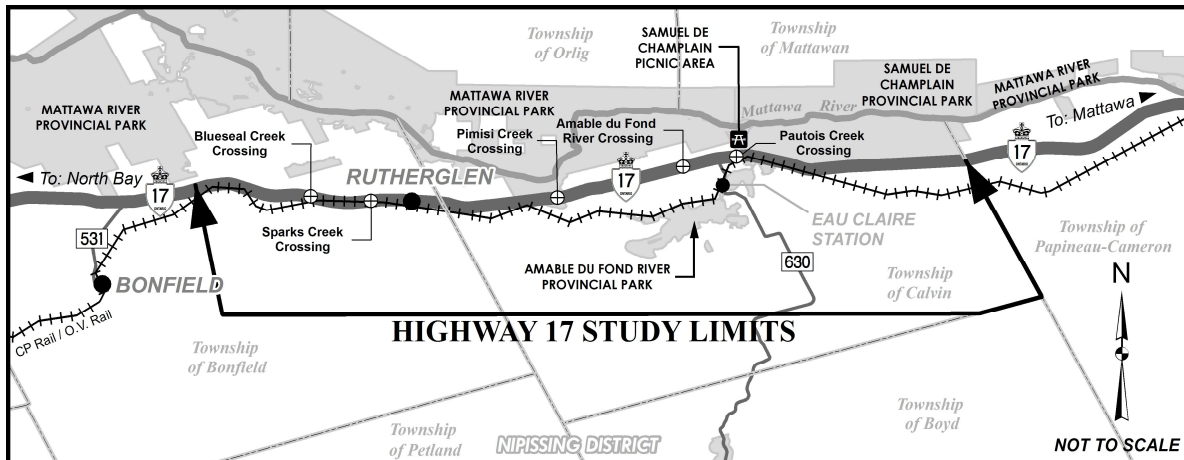


NOTICE OF FILING OF STUDY DESIGN REPORT
Highway 17 Route Planning Study
From 2.2 km east of Highway 531 easterly to 8.0 km east of Highway 630
G.W.P. 5670-10-00

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation has retained AECOM to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment to identify a recommended plan for a four-lane Highway 17 within the study limits with access restricted to interchange locations. The study will develop and evaluate a range of reasonable alternatives, including improvements to the existing highway, new highway routes and / or combinations of the two. The study limits are shown on the key plan.



STUDY DOCUMENTATION

A Study Design Report (SDR) has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* process for a Group 'A' project. The SDR provides an overview of the need and justification for the project, the planning alternatives being considered and the EA process commitments such as consultation and documentation. The SDR will serve as the guide for these activities as the study progresses.

A Summary of Existing Environmental Conditions and Constraints Report has also been prepared to document existing environmental conditions and constraints within the study area based on secondary source information.

In accordance with the Class EA process, the SDR has been placed on the public record for a 30-day public review period, commencing August 16, 2012. The SDR and Summary of Existing Environmental Conditions and Constraints Report are available at the following locations, as well as on the project website, www.highway17routeplanning.ca:

**Township of Bonfield
Clerk's Office**

365 Highway 531, Bonfield
(705) 776-2641

Bonfield Public Library

365 Highway 531, Bonfield
(705) 776-2396

Municipality of Calvin

Clerk / Administration Office

1355 Peddlers Drive, RR 2, Mattawa
(705) 744-2700

Mattawa Public Library

370 Pine Street, Mattawa
(705) 744-5550

Township of Papineau-Cameron

Clerk / Administration Office

4861 Highway 17 West, Mattawa
(705) 744-5610

Ministry of Transportation

447 McKeown Avenue, North Bay
(705) 497-5260

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to review the SDR and Summary of Existing Environmental Conditions and Constraints Report and provide comments to the project team by **September 14, 2012**. Upon completion of the review period, the reports will be finalized, taking into consideration comments received.

PROCESS

External agency and public consultation will take place throughout the study. Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for public review. Notices will be posted and published at that time to explain the review process and identify the locations where the TESR is available for the 30-day public review period.

The consultation includes three Public Information Centres (PICs). The PICs will provide the public and interest groups an opportunity to discuss the study with members of the project team. Notices providing the time and location of the PICs will be posted on the project website www.highway17routeplanning.ca, published in local newspapers and sent to persons on the project mailing list.

COMMENTS

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

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant 1-800-668-1983 poste 2202, David LeBlanc (Courriel: David.LebLANC@aecom.com).

