks in advance and I'm sure we will have several more questions as these project progress.

Regards,

Sara Little
Manager, Green Lane Landfill
Transfer Stations & Landfill Operations, Solid Waste Management
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Phone: 519-652-0909



From: Horan, Colton (MTO) <Colton.Horan@ontario.ca>
Sent: September 21, 2023 10:59 AM
To: Sara Little <Sara.Little@toronto.ca>
Cc: Pizycki, Deanna (MTO) <Deanna.Pizycki@ontario.ca>
Subject: [External Sender] Contact information Hwy 3 Twinning and Talbotville Bypass

Hi Sara

It was nice meeting you in-person last night.

I know you had a number of questions regarding the Hwy 3 twinning and Talbotville bypass project, and specifically how it may impact the landfill's haul routes.

Deanna Pizycki (cc'd on this email) is the MTO lead on this project and should be able to provide better info than I can. Her email and number:
Deanna.Pizycki@ontario.ca, +1 (519) 859-7492

Regarding the Col Talbot project, I'll make sure that Dillon/GIP add you to their stakeholder list (if not already there). Once construction starts they will be sending weekly or bi-weekly updates on upcoming closures. In addition, you can receive invites to our monthly construction progress meetings.

Thanks,

Colton Horan, P.Eng. | Area Manager, Construction
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From: Sara Little
To: Hohner, Paula
Cc: comments@highway3elgin.ca; Pizycki, Deanna (MTO); Welker, Kevin; Barg, Adam
Subject: RE: Highway 3 Twinning, Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass - response to comments
Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 9:29:25 AM

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Good morning Paula,

Thank you for the follow up email. We plan to have staff in attendance at the information centre. We are very interested in learning about the impacts of increased traffic along Hwy 4 as we have large vehicles travelling from Southminster Bourne heading northbound on Hwy 4 which involves an already challenging left hand turn. If these types of scenarios or concerns are being accounted for in the proposed design we will be happy to learn about them.

Regards,

Sara Little
519-652-0909

From: Hohner, Paula <Paula.Hohner@stantec.com>
Sent: November 21, 2023 9:22 AM
To: Sara Little <Sara.Little@toronto.ca>
Cc: comments@highway3elgin.ca; Pizycki, Deanna (MTO) <Deanna.Pizycki@ontario.ca>; Welker, Kevin <Kevin.Welker@stantec.com>; Barg, Adam <adam.barg@stantec.com>
Subject: [External Sender] Highway 3 Twinning, Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass - response to comments

Good morning Sara,

Thank you for your interest in the study. Your name and email address have been added to the project contact list.

The Project Team has noted Green Lane's concerns about traffic on Highway 4 from Southminster Bourne. The Preferred Plan includes improvements to Highway 4 and will be presented on November 22, 2023 at the second Public Information Centre. The notice is attached for your convenience.

Regards,
Paula

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From: Welker, Kevin
To: Stefanie Heide; comments@highway3elgin.ca
Cc: Jenna Fentie; Peter Dutchak
Subject: RE: Highway 3 and 4 Widening and Talbotville Bypass
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Thank you Stefanie. I confirm receipt of your comments.

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To: comments@highway3elgin.ca
Cc: Jenna Fentie <jfentie@ELGIN.ca>; Peter Dutchak <pdutchak@elgin.ca>
Subject: Re: Highway 3 and 4 Widening and Talbotville Bypass

Dear Mr. Welker and Ms. Pizycki,

Please find attached a letter from Elgin County Council with staff report for submission to the Preliminary Design **Re: Highway 3 and 4 Widening and Talbotville Bypass** on behalf of the Manager of Administrative Services, Jenna Fentie.


Thank you,
Stefanie


cc Peter Dutchak, Acting Director of Engineering Services



Stefanie Heide

Legislative Services Coordinator

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To: comments@highway3elgin.ca
Cc: [Jenna Fentie](#); [Peter Dutchak](#)
Subject: Re: Highway 3 and 4 Widening and Talbotville Bypass
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Please find attached a letter from Elgin County Council with staff report for submission to the Preliminary Design **Re: Highway 3 and 4 Widening and Talbotville Bypass** on behalf of the Manager of Administrative Services, Jenna Fentie.








Thank you,
Stefanie

cc Peter Dutchak, Acting Director of Engineering Services



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via email: comments@highway3elgin.ca

Re: Highway 3 and 4 Widening and Talbotville Bypass

Dear Mr. Welker and Ms. Pizycki,

At its meeting on September 12, 2023 Elgin County Council considered a staff report discussing recommended design alternatives and other study considerations for submission to the Ministry of Transportation Ontario for the public consultation phase of the Preliminary Design, Detailed Design and Class Environmental Study (Class EA) for improvements to Highway 3 from Highway 4 to Centennial Avenue within the City of St. Thomas and passed the following resolution:

“Moved by: Deputy Warden Jones
Seconded by: Councillor Hentz

RESOLVED THAT the report titled “Environmental Assessment – Highway 3 and 4 Widening and Talbotville Bypass”, dated July 25, 2023 from the Acting Director of Engineering Services be received and filed; and

THAT the interchange alternative preferences and other study design considerations identified in the report and by County Council regarding Wonderland Road at its September 12, 2023 meeting be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation’s study design team for inclusion in their Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR).

Motion Carried.”

Elgin County Council and staff strongly urge the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) to consider the following comments as part of their Preliminary Design (*see next page*):

Supported alternatives and preliminary design comments:

1. Ron McNeil Line / Wonderland Road Interchange – Alternative 3: Parclo A3 (Ford Road closed with cul-de-sac).
2. Wellington Road Interchange – Alternative 2: Parclo A4 (Alignment Shifted to West), and design to include signalization of the intersection of Wellington Road and McBain Line.
3. Highway #3 divided highway cross section to consider median protection for driver safety.
4. Transportation design to support the movement of large agricultural equipment.
5. Noise barriers be installed where shown to be beneficial for adjacent development.
6. Highway interchange illumination be incorporated.
7. All existing municipal infrastructure and services (i.e. watermains, drains) be replaced and to include casing sleeves to support future maintenance and upgrades.
8. Replacement of the Secondary Watermain across the proposed ROW.
9. Expanding the traffic study area to include Clinton Line, Southminister Bourne and the new Amazon property developments to accommodate anticipated peak demands.
10. MTO to consider additional access onto Wellington Road within their window of jurisdiction to serve existing and proposed developments.
11. MTO to provide clarification of any intentions that may exist to download existing portions of Provincial highways post project implementation.
12. MTO to provide clarity of any intentions that may exist to acquire / upload existing portions of County or municipal infrastructure during construction or on a permanent basis post project implementation.
13. Consideration and evaluation of utilizing Wonderland Road as the preferred new Highway #3 corridor to connect to Highway #401.

