

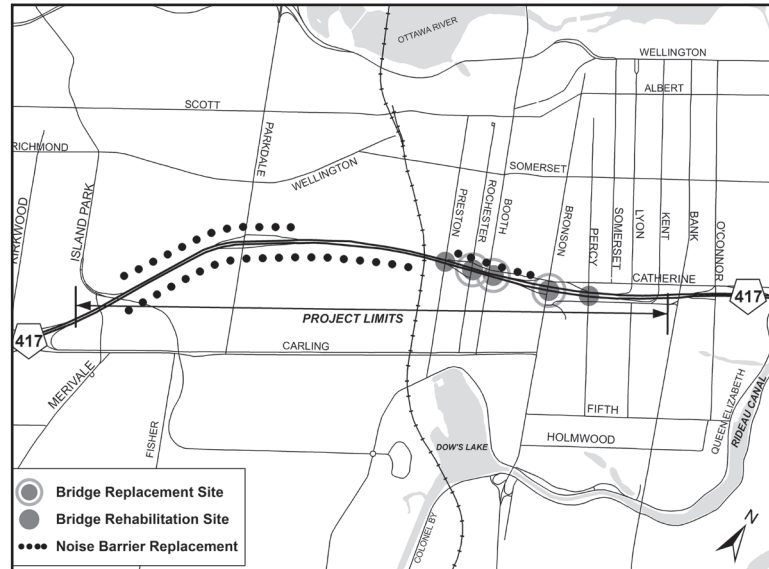
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Highway 417 Bridge Replacements/Rehabilitations and Operational Improvements (GWP 4173-15-00) Detail Design and Environmental Assessment

THE STUDY

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **MMM Group Limited, a WSP company**, to complete the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the replacement/rehabilitation of 10 bridges (5 sites) on Highway 417 between Preston Street and Percy Street, as well as operational improvements on Highway 417 from Island Park Drive to east of Lyon Street, in the City of Ottawa (GWP 4173-15-00). The project involves the following components:

- Replacement of the Rochester Street Overpass, Booth Street Overpass, and Bronson Avenue Overpass structures using rapid replacement construction techniques;
- Preparation of temporary enclosed construction staging areas for the bridge replacement activities, including: construction of equipment access routes, new bridge components and demolition of existing bridges;
- Construction operations on City streets to provide the rapid replacement equipment with access from the construction staging areas to the bridge sites;
- Rehabilitation of the Preston Street Overpass and Percy Street Overpass using rapid rehabilitation construction techniques;
- Demolition of 458 Catherine Street (A1 Mini Storage facility) and construction of an earth embankment across the limits of the existing retaining wall at this site;
- Replacement of existing noise barriers on Highway 417 at the following locations:
 - On the north side of the highway, from Island Park Drive to east of Parkdale Avenue;
 - On the north side of the highway, from the Rochester westbound on-ramp, east to Bronson Avenue;
 - On the south side of the highway, from Island Park Drive to west of the CPR/O-Train Overpass;
- Implementation of Queensway Context Sensitive Design recommendations related to structural design elements, noise barrier design, fencing, and landscaping, where applicable;
- Construction of related works including: tall wall median concrete barrier and drainage improvements from the CPR/O-Train Overpass to the Kent Street Overpass; retaining walls; illumination; overhead, bridge and ground-mounted signage; utility relocations; and roadside protection, as required.
- Traffic management for construction staging and the rapid replacement operations will be coordinated with the City of Ottawa.



THE PROCESS

This project is following the approved environmental planning process for Group "B" undertakings under the Ministry of Transportation's *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout the project.

The preliminary design was documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR), which received environmental clearance in 2016. An Online Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held on the project website at www.highway417-midtownbridgesandimprovements.com to present findings and provide stakeholders with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed detail design. Notices will be published in local newspapers to advertise the date PIC materials will be posted on the project website.

Upon completion of the detail design, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the Class EA process followed, including a description of the Recommended Plan, potential environmental effects and mitigation plan, and will be filed for a 30-day public review period. A Notice of DCR Submission will be published in local newspapers at that time to explain the review process and identify locations where the DCR can be reviewed.

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 Senior Project Engineer listed below, or visit the project website at www.highway417-midtownbridgesandimprovements.com.

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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 (FOIPPA)*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

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