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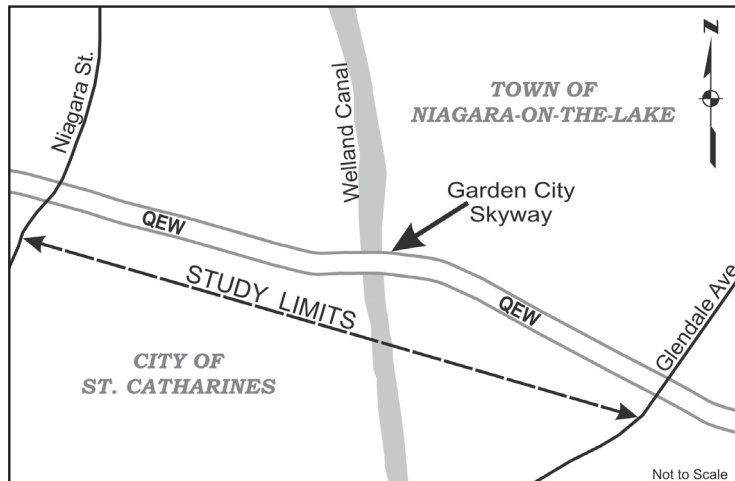
Transportation Environmental Study Report for the QEW Garden City Skyway

THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** retained **WSP** to complete the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study to determine a long-term strategy to address the structural, traffic safety and operational needs of the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) crossing of the Welland Canal. This included the generation and evaluation of alternatives for the QEW Garden City Skyway bridge. The study limits extend between Niagara Street in the City of St. Catharines and Glendale Avenue in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, as shown in the key plan.

The key features of the Recommended Plan include the following:

- A new twin bridge to the north of the existing Garden City Skyway bridge to accommodate Toronto-bound traffic;
- Rehabilitation of the existing Garden City Skyway bridge to accommodate Niagara-bound traffic;
- Realignment of existing municipal roads including portions of Dieppe Road, Queenston Street, York Road, Niagara Stone Road, Coon Road, Taylor Road and Queenston Road;
- Realignment of a portion of the Welland Canals Parkway and Trail;
- Minor changes to the easterly Niagara Street / QEW interchange ramps (the Dieppe Road and Dunkirk Road slip ramps); and,
- Installation of three (3) stormwater management ponds.



THE PROCESS

The study has followed the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities 1999, as amended in 2000 ("Class EA")*. External agency and public consultation has taken place throughout the study.

A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared to document the study process and findings. The TESR is available for a 30-day public review period beginning **September 14, 2017** at the following locations, and on the project website (www.qewgcs.ca):

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Niagara District Office
301 St. Paul Street
St. Catharines, ON

Ministry of Transportation

Central Region
159 Sir William Hearst Avenue
3rd Floor
Toronto, ON

Niagara Region

Office of the Regional Clerk
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
Thorold, ON

City of St. Catharines

Office of the City Clerk
50 Church Street
St. Catharines, ON

Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Clerk's Department
1593 Four Mile Creek Road
Virgil, ON

Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library

10 Anderson Lane
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

St. Catharines Public Library

Dr. Huq Family Library Branch
425 Carlton Street
St. Catharines, ON

Interested persons are encouraged to review the TESR and provide comments by **October 16, 2017**. If, after consulting with MTO's consultant and staff, you have serious unresolved concerns, you have the right to request that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (in writing to **77 Wellesley Street West, 11th Floor, Ferguson Block, Toronto, ON M7A 2T5**) issue a Part II Order for this project. This may lead to the preparation of an Individual Environmental Assessment. A copy of the Part II Order request should be forwarded to MTO and WSP at the addresses below. If there are no outstanding concerns after **October 16, 2017**, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the MTO *Class EA*.

COMMENTS

To obtain additional information, or provide comments, please contact:

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to review the TESR or provide comments, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Information will be collected 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.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant 1 877 562-7947 (M. Yannick Garnier), courriel : yannick.garnier@wsp.com