A copy of the staff report is attached. If you require any further information, please contact Peter Dutchak, Acting Director of Engineering Services at pdutchak@elgin.ca

Yours truly,



Jenna Fentie
Manager of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk
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cc Peter Dutchak, Acting Director of Engineering Services



REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: Peter Dutchak,
Acting Director, Engineering Services

DATE: September 5, 2023

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment – Highway 3
and 4 Widening and Talbotville Bypass

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the report titled “Environmental Assessment – Highway 3 and 4 Widening and Talbotville Bypass”, from the Acting Director, Engineering Services dated July 25, 2023 be received and filed, and;

THAT the interchange alternative preferences and other study design considerations identified in this report be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation’s study design team and for inclusion in their Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR).

INTRODUCTION:

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

This project proposes to implement significant improvements to this highway corridor that directly impacts County roads and surrounding communities. A Study Design Report (SDR) has been presented at a Public Information Centre (PIC) on August 17th, 2023 and is now available for public review and comment until September 15th.

This report discusses the SDR and staff’s remarks regarding the preliminary design options for County Council’s consideration and input so that a formal submission can be provided to the MTO during the study’s public comment period.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The MTO has initiated a Class EA and SDR to identify a preferred plan that addresses current and future transportation needs on Highways 3 and 4. The identified “Problem” and “Opportunities” statement as identified by the MTO is shown below:

Problems

- Traffic on Highway 3 and Highway 4 through Talbotville will continue to increase as recent and future industrial, commercial and residential growth occurs, which will impact safety in the community.
- Highway 3 is a two-lane undivided highway with at-grade intersections, which is not suitable for the anticipated increase in traffic generated by the recent and future industrial, commercial and residential growth.

Opportunities

- Highway 3 improvements and Talbotville Bypass are being planned as a provincial project to support future industrial, commercial and residential growth in the County of Elgin and St. Thomas areas. It will aim to address projected travel demand and aid in network connectivity in the area.
- Provide a four-lane divided Highway 3 between Centennial Avenue and Highway 4 to enhance safety and operations.
- Replace existing at-grade intersections with interchanges to promote free-flow movement along Highway 3 through the majority of the study area.

The study is currently in the preliminary design stage with the goal of identifying a preferred plan that best addresses current and future needs. The purpose of the Public Information Centre (PIC) is to gather input from the public, stakeholders and external agencies to develop a preferred plan that will be presented at a second PIC (tentatively scheduled for fall 2023).

Following the second PIC, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared. The TESR will describe the project, document all input received and provide an overview of the alternatives considered during the study. The TESR will be made available for public review for a 30-day period and this is anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2024. Following the TESR review period, the detailed design incorporating the preferred plan elements will commence.

The complete PIC display package is included with this report and can be accessed through the project website at the following link:

https://www.highway3elgin.ca/resources/pres_1308_Hwy3Elgin_PIC1_final.pdf

County staff along with staff from the Township of Southwold and the Municipality of Central Elgin have reviewed the design alternatives and have unanimously agreed upon the following comments to be presented to the study design team.

Ron McNeil / Wonderland Road Interchange

- Alternative 3 preferred (image below).
- Ford Road closure with cul-de-sac to prevent major arterial through traffic.
- Direct connection to Wonderland Road.
- Limited property acquisition.
- Supports future servicing along Ford Road.



Wellington Road / Talbot Line Interchange

- Alternative 2 preferred (image below).
- Alignment of Wellington Road shifted to the west to allow existing intersection to be maintained with minor detour during construction.
- Interchange ramp alignment does not encourage use of Water Tower Line.
- Design must accommodate anticipated traffic signals at Wellington Road and McBain Line.



Other study design considerations:

- Highway 3 divided highway cross section to consider median protection for driver safety.
- Transportation design to support movement of large agricultural equipment.
- Noise barriers be installed where shown to be beneficial for adjacent development.
- Highway interchange illumination be incorporated.
- All existing municipal infrastructure and services (i.e. watermains, drains) be replaced and to include casing sleeves to support future maintenance and upgrades.
- Replacement of the Secondary Watermain across the proposed ROW.
- Expanding traffic study area to include Clinton Line, Southminister Bourne and new Amazon property developments to accommodate anticipated peak demands.
- MTO to consider additional access onto Wellington Road within their window of jurisdiction to serve existing and proposed developments.
- MTO to provide clarification of any intentions that may exist to download existing portions of Provincial highways post project implementation.
- MTO to provide clarity of any intentions that may exist to acquire / upload existing portions of County or municipal infrastructure during construction or on a permanent basis post project implementation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None anticipated.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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Additional Comments: None.

LOCAL MUNICIPAL PARTNER IMPACT:

Dependant upon preferred design solutions, construction staging/scheduling and implementation timeline.

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:

This report will be circulated to the LMPs directly affected by this study.

CONCLUSION:

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking the Preliminary Design, Detailed Design and Class Environmental Study (Class EA) for improvements to Highway 3 from Highway 4 to Centennial Avenue within the City of St. Thomas.

This project proposes to implement significant improvements to this highway corridor that directly impacts County roads and surrounding communities. A Study Design Report (SDR) has been presented at a Public Information Centre (PIC) on August 17th, 2023 and is now available for public review and comment until September 15th.

This report discusses recommended design alternatives and other study considerations to be presented to the MTO for consideration as part of their public consultation phase of the study. The second PIC is tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2024 and is anticipated to showcase the preferred design solutions.

Following the second PIC, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and be made available for public review for a 30-day period and anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2024. Following the TESR review period, the detailed design incorporating the preferred plan elements will commence.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Approved for Submission

Peter Dutchak
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Good morning Peter, Jenna,

Thank you for taking the time to provide comments on behalf of Elgin County.

The Project Team has noted the County's preferred intersection/interchange alternatives and associated comments, as well as your preference for the installation of a Highway 3 median barrier. Your feedback was taken into consideration during the evaluation of alternative design concepts.

The County's recommendations for additional improvements in the Study Area have also been noted by the Project Team, including signalization of the Wellington Road and McBain Line intersection, replacement of municipal infrastructure, and adding additional access points on Wellington Road. The Project Team will consider these recommendations as the study progresses; however, some of these improvements are beyond the scope of work for this study.

In addition, the County's recommendations to consider widening Wonderland Road, consider the movement of agricultural equipment, include interchange illumination, install noise barriers, and expand the traffic study area have been noted by the Project Team. Please note that the widening of Wonderland Road northward to Highway 401 is beyond the scope of this assignment. Interchange illumination requirements will be assessed and included by the project team as the study progresses. As part of this study, noise and traffic assessments are being undertaken, and mitigation measures will be implemented where required and feasible.

The Project Team is also taking the movement of agricultural equipment into consideration while designing the improvements; however, agricultural equipment will be prohibited from using both Highway 3 and the proposed Talbotville Bypass for safety purposes.

Lastly, it is anticipated that the existing transportation network within the Study Area, including roads, highways, bridges, and associated infrastructure, will remain under the jurisdiction of the parties that currently own and maintain them. Should this change, members from the Project Team and/or MTO staff will be in contact with the affected municipalities.

We appreciate you taking the time to provide your comments and anticipate further dialogue with the County of Elgin throughout the course of this project.

