

Notice of Completion - Design and Construction Report

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

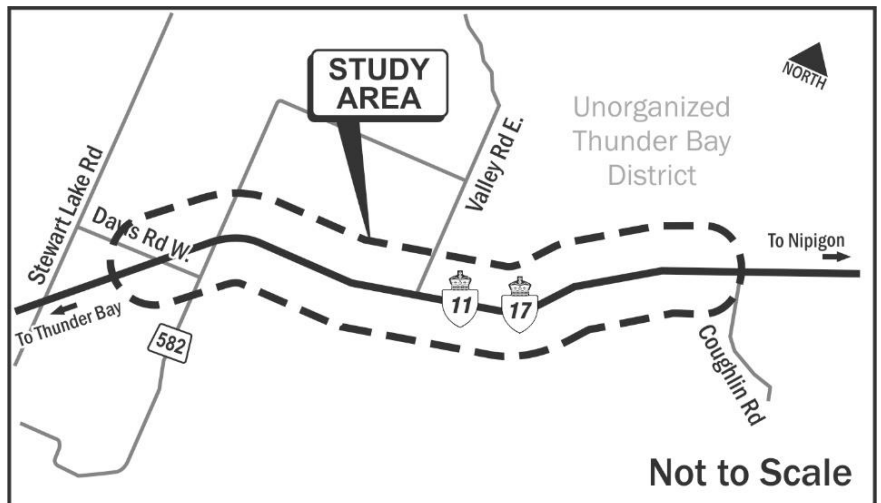
THE STUDY

WSP Canada Inc., on behalf of the Ontario **Ministry of the Transportation (MTO)** has completed 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 includes:

- Expansion of Highway 11/17 to four lanes by twinning on the existing alignment;
- Increase in right-of-way width from 45 m to 55 m in areas of twinning;
- Improvements / modifications to select intersecting side-roads; and
- Highway improvements (e.g. Partial Illumination).

In 1997, an Environmental Study Report was 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.



BACKGROUND

During the Detail Design phase, a Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on November 15, 2017 to present changes to the 1997 approved plan including minor alignment revisions, a shift in the Valley Road east alignment, and an increase in the previously designated right-of-way width in areas of twinning. The proposed changes were documented in an Addendum to the 1997 ESR, which was filed for public review on April 3, 2018. MTO received EA approval to proceed with these changes in May 2018. A final PIC was held on May 10, 2021 to present the Detail Design Plan.

THE PROCESS

This study was completed in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) as a Group 'B' project and is now complete. As per the Class EA, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) is prepared at the end of the study to document the Detail Design and Class EA process. The DCR describes the preferred design, documents the public and agency consultation and outlines the environmental mitigation measures and provisions that will be in place during construction. Construction timing is subject to funding and approvals.

The DCR will be available for a public review period between **December 14, 2021 to January 28, 2022** on the project website at www.hwy11-17-hwy582tocoughlin.com. Due to the on-going pandemic, this report will only be available for online review. Persons requiring accommodation to review these materials are encouraged to contact the Project Managers below to discuss accessibility requirements.

COMMENTS

Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by **January 28, 2022**. All comments or concerns should be sent directly to:

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In addition, a request may be made to the MECP for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to both of the following MECP contacts, copying the Project Team as outlined above:

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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.