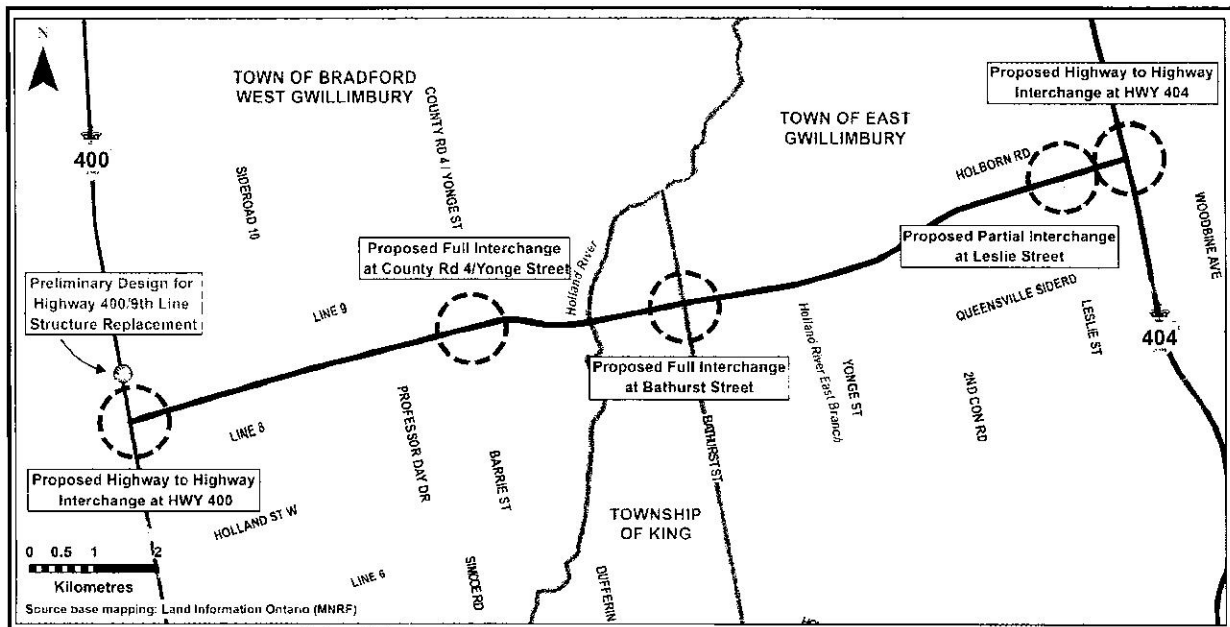


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HIGHWAY 400 - HIGHWAY 404 LINK (THE BRADFORD BYPASS) ASSIGNMENT NO. 2019-E-0048
PRELIMINARY DESIGN & CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY**

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) to undertake a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the proposed Highway 400 – Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass). MTO previously completed a route planning study for the Bradford Bypass in 1997 and a subsequent EA and Recommended Plan were approved in 2002. The proposed Bradford Bypass is a new 16.2 km rural controlled access freeway. The proposed highway will extend from Highway 400 between Lines 8 and 9 in Bradford West Gwillimbury, will cross a small portion of King Township and will connect to Highway 404 between Queensville Sideroad and Holborn Road in East Gwillimbury. There are proposed full and partial interchanges, as well as grade separated crossings at intersecting municipal roads and watercourses, including the Holland River and Holland River East Branch. This project will also include the Preliminary Design for the replacement of the 9th Line structure on Highway 400. The study area within Simcoe County (Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury) and the Regional Municipality of York (Township of King and Town of East Gwillimbury) is shown in the key map.



THE PROCESS

This Study will follow the approved planning process for a Group 'A' project under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* (Class EA). General improvements/enhancements to the approved 2002 route of the Bradford Bypass will be considered as part of this EA Study. Alternatives will be generated and evaluated within the Study Area based on technical and environmental factors, and in consultation with Indigenous Communities, public stakeholders, municipalities and government agencies. The Study Team will review and carry forward previous environmental commitments made during the previous 2002 Route Planning EA Study, as well as assess any new impacts and prescribe new mitigation measures to be carried forward for the subsequent Detail Design phase for the Bradford Bypass. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held during this study to provide interested parties with the opportunity to discuss the study and provide input to the Project Team. Upon study completion, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and be available for a 30-day public review period.

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Notifications advising of the time and location of the PICs and of the availability of the TESR for review will be published in local newspapers, distributed to the project contact list, and made available on the project website.

The design and future construction of the bridges may affect navigability within the Holland River and Holland River East Branch. The design and future construction of the bridges over the Holland River and East Holland River may affect navigability within the rivers. If you have information on current navigability (timing, types of vessels, etc.) please contact the Project Team or complete the form on the "Contact Us" page of the project website.

For up to date project information, or to participate in the study, please visit the project website or contact the Project Team directly by e-mail or telephone.

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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 Study and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31*. 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 the Project Team as listed above.