Regards,
Paula

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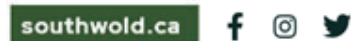
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Attention: Kevin Welker, P.Eng.
Project Manager

Township of Southwold's Comments on the Highway 3 Expansion Project

Dear Mr. Welker:

After reviewing the proposals for the Highway 3 Expansion Project, the Township has delegated the authority to provide comments.

For the Ron McNeil/Wonderland Road/Ford Road Interchange we submit the following comments:

1. Alternative 3 (Parclo A3) preferred.
2. Ford Road closure with cul-de-sac to prevent major arterial through traffic.
3. Direct connection to Wonderland Road.
4. Limited property acquisition.
5. Supports future servicing along Ford Road.

For the Wellington Road/Talbot Line Interchange we submit the following comments:

1. Alternative 2 (Parclo A4) preferred.
2. Alignment of Wellington Road shifted to the west to allow existing intersection to be maintained with minor detour during construction.
3. Interchange ramp alignment does not encourage use of Water Tower Line.
4. Design must accommodate anticipated traffic signals at Wellington Road and McBain Line.

We would also like to provide additional design comments on the proposals:

1. Highway 3 divided highway cross section to consider median protection for driver safety.
2. Noise barriers be installed where shown to be beneficial for adjacent

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- existing and future development.
3. Highway interchange illumination be incorporated.
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 5. Replacement of the Secondary Watermain across the proposed ROW.
 6. Expanding traffic study area to include Clinton Line, Southminister Bourne and new Amazon property developments to accommodate anticipated peak demands.
 7. MTO to provide clarification of any intentions that may exist to download existing portions of Provincial highways post project implementation.
 8. MTO to provide clarity on any proposed uploads of existing County of Local Municipal Infrastructures
 9. Design to consider paths of travel and use of agricultural equipment.
 10. This work shall not preclude the addition of an intersection on to Wellington Road to accommodate a secondary access from McBain subdivision.
 11. Did the MTO consider an alternate corridor for the twinning? i.e. Wonderland Road.

If you have any questions or require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Aaron VanOorspronk
Director of Infrastructure and Development Services

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Thanks Aaron. I confirm that we've received your comments.

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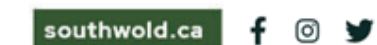
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Good morning Aaron,

Thank you for taking the time to provide comments on behalf of the Township of Southwold.

The Project Team has noted the Township's preferred intersection/interchange alternatives and associated comments, as well as your preference for the installation of a Highway 3 median barrier. The Preferred Alternative includes closing Ford Road at existing Highway 3 and this is supported by other area municipalities

Your preferences and comments will be taken into consideration during the evaluation of alternative design concepts.

The Township's recommendations for additional improvements in the Study Area have also been noted by the Project Team, including signalization of the Wellington Road and McBain Line intersection and replacement of municipal infrastructure. The Project Team will consider these recommendations as the study progresses; however, some of these improvements are beyond the scope of work for this study. We expect to have further discussion regarding the municipal-owned infrastructure as the project progresses.

In addition, the Township's recommendations to consider widening Wonderland Road, consider the movement of agricultural equipment, include interchange illumination, install noise barriers, and expand the traffic study area have been noted by the Project Team. Please note that the widening of Wonderland Road northward to Highway 401 is beyond the scope of this assignment. As part of this study, noise and traffic assessments are being undertaken, and mitigation measures will be implemented where they are found to be necessary. Interchange illumination requirements will be assessed and included by the project team as the study progresses. The Project Team is taking the movement of agricultural equipment into consideration while designing the improvements; however, agricultural equipment will be prohibited from accessing both Highway 3 and the proposed Talbotville Bypass for safety purposes. The traffic study considered development in the area as a contributing factor for the volumes within the current study area, however, Highway 4 north of Clinton Line is not within the scope of this project.

Lastly, it is anticipated that the existing transportation network within the Study Area, including roads, highways, bridges, and associated infrastructure, will remain under the jurisdiction of the parties that currently own and maintain them. Should this change, members from the Project Team and/or MTO staff will be in contact with the affected municipalities.

We appreciate you taking the time to provide your comments and anticipate further dialogue with the Township of Southwold throughout the course of this project.

Regards,
Paula

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Hi Deanna,

Received City Council support last night of the attached letter summarizing comments from the City of St. Thomas.

We welcome any opportunity to meet with the Project Team and discuss further.

Thanks,

Kevin De Leebeeck, MPA, P.Eng.
Director of Environmental & Infrastructure Services |
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Hi Kevin,

Thank you for following up – the alternatives that were sent are the ones that will be presented at the PIC.

The property lines may look a little different but the options themselves will be the same.

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Hi Deanna,

Just touching base if you had a chance to consider my message below.

Look forward to hearing from you,

Kevin De Leebeeck, MPA, P.Eng.
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Hi Deanna,

Just wanted to follow up on Patrick's message regarding advance viewing of the final Hwy 3 alternatives for a more informed discussion at the Aug 17th 2-3pm stakeholder meeting.

Thanks, and have a great long weekend,



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Hi Deanna,

Thanks for these DRAFT materials. Kevin De Leebeeck, our Director of Environmental Services / City Engineer cc'd will be leading the city comment process.

When do you anticipate on having the final alternatives?

Thanks,
Pat



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Hi Patrick,

Not sharing whole PIC deck at this time but DRAFT alternatives to be presented at the PIC for Highway 4, Ron McNeil/Wonderland, Wellington and First Ave for information/discussion.

Let me know if you want to discuss.

Thanks,
Deanna Pizycki

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Geez you're moving quick!

Sure we wouldn't mind having a look.



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Hi Patrick,

Will you want a chance to review our PIC slides?
We are in first review right now.

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That's correct. The city will publish notice in the paper (Times Journal) & on our social media accounts.



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Hi Deanna,

See attached final information package for PIC No. 2 for your files.

You will see the notes about potential ramps were added.

Thanks,
Pat



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Hi Pat,

Attached are the final PIC boards and comment sheet.
Please let us know if there are any issues.

Thanks
Henry

Henry Huotari, P.Eng. (He/Him)

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September 12, 2023

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Re: Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00) and Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)

The City has reviewed the Study Design Report, Project Roll Plans and Information Display Boards and appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on this important initiative. Our comments are summarized below and we welcome the opportunity to meet with the Project Team to discuss further.

Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)

Ron McNeil Line Interchange Alternatives

- Consideration should be given to potential impacts associated with the St. Thomas Area Secondary Water Supply main (750mm dia.). Any potential impacts, required relocation, and future access arrangements will require further dialogue with City of St. Thomas representatives.
- It is the City's preference that the Ford Road connection at this interchange be maintained to provide opportunity as a future collector connection to the continued development south of this interchange with Hwy 3 and Wonderland Road.
- Of the interchange alternatives presented the City's interests align best with **Alternative 2**.

Wellington Road Interchange Alternatives

- The City does not have a preference to any of the interchange alternatives presented for this location, however connection with Water Tower Line should remain for all alternatives.

