

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT FOR THE QEW GARDEN CITY SKYWAY

STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation has retained McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC) to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment to determine a long-term strategy to address the structural and traffic safety needs of the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) crossing of the Welland Canal. This includes the generation and evaluation of alternatives for the QEW Garden City Skyway. As shown on the key plan, the study limits extend between Niagara Street and Glendale Avenue.

PROCESS

The study will follow the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities 1999, as amended in 2000*. The study will consider all phases of the planning process, including:

- Identifying structural and transportation issues;
- Generating and evaluating a full range of alternatives;
- Selecting a preferred alternative; and
- Preparing a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR).

Upon completion of the study, the TESR will be made available for a 30-day public review period.

CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS

Public consultation is an important part of the Class Environmental Assessment process. The public is encouraged to provide input at any point during this project. To facilitate public involvement, Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held at three key study stages. The PICs will provide local residents, business owners, members of the public and other stakeholders with an opportunity to review, comment on, and discuss the project with members of the Project Team.

For additional study details, please visit the study website at www.qewgcs.ca. The Project Team will provide regular updates on the study website with information on events such as PICs and study documentation. Notice of the PICs and review of the TESR will also be published in local newspapers and sent to the study contact list.

If you wish to be added to our study contact list or submit comments or questions, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below:

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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.

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.

