

NOTICE OF FILING – ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT ADDENDUM

Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from west of Highway 582 to Coughlin Road

THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** retained **WSP** to undertake the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the four-lane expansion of Highway 11/17 from 1.3 km west of Highway 582 to 800 m west of Coughlin Road.

The project includes:

- Expansion of Highway 11/17 to four lanes by twinning on the existing alignment; and
- Improvements / modifications to select intersecting side-roads.

In 1997, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) was prepared to document the proposed plans to four-lane this portion of Highway 11/17. The project was approved and subsequently the four-lane highway corridor was designated (protected) in 2003.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT ADDENDUM

MTO is proposing two changes to the 1997 EA Approved four-lane plan and has prepared an Addendum to the 1997 Environmental Study Report (ESR). The proposed changes include: widening the proposed right-of-way from 45 m to 55 m on the north (twinned) side of the highway, and a minor alignment revision to one intersecting roadway (Valley Road East).

THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000). In accordance with the Class EA, this Addendum to the original ESR has been prepared to document the proposed changes. The ESR Addendum is available for review at the following locations:

Red Rock Public Library
Front Desk
42 Salls Street
Red Rock, ON

Township of Dorion
170 Dorion Loop Road
Dorion, ON

Dorion Public Library
Front Desk
170 Dorion Loop Road
Dorion, ON

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
Thunder Bay Regional Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON

The Addendum and additional study information is also available on the project website at www.hwy11-17-hwy582tocoughlin.com.

The Addendum will be available for a 30-day review period beginning **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**. If you have serious unresolved concerns after consulting with ministry staff and consultants, you may request a Part II Order ("bump-up") from the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (77 Wellesley Street West, 11th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2T5). Opportunities for requesting a Part II Order are only applicable to changes documented in the Addendum.

A copy of your request should also be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation at the address below. If there are no outstanding concerns received by **Thursday, May 3, 2018**, the project will proceed to Detail Design.

COMMENTS

We are interested in any comments or concerns you may have regarding the Addendum and study. Please submit your comments and/or concerns to one of the individuals listed below by **Thursday, May 3, 2018**.

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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.