Highway 4 Interchange Alternatives

- Of the interchange alternatives presented the City's interests align best with **Alternative 2**, however the City would encourage the MTO to consider a flyover ramp be added to Alternative 2 to help streamline the flow of traffic heading south to east (similar to the east to north bypass lane).

Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)

First Avenue Interchange

- The City would encourage that any interchange improvements to extend northerly along First Avenue. These improvements should be coordinated to align with the First Avenue and South Edgware Road intersection improvements as identified in the City’s Transportation Master Plan (2021).
- Furthermore, the PCI rating for the section of First Avenue over the St. Thomas Expressway (Hwy 3) indicates that full depth asphalt rehabilitation is required within less than 5 years. The City requests this work be completed as part of the Hwy 3 Twinning project.
- The City would also encourage the undertaking of a signal warrant analysis as well as a noise assessment to determine if traffic signals at any of the ramps are required or if noise mitigation measures are needed, given the proximity of existing residents.
- Of the interchange alternatives presented the City’s interests aligns best with **Alternative 2**.

Transportation Master Plan Considerations

- The City of St. Thomas Transportation Master Plan (2021) identifies that, while the First Avenue corridor provides a primary connection to the St. Thomas Expressway (Hwy 3), to explore options in relation to Burwell Road having a connection to the St. Thomas Expressway (Hwy 3). Similar to First Avenue, Burwell Road functions as a primary north-south route, but does not have direct access to the St. Thomas Expressway (Hwy 3). An interchange connection at Burwell Road would improve overall network functionality and alleviate pressures on First Avenue and Talbot Street.
- Furthermore, the City of St. Thomas Transportation Master Plan (2021) also identifies that the Burwell Road Bridge over the St. Thomas Expressway (Hwy 3) should be widened from 2 lanes to 4 lanes, along with providing provision for separated active transportation facilities. These improvements would provide additional capacity to an important corridor that connects major employment lands with residential areas of the City.

Cycling and Trails Master Plan Considerations

- In consideration of the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) directive 1.6.7.3, multimodal connectivity should be maintained or improved within transportation systems, including connections which cross jurisdictional boundaries.
- When the St. Thomas Expressway (Hwy 3) was installed in the 1970’s the Hughes Street pedestrian connection to Waterworks Park was severed. The City is requesting MTO consider re-establishing this lost active transportation link through the installation of a pedestrian bridge at Hughes Street as part of the Hwy 3 Twinning scope of work in support of PPS directive 1.6.7.3.

Asset Management Plan Considerations

- The City of St. Thomas Asset Management Plan (2023) identifies the following underground assets located within the St. Thomas Expressway (Hwy 3) corridor, those that are in need of replacement within the next 10 years, and those that require additional assessment.
- The PCI rating for the section of Burwell Road over the St. Thomas Expressway (Hwy 3) indicates that full depth asphalt rehabilitation is required within less than 5 years. This work should be completed as part of the Hwy 3 Twinning project.

Pipe Diameter	Material	Type	Location	Age (yrs)	Asset Condition	Description of Work Required
750mmø	CONC	Secondary Watermain	at Ford Road crossing Expressway	57	Good	Relocate water meter chamber and SCADA panel outside of influence of interchange. Contact Secondary Water Board and coordinate
750mmø	CONC	Secondary Watermain	at Water Tower Line crossing Expressway	57	Good	Relocate watermain where in conflict with proposed widening. Must not be disturbed. Consider bridging or casing. Protection of critical watermain during construction required. Contact Secondary Water Board and coordinate
600mmø	DUCTILE IRON	Trunk Watermain crossing	at Hughes Street	44	Fair	Replace across Hwy 3 ROW and install new valves at limit of Hwy 3 ROW
250mmø	CONC	Sanitary sewer crossing	at Hughes Street	45	Unknown	Condition assessment by sewer video before and after construction
N/A	CONC	Hughes St Pumping Station	at Hughes Street (south side of ROW)	45	Fair	Maintain existing service access from Hwy 3 during and post construction
575mmø	CLAY	Storm sewer outlet	at Brock Street	70	Unknown	Replace within limits of Hwy 3 ROW
450mmø	CMP	Storm sewer outlet	at Brock Street	55	Poor	Replace within limits of Hwy 3 ROW
850mmø	CONC	Storm sewer crossing	at Balaclava Street	38	Unknown	Condition assessment by sewer video before and after construction
525mmø	CONC	Sanitary sewer crossing	at Woodworth Avenue	49	Unknown	Condition assessment by sewer video before and after construction
300mmø	CONC	Storm sewer outlet	at Woodworth Avenue	45	Unknown	Condition assessment by sewer video before and after construction
375mmø	CONC	Sanitary	at Woodworth	49	Unknown	Condition assessment by sewer video

Pipe Diameter	Material	Type	Location	Age (yrs)	Asset Condition	Description of Work Required
		sewer outlet	Avenue			before and after construction
525mmø	CONC	Sanitary sewer	within ROW (north side) from Woodworth Avenue to Flex-O-Lite Road	45	Unknown	Condition assessment by sewer video before and after construction
900mmø	CONC	Storm sewer outlet	at First Avenue (north side)	49	Unknown	Condition assessment by sewer video before and after construction
525mmø	CONC	Storm sewer outlet	at First Avenue (south side)	49	Unknown	Condition assessment by sewer video before and after construction
300mmø	CAST IRON	Trunk Watermain crossing	at Flex-O-Lite Road	64	Fair	Replace across Hwy 3 ROW and install new valves at limit of Hwy 3 ROW
300mmø	CONC	Sanitary sewer	within ROW (north side) from Flex-O-Lite Road to Burwell Road	45	Unknown	Condition assessment by sewer video before and after construction
300mmø	CAST IRON	Trunk Watermain crossing	at Flex-O-Lite Road	57	Fair	Replace across Hwy 3 ROW and install new valves at limit of Hwy 3 ROW
1050mmø	CONC	Storm sewer outlet	from Harwill Road	34	Unknown	Condition assessment by sewer video before and after construction
300mmø	DUCTILE IRON	Trunk Watermain crossing	at Gaylord Road	61	Fair	Replace across Hwy 3 ROW and install new valves at limit of Hwy 3 ROW
900mmø	CONC	Storm sewer outlet	from Progress Drive	34	Unknown	Condition assessment by sewer video before and after construction
1050mmø	CONC	Storm sewer outlet	from Spackman Boulevard	49	Unknown	Condition assessment by sewer video before and after construction
400mmø	DUCTILE IRON	Trunk Watermain crossing	at Harper Road	57	Fair	Replace across Hwy 3 ROW and install new valves at limit of Hwy 3 ROW
375mmø	ASBESTOS CEMENT	Sanitary sewer crossing	at Laing Boulevard	44	Unknown	Replace across Hwy 3 ROW
450mmø	DUCTILE IRON	Watermain crossing	at Centennial Road	46	Good	Protect during construction
750mmø	CONC	Primary Watermain	at future crossing east of Centennial Rd @ EAWSS Watermain Easement	57	Good	Must not be disturbed. Consider bridging or casing. Protection of critical watermain required during construction.

