

Notice of Completion – Design and Construction Report Filing

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 Canada Inc., on behalf of the **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)**, has completed the detail design and environmental assessment (EA) study for the four-lane expansion of Highway 11/17 for eight kilometres from Coughlin Road to McGuire Road (formerly to Red Rock Road #9) as shown in the map.

This work builds on the environmental study report MTO completed in 1997 which proposed a plan to four-lane this section of Highway 11/17. The four-lane highway corridor was protected in 2003 and MTO has acquired the property for the corridor.

The 1997 plan included the following:

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

BACKGROUND

During the initial detail design stage, the project team held a public information centre (PIC) on November 8, 2017 to present changes to the 1997 plan. This included 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. The proposed changes were documented in an Addendum to the 1997 report, which was made available for public review on March 27, 2018. A second PIC was held on September 7, 2023 to share updates and discuss the project.

THE PROCESS

The detail design and environmental assessment study was completed in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities, 2000* (Class EA) as a Group 'B' project. As per the Class EA, a design and construction report (DCR) has been prepared to document the process, describe the preferred design, summarize public and agency consultation and outline the environmental mitigation measures and requirements for construction. Construction timing is subject to funding and approvals.

The DCR will be available for a 30-day comment period from **November 12, 2025 to December 11, 2025** on the project website at www.hwy11-17-coughlintoredrock9.com and in person at the following locations:

Red Rock Public Library
Front Desk
42 Salls Street
Red Rock, Ontario P0T 2P0

Dorion Public Library
Front Desk
170 Dorion Loop Road
Dorion, Ontario P0T 1K0

Township of Dorion
170 Dorion Loop Road
Dorion, Ontario P0T 1K0

COMMENTS

Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by **December 11, 2025**. All comments or concerns should be submitted through the [online comment form](http://www.hwy11-17-coughlintoredrock9.com) found on the project website at www.hwy11-17-coughlintoredrock9.com or sent directly to:

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Requests, in accordance with Section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, for an order requiring a higher level of study or specific conditions may be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests should include the requester's contact information and full name and should be sent in writing or by email to the Ministry of Transportation project manager listed above and to the following:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
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and

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto, ON, M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

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. Persons requiring accommodation to review these materials are encouraged to contact the Project Managers above to discuss accessibility requirements.

