NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT Highway 400/6th Line Interchange Town of Innisfil, Simcoe County Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Review MTO Assignment #: 2019-E-0030-028

THE STUDY

In 2017, the Town of Innisfil (the Town) completed a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed interchange at Highway 400 and 6th Line. The interchange has been identified in the Town's Official Plan (OP) and Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Improvements to 6th Line and the new interchange will service current and future traffic for planned development in the Town. The project was cleared to proceed after an Environmental Study Report (ESR) received EA approval in 2017.



The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is entering into a co-proponency with the

Town to undertake a Municipal Class EA Review of the preliminary design for the new interchange. This review involves updating existing environmental conditions and determining whether any design changes to the proposed interchange are required. Morrison Hershfield and HDR have been retained by MTO to undertake the review.

THE PROCESS

The EA Review will follow the requirements of the Municipal Class EA process. Engagement will take place throughout the study with Indigenous communities, external agencies, adjacent property owners, and members of the public. A Study Update will be provided on the project website (<u>www.Highway400-6thLine.ca</u>) later in the study to present the outcome of the review and any proposed design changes to the interchange, for further review and comment.

If significant changes are proposed to the EA approved plan, an Addendum to the ESR will be prepared to document any changes to the existing environmental conditions from 2017 and the proposed design changes to the interchange. The Addendum to the 2017 ESR will be available for a 30-day comment period near the end of the study. When the Addendum is available for viewing, a Notice of Addendum will be posted on both the project website and the Town's website and published in local newspapers.

COMMENTS

Please visit us at <u>www.Highway400-6thLine.ca</u> for further project information. 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:

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If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this study under the Accessibility for Ontarians for Disability Act (AODA), please contact one of the project team members listed above.

Comments and information will be collected to assist MTO and the Town 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, R.S.O., 1990, c.F.31. 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.