Pipe Diameter	Material	Type	Location	Age (yrs)	Asset Condition	Description of Work Required
600mmø	CONC	Primary Watermain Drain	at future crossing east of Centennial Rd @ EAWSS Watermain Easement	57	Unknown	Must not be disturbed. Consider bridging or casing. Protection of critical watermain required during construction. Contact Primary Water Board and coordinate
900mmø	DI	Primary Watermain	at future crossing east of Centennial Rd @ EAWSS Watermain Easement	11	Good	Must not be disturbed. Consider bridging or casing. Protection of critical watermain required during construction. Contact Primary Water Board and coordinate

Other Considerations

- The City requests the MTO consider light and noise investigations along the Hwy 3 Twinning corridor in areas with residential homes to ensure minimal impacts to residents through the identification and implementation of any preventative or noise mitigative measures.
- The City would also request the removal of phragmites within the St. Thomas Expressway (Hwy 3) corridor prior to construction to prevent the spread of this invasive species.
- The City may also be interested in purchasing some land at 157 Inkerman Street to facilitate expansion of the Sewage Pumping Station (SPS) located at 4 Joyce Street. More information on this will be available in Spring of 2024.

We look forward to working with MTO on these important initiatives and with the Project Team in consideration of the City's comments provided herein.

Sincerely,



Kevin De Leebeeck, MPA, P.Eng.
Director of Environmental & Infrastructure Services |
City Engineer



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Good morning Kevin,

Thank you for taking the time to provide comments on behalf of the City of St. Thomas.

The Project Team has noted the City's preferences related to interchange, intersection, highway, active transportation, and asset management improvements. Your comments were taken into consideration during the evaluation of alternative design concepts. Please note that the Wellington Road Interchange alternatives, as presented at Public Information Centre 1, retain access to Water Tower Line.

The Preferred Alternative includes closing Ford Road at existing Highway 3 and this is supported by other area municipalities.

The City's recommendations for additional improvements in the Study Area have also been noted by the Project Team, including phragmites removal, asphalt rehabilitation at First Avenue Underpass, the northerly extension of improvements at First Avenue, construction of an interchange at Burwell Road, widening of Burwell Road Underpass, construction of a southbound to eastbound flyover ramp at the Highway 4 and proposed Talbotville Bypass intersection, and construction of a pedestrian bridge at Hughes Street. The Project Team will consider the City's recommendations for additional improvements as the study progresses; however, most of these improvements are beyond the scope of work for this study. The implementation of an interchange at Highway 3 and Burwell Road is not feasible due to the proximity of the First Avenue interchange.

Noise and traffic studies are being undertaken as part of the project, and mitigation measures will be implemented where required.

Regarding active transportation, the Project Team is considering opportunities to facilitate future active transportation within the Study Area, where feasible.

Please direct any inquiries about the purchase of property to Susan McKay, Property Supervisor for the Ministry of Transportation, West Region (by email at susan.mckay2@ontario.ca, or by telephone at 519-319-0527).

Thank you for providing the list of underground assets within the Highway 3 corridor. The Project Team will keep this information on file. We appreciate you taking the time to provide your comments and anticipate further dialogue with the City of St. Thomas throughout the course of this project.

Regards,
Paula

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August 31, 2023

Re: Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass Highway 3 Twinning

Attention:
Kevin Welker, P.Eng.
Project Manager
Stantec Consulting Ltd.

Thank you for sending us notification regarding (Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass Highway 3 Twinning). In our assessment, we have confirmed that Hydro One has existing high voltage Transmission and Distribution facilities within your study area.

At this time we do not have sufficient information to comment on the potential resulting impacts that your project may have on our infrastructure. As such, we must stay informed as more information becomes available so that we can advise if any of the alternative solutions present actual conflicts with our assets, and if so; what resulting measures and costs could be incurred by the proponent. Note that this response does not constitute approval for your plans and is being sent to you as a courtesy to inform you that we must continue to be consulted on your project.

Hydro One must be consulted during all stages of your project. Please ensure that all future communications about this and future project(s) are sent to us electronically to secondarylanduse@hydroone.com

Sent on behalf of,

**Secondary Land Use
Asset Optimization
Strategy & Integrated Planning
Hydro One Networks Inc.**

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Good morning,
Thank you for your comments and interest in the study. The information that you have provided, including the presence of Hydro One high voltage Transmission and Distribution facilities in the study area, has been noted by the Project Team.

Your contact information is on the study mailing list and, as requested, we will continue to circulate study notifications to you at key milestones. Thank you again for your comments.

Regards,
Paula

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Please see the attached for Hydro One's Response.

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Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study
Public Information Centre 2 – Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Please leave your completed comment form in the drop box provided or submit by **December 7, 2023** to comments@highway3elgin.ca or contact:

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38593 ThirdLine Southwold
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- Response Requested
- Response Not Required

Comments (please continue on the back of this sheet if you need more space):

The City of Toronto operates a landfill on ThirdLine. The Ministry of Environment requires us to use Southminster Burne for all truck traffic to and from the landfill. The trucks (transports) are already having difficulty turning left from Southminster Burne to Colonel Talbot with the increased traffic from Amazon. With 40-50 trucks requiring to make a left we feel there is a health and safety issue with the current plan of twinning Hwy 3 and adding to the traffic on Hwy 4.

Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. This information will be kept on file and may be included in study documentation, which will be made available for public review.

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We would like to be considered in the traffic study since Stantec only looked at traffic impacts to Longhurst. We would like the study be expanded to Hwy 401.

Thank you for your interest in this study!

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Good Morning,

Thank you for your comments and interest in the study.

As noted in your comment (attached), this study focused on Highway 4, south of Clinton Line/Longhurst Line to the proposed Talbotville Bypass. The intent is to address projected travel demand and aid in the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) network connectivity in the area by widening this section of Highway 4 to provide continuous two-lanes in each direction from Highway 401 to the proposed Bypass.

Hearing your concerns, the project team is adding a traffic analysis of the Southminster Bourne/Highway 4 intersection, including a gap analysis to the scope of our assignment.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

Sarah Micks

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I confirm we have received these comments.

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Dear Mr. Welker and Ms. Pizycki,

Please find attached a letter with further comments from Elgin County Council for consideration regarding the **Talbotville Bypass and Highway 3 Twinning** on behalf of the Manager of Administrative Services, Jenna Fentie.


