

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Coughlin Road to McGuire Road (formerly to Red Rock Road #9) Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

THE STUDY

WSP, on behalf of the **Ministry of the Transportation (MTO)**, is undertaking the detail design and class environmental assessment (EA) study for the four-lane expansion of Highway 11/17 from Coughlin Road to McGuire Road (formerly to Red Rock Road #9) as shown in the key plan.

The 1997 EA Approved Plan included:

- Expansion of Highway 11/17 to four lanes with a new alignment;
- Improvements / modifications to select intersecting side-roads; and
- Two new bridges across the Black Sturgeon River.

In 1997, the Ministry prepared an Environmental Study Report to document the proposed plan for the four-laning of this portion of Highway 11/17. The four-lane highway corridor was protected in 2003. MTO has acquired the property for the planned highway corridor.

The Ministry is proposing a number of changes to the 1997 EA Approved Plan. PIC #1 presented the following changes: an increase in the proposed highway right-of-way from 90m to 110m (minimum) and the connection between the new alignment and the existing highway at the east end. PIC #2 will present one additional change: a modification to the alignment of Coughlin Road.

THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000).

Following Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 held on November 8, 2017, the project team prepared and filed an Addendum to the original 1997 Environmental Study Report (ESR) to document the proposed changes to the EA Approved Plan as presented in the 1997 ESR. The purpose of the second PIC is to provide interested stakeholders, Indigenous communities and the public an opportunity to review the detail design plan. Following PIC #2, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be completed to document the detail design, environmental impacts and mitigation measures. The DCR will be made available for a 30-day comment period.

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PIC #2 will be held as an **in-person open house format**. Representatives of the project team from MTO and WSP will be in attendance to discuss the project. We encourage interested persons to attend to learn more and to provide input to ensure that concerns can be addressed by the project team as the study progresses. A slide deck of the materials presented at PIC #2 will also be available on the project website at www.hwy11-17-coughlintoredrock9.com. Comments are kindly requested by **October 6, 2023** and can be submitted through the online comment form available on the website or by contacting one of the project team members listed below.

PIC #2 will be held as follows:

Date: September 7, 2023
Location: Red Rock Marina Centre
Address: 7 Park Road, Red Rock, Ontario
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

COMMENTS

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 one of the individuals listed below, or visit our website at www.hwy11-17-coughlintoredrock9.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. Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO 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*. 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.

