

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT
DETAIL DESIGN STUDY**

HIGHWAY 401 WESTBOUND PAVEMENT REHABILITATION AND BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS (G.W.P. 2298-13-00)

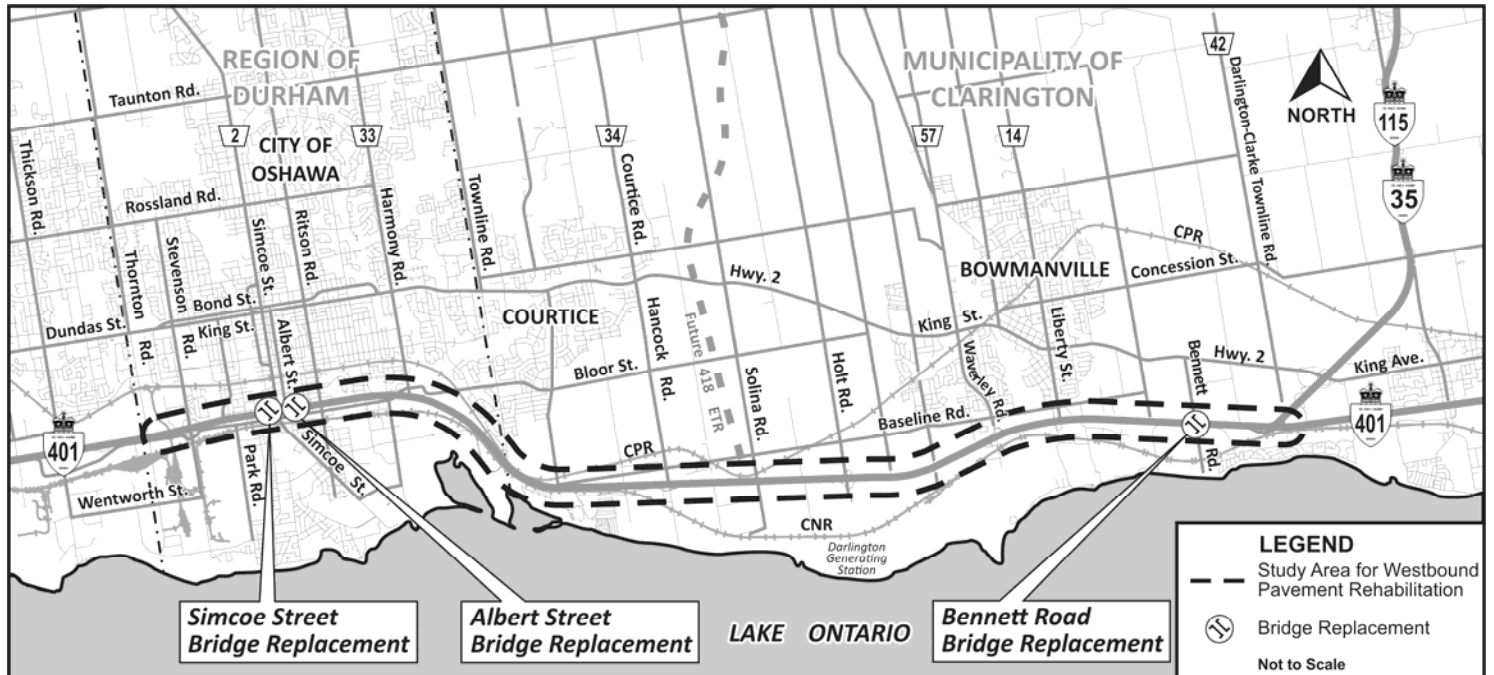
THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained WSP to undertake the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the Highway 401 westbound pavement rehabilitation (approximately 22 kilometres) and replacement of three (3) bridge structures in the Regional Municipality of Durham, City of Oshawa and Municipality of Clarington.

This project includes:

- Highway 401 westbound pavement rehabilitation from 900 metres west of Stevenson Road to Highway 35/115;
- Replacement of the Simcoe Street, Albert Street and Bennett Road bridge structures;
- Rehabilitation of the Highway 401/Oshawa Creek overpass twin structures;
- New north and south retaining walls along Highway 401 at Simcoe Street and Albert Street underpasses;
- Rehabilitation of three (3) Highway 401 mainline cross culverts;
- Extension of the Drew Street on-ramp to Highway 401 westbound; and
- Extension of the Bloor Street exit ramp at Highway 401 eastbound.

The new bridge structures will be designed to accommodate the future expansion of Highway 401 as per the Recommended Plans from two (2) recent Highway 401 Preliminary Design and Class EA studies. The new structures will therefore be longer, wider and higher than the existing structures.



BACKGROUND

In 2014 and 2015 the MTO completed separate Preliminary Design and Class EA studies for the rehabilitation and ultimate widening requirements for the sections of Highway 401 from Courtice Road to the Durham Regional Boundary (East Townline Road) and Brock Road to Courtice Road. Transportation Environmental Study Reports (TESRs) were made available for public review and presented the assessment and evaluation of improvement alternatives, stakeholder input, and proposed mitigation measures and the development of a rehabilitation strategy, and a long-term vision for the Highway 401 corridor.

THE PROCESS

This study will follow the approved environmental planning process for Group "B" projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout the study. Upon completion of the study, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be completed and made available for a 30 day public review period. The DCR public review period will be announced in this newspaper.

COMMENTS

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Comments and information regarding this study will be collected to assist the Project Team. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in study documentation. Comment forms and study information are available on the study website. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.