Thank you,
Stefanie


cc Peter Dutchak, Acting Director of Engineering Services



Stefanie Heide

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December 6, 2023

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Deanna Pizycki, P.Eng.
Senior Project Engineer
Ministry of Transportation

via email: comments@highway3elgin.ca

Re: Talbotville Bypass and Highway 3 Twinning

Dear Mr Welker and Ms. Pizycki,

At its meeting on December 6, 2023, Elgin County Council considered a staff report that provided an update on the recent Ministry of Transportation's Public Information Centre 2 regarding the Preliminary Design, Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment for improvements to Highway 3 from Highway 4 to Centennial Ave. Elgin County Council and staff strongly urges the Ministry of Transportation's Study Design team to consider and include the following comments in their Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR):

1. That construction detours utilizing County roads be minimized in duration where possible;
2. That all County roads considered to be utilized as construction detour routes have a formal assessment completed to determine their current state of repair and as a benchmark of condition prior to use as detour routes;
3. That if County roads are used as construction detour routes, that the MTO commit to restoring roads to their pre-detour condition at project completion if required;
4. That if County roads are used as construction detour routes, that the MTO be responsible for any maintenance activities required as a result of the road's increased use;
5. That, notwithstanding the specificity of comments 2, 3 and 4, MTO compensate the County for any additional costs or work, including contracted services, that is reasonably required arising out of the use of any County road as a detour route;
6. That cul-de-sacs be designed so that municipal service vehicles (i.e. plow trucks, garbage trucks) can turn around in one movement;

7. That traffic signalization be implemented at the intersection of Clinton Line and Highway #4 to facilitate the movement of agricultural equipment.

Your consideration of the above is greatly appreciated. Should you require any further details or clarification, please contact Peter Dutchak, Director of Engineering Services at pdutchak@elgin.ca.

Yours truly,



Jenna Fentie
Manager of Administrative Services/Deputy Clerk
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Hello,

Thank you for your comments. Please accept our responses below.

The MTO and the design team will continue to engage the County at our on-going monthly meetings through design and construction regarding detour routes. In general:

- The detours using County Roads will be minimized in duration where possible;
- A pre-condition survey will be completed prior to construction for detour routes;
- The MTO will work with the County to address concerns related maintenance, functional requirements, restoration and compensation, as required, as the project progresses.

Cul-de-sacs designed within the County's jurisdiction will allow municipal service vehicles to access, and complete turnaround movements within the roadway. Previous input has been provided by the County on this item for design reference.

Based on current and project travel demands, traffic signals at the intersection of Clinton Line and Highway 4 are not warranted. Hearing your concerns, a gap analysis will be completed in order to assess the movements of farm and commercial vehicles crossing/accessing Highway 4 from Clinton Line and Southminster Bourne.

Thank you,

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Thank you,
Stefanie

cc Peter Dutchak, Acting Director of Engineering Services



Stefanie Heide

Legislative Services Coordinator

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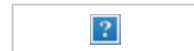
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Subject: FW: Township of Southwold PIC Comments
Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 4:52:55 PM
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[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[2023-12-12 Southwold Comments to MTO.pdf](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 4:47 PM
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Subject: Township of Southwold PIC Comments

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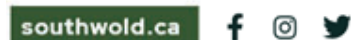
Thank you,



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Director of Infrastructure & Development Services

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December 12, 2023

Stantec Consulting Ltd

Via email: comments@highway3elgin.ca

Attention: Kevin Welker, P.Eng.
Project Manager

Township of Southwold's Comments on the Highway 3 Expansion Project

Dear Mr. Welker:

At it's meeting on December 11, 2023, Township of Southwold Council received a staff report to provide updates from the second Public Information Centre. Council has provided the following comments and urges for their inclusion in design considerations by the Ministry's Design Team.

1. That cul-de-sacs be designed so that municipal service vehicles (i.e. plow trucks, garbage trucks) can turn around in one movement.
2. That traffic signalization be implemented at the intersection of Clinton Line and Highway #4 to facilitate the movement of agricultural equipment.
3. That traffic signalization be implemented at the intersection of Southminster Bourne and Highway #4 to facilitate the movement of agricultural equipment and the high volume of truck traffic from the City of Toronto's Landfill.

Your consideration of the above is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Aaron VanOorspronk
Director of Infrastructure and Development Services

Harvest opportunity

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From: [ONT Environment / Environnement ONT](#)
To: [Micks, Sarah](#)
Cc: [comments@highway3elgin.ca](#)
Subject: RE: [External/Externe]: Highway 4 Widening & Talbotville Bypass / Highway 3 Twinning - Project Notices
Date: Friday, December 1, 2023 9:55:48 AM
Attachments: [Notice of Study Commencement - Highway 3 Elgin June 1 2023.pdf](#)
[Notice of PIC1_SDR_Hwy 4 Widening Talbotville Bypass Hwy 3 Twinning.pdf](#)
[Notice of PIC2_Hwy 4 Widening Talbotville Bypass Hwy 3 Twinning.pdf](#)

Greetings,

Thank you for your correspondence.

Please note Transport Canada does not require receipt of all Individual or Class EA related notifications. We request that project proponents self-assess whether their project:

1. Will interact with a federal property and/or waterway by reviewing the Directory of Federal Real Property, available at www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/dfrp-rbif/; **and**
2. Will require approval and/or authorization under any Acts administered by Transport Canada* available at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/acts-regulations/menu.htm>.

Proposed projects that will occur on federal property (including reserve lands or lands owned by federal departments other than Transport Canada) will be subject to an Impact Assessment per Section 82 of the *Impact Assessment Act, 2019* prior to exercising a federal power (including full or partial funding), and/or performing a function or duty (e.g. regulatory approval or issuance of a lease) in relation to that project.

If the criteria above do not apply, Transport Canada's Environmental Assessment program should not be included in any further correspondence, and future notifications will not receive a response. If there is a role under the program, correspondence should be forwarded to: EnviroOnt@tc.gc.ca with a **brief description of Transport Canada's expected role**.

*Below is a summary of the most common Acts that apply to projects in an Environmental Assessment context:

- **Canadian Navigable Waters Act (CNWA)** – the Act applies primarily to works constructed or placed in, on, over, under, through, or across navigable waters set out under the Act. The Navigation Protection Program administers the CNWA through the review and authorization of works affecting navigable waters. Information about the Program, CNWA and approval process is available at: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/programs-621.html>. Inquiries can be directed to NPPONT-PPNONT@tc.gc.ca or by calling (519) 383-1863.
- **Railway Safety Act (RSA)** – the Act provides the regulatory framework for railway safety, security, and some of the environmental impacts of railway operations in Canada. The Rail Safety Program develops and enforces regulations, rules, standards and procedures governing safe railway operations. Additional information about the Program is available at: <https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/menu.htm>. Inquiries can be directed to

RailSafety@tc.gc.ca or by calling (613) 998-2985.

- **Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act (TDGA)** – the transportation of dangerous goods by air, marine, rail and road is regulated under the TDGA. Transport Canada, based on risks, develops safety standards and regulations, provides oversight and gives expert advice on dangerous goods to promote public safety. Additional information about the transportation of dangerous goods is available at: <https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/tdg/safety-menu.htm>. Inquiries can be directed to TDG-TMDOntario@tc.gc.ca or by calling (416) 973-1868.
- **Aeronautics Act** – this Act and the associated Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) govern civil aviation in Canada. Transport Canada should be notified of projects involving aerodromes and associated structures, or activities that could affect aviation safety. Elevated structures, such as wind turbines and communication towers, are examples of projects that must be assessed for lighting and marking requirements in accordance with the CARs. Transport Canada also has an interest in projects that have the potential to cause interference between wildlife and aviation activities. One example would be waste facilities, which may attract birds into commercial and recreational flight paths. Additional guidance can be found in the *Land Use In The Vicinity of Aerodromes* publication, available at: <https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/civilaviation/publications/tp1247-menu-1418.htm>. Information about Transport Canada's Civil Aviation program can be found at: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation>. Inquires can be directed to aviation.ont@tc.gc.ca or by calling 1 (800) 305-2059 / (416) 952-0230.

