

Notice of Online Public Information Centre

Highway 7 Widening from West of Angeline Street to East of Highway 35 City of Kawartha Lakes (G.W.P. 4065-20-00), Detail Design

THE STUDY

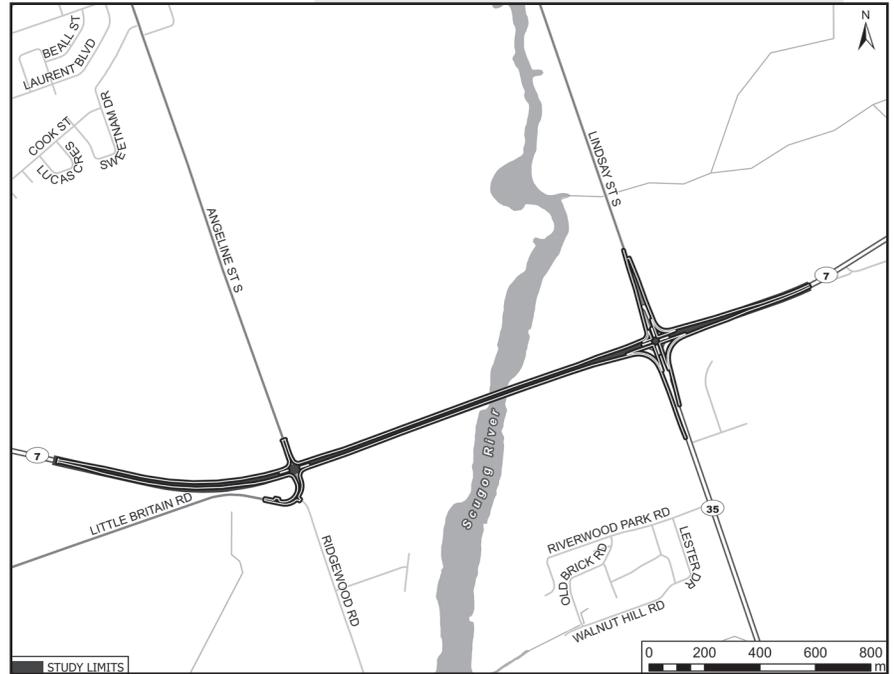
The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP Canada Inc.** to undertake the Detail Design for the widening of Highway 7 from approximately 900 m west of Angeline Street to approximately 700 m east of Highway 35, in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

The proposed improvements will include:

- Widening of Highway 7 from two lanes to four lanes (separated by a flush median);
- Lane transitions from two to four lanes at the east and west ends of the project limits;
- Resurfacing of the existing pavement;
- Intersection improvements (including traffic signal upgrades) at Angeline Street/Little Britain Road and at Highway 35 (including reconstruction of the existing channelized ramps and construction of a new channelized ramp in the northwest quadrant); and
- Utility relocations, landscape planting, culvert replacements and drainage works, as required.

The Detail Design for the widening of Highway 7 is based on recommendations from a 2010 Preliminary Design study (G.W.P. 69-99-00) that recommended a number of improvements to the Highway 7 corridor. The Preliminary Design study considered Highway 7 and Highway 35 from 0.9 km west of Kawartha Lakes Road 18 to 2.0 km east of Kawartha Lakes Road 36.

A Notice of Study Commencement was published for this Detail Design study in November 2017; however, since that time the study limits have been reduced. The remainder of the works identified in the November 2017 Notice of Study Commencement will be addressed under a separate Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment study.



THE PROCESS

This study is being carried out in accordance with the approved environmental planning process for Group "B" undertakings under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment* (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout the project.

An Online Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held on the project website at www.hwy7widening.com to provide the public and stakeholders with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed design, potential effects and proposed mitigation. PIC materials will be posted on the project website on **February 11, 2021**. You are encouraged to review the PIC materials and provide any comments or questions to the Project Team via the project website or at the contact information below by **February 26, 2021**.

Near completion of the Detail Design, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the Class EA process, and will include a description of the Recommended Plan, potential environmental effects and mitigation plan. The DCR will be filed for a 30-day public review period. Newspaper notices will be published at that time to explain the review process.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have regarding this study. If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments, please contact the Consultant Project Manager or MTO Project Manager listed below, or visit the project website at www.hwy7widening.com.

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If you have any accessibility requirements for participation 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* (FOIPPA). With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

Pour obtenir des renseignements en français, vous pouvez communiquer avec Meghan MacMillan en composant le 613 690-1117 ou en lui envoyant un courriel (Meghan.MacMillan@wsp.com).