

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE
NOTICE OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REPORT SUBMISSION
NEW STRUCTURES AT THE WESTERN TERMINUS OF HIGHWAY 401 (THE RT. HON. HERB GRAY PARKWAY)
DETAIL DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY - G.W.P. 3028-14-00

THE PROJECT

Highway 401 (the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway (the Parkway)) is Ontario's access road portion of a new end-to-end border transportation system between Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan.

AECOM Canada Ltd. has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to undertake a Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for new structures (one eastbound and one westbound) at the western terminus of Highway 401 (the Parkway). The project limits are located in the City of Windsor.

The structures (collectively referred to as Bridge B-1) will cross over Ojibway Parkway, the Essex Terminal Railway (ETR), and the Perimeter Access Road (PAR) and connect to the future Canadian Inspection Plaza for the Gordie Howe International Bridge. The new structures were addressed under the Individual Environmental Assessment undertaken for the *Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC)* study which was approved in 2009. In fall 2015, the project proceeded to Detail Design.

RECOMMENDED PLAN

Key details of the Recommended Plan include:

- Construction of two structures (three-span, four lanes in each direction) and the east approach;
- Full illumination (conventional lighting) for the structures and the east approach;
- Underpass illumination of Bridge B-1;
- Continuation of the Advanced Traffic Management System components from the east of Bridge B-1 to the west;
- Installation of overhead sign(s), as required;
- Installation of retaining walls;
- Protection and mitigation of existing utilities;
- Drainage improvements; and,
- Landscaping.

In order to carry out the above works, temporary off-peak hour lane closures of Ojibway Parkway will be required and some off-peak hour full closures of Ojibway Parkway may occur. During peak hours the existing number of lanes on Ojibway Parkway will be maintained.

PROCESS

This project is following the approved planning process for a Group 'A' project under the *MTO Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*, with the opportunity for public input throughout the project. A Public Information Centre was held on December 15, 2015 to provide interested parties with the opportunity to discuss the project and to provide input to the Project Team.

A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared and is available for a 30-day review period. The DCR documents the study process, design details, consultation undertaken throughout the study, construction staging, and potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures.

The DCR is available for a 30-day public review period commencing **November 18, 2016** at the following locations:

City of Windsor - Clerk's Office 350 City Hall Square West Windsor, ON N9A 6S1 (519) 255-6211 Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	County of Essex - Clerk's Office 360 Fairview Avenue West, Suite 202 Essex, ON N8M 1Y3 (519) 776-6441 Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Town of LaSalle - Clerk's Office 5950 Malden Road LaSalle, ON N9H 1F4 (519) 969-7770 Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Windsor Public Library - Central Branch 850 Ouellette Avenue Windsor, ON N9A 4M9 (519) 255-6770 Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Windsor Public Library - Sandwich Branch 3312 Sandwich Street Windsor, ON N9C 1B1 (519) 255-6770 Monday and Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Windsor Public Library Nikola - Budimir Branch 1310 Grand Marais West Road Windsor, ON N9E 1E4 (519) 255-6770 Monday and Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change – Windsor Area Office 4510 Rhodes Drive, Unit 620, Windsor, ON N8W 5K5 (519) 948-1464, 1-800-387-8826 Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change – Southwest Region Office 733 Exeter Road, London, ON N6E 1L3 519-873-5000, 1-800-265-7672 Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	

COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by **December 19, 2016**. To obtain additional information or to provide comments, please contact:

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Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Pour obtenir des renseignements en français, composer le 905-882-4401, poste 1854 (Karen Cooper), Courriel: karen.cooper@aecom.com