Please advise if additional information is needed.

Thank you,

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Programme d'évaluation environnementale, Région de l'Ontario
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From: Micks, Sarah <Sarah.Micks@stantec.com>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 11:43 AM
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Cc: comments@highway3elgin.ca
Subject: [External/Externe]: Highway 4 Widening & Talbotville Bypass / Highway 3 Twinning - Project Notices

Hello,

Please find the attached Notice of Study Commencement, Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) 1, and Notice of PIC 2 for the Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass, Highway 3 Twinning Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study.

PIC 2 is being held at the following date and location:

Date: November 22, 2023
Location: St. Annes Centre, 20 Morrison Drive, St. Thomas, ON N5R 4S6
Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm

The PIC materials will also be available on the project website for your review on November 22, 2023:
www.highway3elgin.ca

Please contact a member of the project team identified on the attached Notice if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you,

Sarah Micks

Environmental Planner
sarah.micks@stantec.com
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To: [Aaron VanOorspronk](#)
Cc: comments@highway3elgin.ca
Subject: RE: Township of Southwold PIC Comments
Date: Friday, February 2, 2024 10:07:30 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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Hello,

Thank you for your comments. Please accept our responses below.

Cul-de-sacs designed within the Township's jurisdiction will allow municipal service vehicles to access, and complete turnaround movements within the roadway. Previous input has been provided by the County on this item for design reference.

Based on current and project travel demands, traffic signals at the intersection of Clinton Line and Highway 4 are not warranted. Hearing your concerns, a gap analysis will be completed in order to assess the movements of farm and commercial vehicles crossing/accessing Highway 4 from Clinton Line. Although it is north of the study area, Highway 4/Southminster Bourne will also be assessed based on your concerns.

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April 26, 2023

**Attention: Hohahes Leroy Hill
Secretary of Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council
16 Sunrise Court, Suite 407, P.O. Box 714
Ohsweken, ON, N0A 1M0
Sent Via Email: jocko@sixnationsns.com**

**Reference: NOTICE OF UPCOMING STUDY
Highway 4 Widening / Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
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Sent Via Email: chief@munsee.ca**

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**Attention: Chief Mark B. Hill
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Attention: Michelle McCormack
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Sent Via Email: consultation@kettlepoint.org**

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June 1, 2023

Attention: Chief Chris Plain
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Sarnia, ON, N7T 7H5
Sent Via Email: chief.plain@aamjiwnaang.ca

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**Attention: Michelle McCormack
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Yours truly,

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Emily Roadhouse
Head, Environmental Delivery West
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- D. Pizycki, Project Engineer, MTO
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June 1, 2023

Attention: Chief Mark B. Hill
Six Nations of the Grand River
1695 Chiefswood Road P.O. Box 5000
Ohswegen, ON, N0A 1M0
Sent Via Email: markhill@sixnations.ca

Reference: NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
Highway 4 Widening / Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)
Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental
Assessment Study

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June 1, 2023

**Attention: Chief Dan Miskokomon
Walpole Island First Nation
117 Tahgahoning Road, RR #3
Wallaceburg, ON, N8A 4K9
Sent Via Email: Dan.miskokomon@wifn.org**

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July 24, 2023

Attention: Chief Chris Plain

Aamjiwnaang First Nation

978 Tashmoo Avenue

Sarnia, ON N7T 7H5

Sent Via Email: chief.plain@aamjiwnaang.ca

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Sincerely,

Sophia Vanessa Elali

Sophia Elali
Environmental Planner, Environmental Delivery West
Ministry of Transportation

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C. O'Brien, Environmental Coordinator, Aamjiwnaang First Nation
C. White, Right to Play Inquiries, Aamjiwnaang First Nation

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July 24, 2023

Attention: Michelle McCormack**Caldwell First Nation****14 Orange Street****Leamington, ON N8H 1P5**Sent Via Email: ecc@caldwellfirstnation.ca

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July 24, 2023

**Attention: Chief Jacqueline French
Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
320 Chippewa Road
Muncey, ON N0L 1Y0**
Sent Via Email: jfrench@cottfn.com

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K. Riley, Acting, Lands and Environment Director, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
F. Burch, Consultation Coordinator, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation



July 24, 2023

**Attention: Hohahas Leroy Hill
Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council
16 Sunrise Court, Suite 407 P.O. Box 714
Ohsweken, ON N0A 1M0**
Sent Via Email: jocko@sixnationsns.com

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Sophia Elali
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R. Williams, Environmental Supervisor, Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council
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July 24, 2023

**Attention: Chief Kimberly Bressette
Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation
6247 Indian Lane
Lambton Shores, ON N0N 1J1**
Sent Via Email: consultation@kettlepoint.org

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Attention: Chief Roger Thomas
Munsee-Delaware Nation
289 Jubilee Road RR #1
Muncey, ON N0L 1Y0

Sent Via Email: chief@munsee.ca

Reference: Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) 1
Highway 4 Widening / Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)
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Attention: Chief Todd Cornelius

Oneida Nation of the Thames

2210 Elm Avenue

Southwold, ON N0L 2G0

Sent Via Email: todd.cornelius@oneida.on.ca

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**Attention: Chief Mark B. Hill
Six Nations of the Grand River
1695 Chiefswood Rd P.O. Box 5000
Ohsweken, ON N0A 1M0**Sent Via Email: markhill@sixnations.ca**Reference: Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) 1
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Attention: Chief Dan Miskokomon

