

Notice of Online Public Information Centre #2

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

THE STUDY

WSP, on behalf of the **Ministry of the Transportation (MTO)**, is undertaking the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the four-lane expansion of Highway 11/17 for 8 km from 1.3 km west of Highway 582 to Coughlin Road as shown in the key plan.

The EA approved plan within the study limits included:

- 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 as prepared to document the proposed plan for the four-laning this portion of Highway 11/17. The project was approved and subsequently designated (protected) in 2003.

THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.

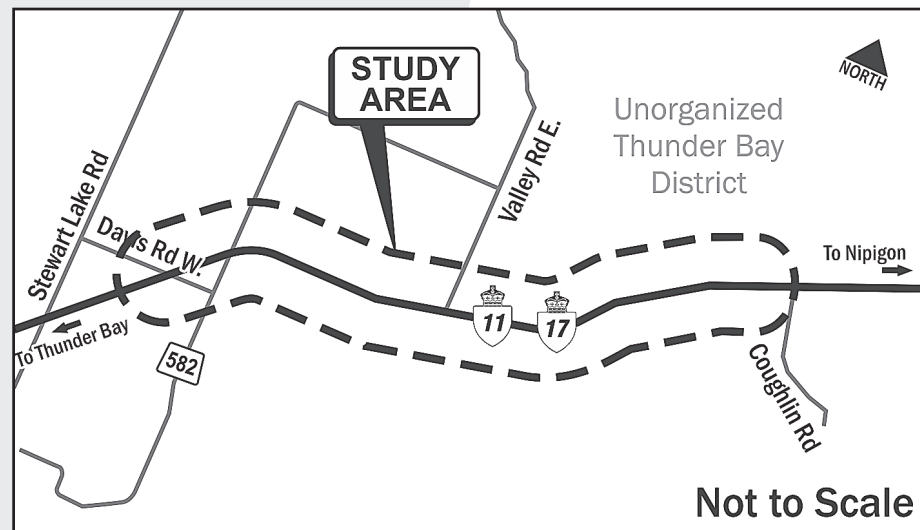
Following Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 held on November 8, 2017, the Project Team prepared and filed an Addendum to the original 1997 Environmental Study Report (ESR) to document the proposed changes to the original design decisions (i.e. minor highway alignment revisions in some sections, shifting the Valley Road East alignment to the east by 12.5 m, and an increase in right-of-way width from 45 m to 55 m (minimum) on the north (twinning) side of the highway). MTO received EA approval to proceed with the proposed changes in May 2018.

ONLINE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

Due to the on-going global pandemic, PIC #2 is being held virtually on the project website at www.hwy11-17-hwy582tocoughlin.com. If you are unable to access the internet and/or require special accommodation to review the PIC #2 presentation materials, please contact one of the Project Team members below.

The purpose of the second PIC is to provide interested stakeholders, Indigenous Communities and the public an opportunity to review the Detail Design plan. The PIC materials will be posted to the project website beginning on **May 10, 2021**. Comments are requested by **May 21, 2021** through the online comment form that is available on the website, or by contacting the individuals below. Please note comments are welcome at any time during the study.

Following PIC #2, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be completed to document the Detail Design, and environmental impacts and mitigation measures. The DCR will be made available for a 30-day public and agency review period. A notice will be published at that time.



COMMENTS

If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments or if you would like to be added to the study's mailing list, please contact the individuals listed below, or visit our website at www.hwy11-17-hwy582tocoughlin.com.

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Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. 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.