Walpole Island First Nation

117 Tahgahoning Road, RR #3

Wallaceburg, ON N8A 4K9

Sent Via Email: Dan.miskokomon@wifn.org

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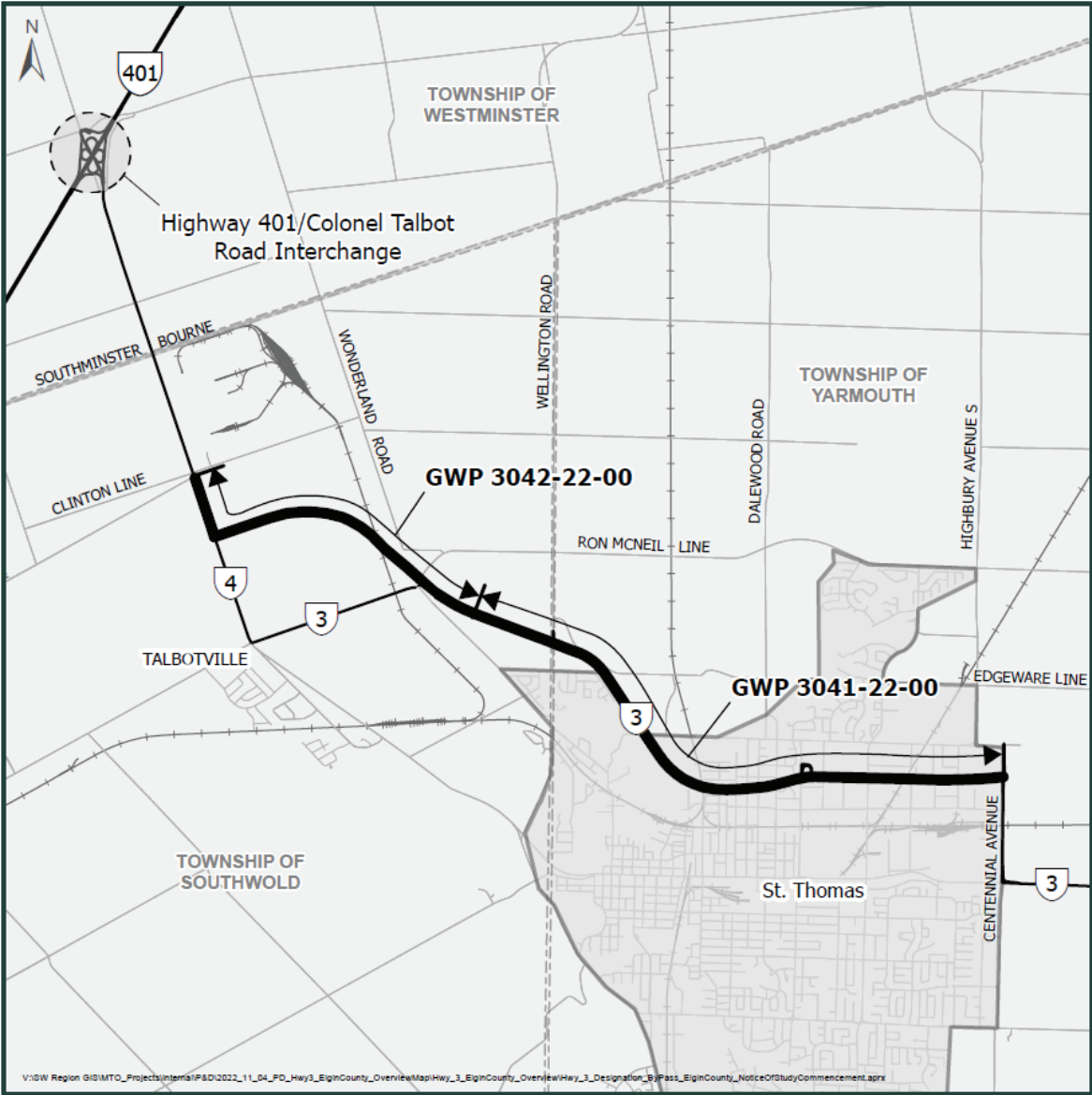
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**Attention: Chief Chris Plain
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
978 Tashmoo Avenue
Sarnia, ON N7T 7H5**

Sent Via Email: chief.plain@aamjiwnaang.ca

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**Attention: Michelle McCormack
Caldwell First Nation
14 Orange Street
Leamington, ON N8H 1P5**

Sent Via Email: ecc@caldwellfirstnation.ca

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Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
320 Chippewa Road
Muncey, ON N0L 1Y0**
Sent Via Email: jfrench@cottfn.com

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Sent Via Email: jocko@sixnationsns.com

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Group 'B' projects are considered major improvements to existing transportation facilities. The following is being undertaken as a Group 'B' project (GWP 3041-22-00):

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Location: St. Annes Centre
20 Morrison Dr, St Thomas, ON N5R 4S6
Time: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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Sincerely,

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T. Williams, Monitoring Program Coordinator, Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council



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November 6, 2023

Attention: Chief Kimberly Bressette
Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation
6247 Indian Lane
Lambton Shores, ON N0N 1J1
Sent Via Email: consultation@kettlepoint.org

Reference: Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) 2
Highway 4 Widening / Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)
Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

Dear Chief Bressette:

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).

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November 6, 2023

**Attention: Chief Roger Thomas
Munsee-Delaware Nation
289 Jubilee Road RR #1
Muncey, ON N0L 1Y0**

Sent Via Email: chief@munsee.ca

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Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)
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November 6, 2023

**Attention: Chief Todd Cornelius
Oneida Nation of the Thames
2210 Elm Avenue
Southwold, ON N0L 2G0**

Sent Via Email: todd.cornelius@oneida.on.ca

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P. Tobin, CEO, Oneida Nation of the Thames
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November 6, 2023

**Attention: Chief Mark B. Hill
Six Nations of the Grand River
1695 Chiefswood Rd P.O. Box 5000
Ohsweken, ON N0A 1M0**
Sent Via Email: markhill@sixnations.ca

**Reference: Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) 2
Highway 4 Widening / Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)
Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study**

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D. Russell, Consultation Administrative Assistant, Six Nations of the Grand River



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November 6, 2023

**Attention: Chief Dan Miskokomon
Walpole Island First Nation
117 Tahgahoning Road, RR #3
Wallaceburg, ON N8A 4K9**

Sent Via Email: Dan.miskokomon@wifn.org

**Reference: Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) 2
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Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)
Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study**

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A. Blackeagle, Executive Assistant, Walpole Island First Nation
D. Jacobs, Senior Advisor, Walpole Island First Nation
J. Macbeth, Consultation Manager, Walpole Island First Nation
L. Wrightman, Project Review Coordinator, Walpole Island First Nation

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January 31, 2024

Attention: Chief Chris Plain

Aamjiwnaang First Nation

978 Tashmoo Avenue

Sarnia, ON N7T 7H5

Sent Via Email: chief.plain@aamjiwnaang.ca

**Reference: Notice of Study Completion
Highway 4 Widening / Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)
Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study**

Dear Chief Plain:

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January 31, 2024

**Attention: Michelle McCormack
Caldwell First Nation
14 Orange Street
Leamington, ON N8H 1P5**
Sent Via Email: ecc@caldwellfirstnation.ca

**Reference: Notice of Study Completion
Highway 4 Widening / Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)
Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study**

Dear Michelle McCormack:

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January 31, 2024

**Attention: Chief Jacqueline French
Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
320 Chippewa Road
Muncey, ON N0L 1Y0**
Sent Via Email: jfrench@cottfn.com

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Highway 4 Widening / Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00)
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Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study**

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Attention: Hohahes Leroy Hill
Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council
16 Sunrise Court, Suite 407 P.O. Box 714
Ohswegen, ON N0A 1M0
Sent Via Email: jocko@sixnationsns.com

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January 31, 2024

**Attention: Chief Kimberly Bressette
Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation
6247 Indian Lane
Lambton Shores, ON N0N 1J1
Sent Via Email: consultation@kettlepoint.org**

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**Attention: Chief Roger Thomas
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Muncey, ON N0L 1Y0
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Attention: Chief Dan Miskokomon
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