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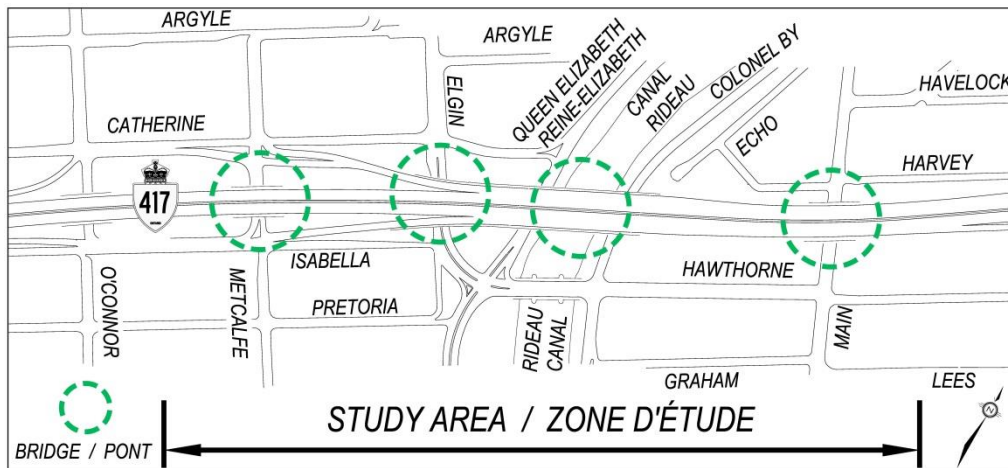
Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) – Environmental Assessment Study for the Rehabilitation / Replacement of Ottawa Queensway Downtown Bridges, Metcalfe Street to Main Street (G.W.P. 4170-13-00)

Notice of Public Information Centre No. 1

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained BT Engineering Inc. (BTE) to undertake a preliminary design and environmental assessment study for the rehabilitation and / or replacement of seven bridges (four locations) on Highway 417 (Ottawa Queensway) from Metcalfe Street to Main Street, including the Rideau Canal Bridge, in the City of Ottawa. This study will determine the appropriate strategy for the rehabilitation or replacement of these bridges.



THE PROCESS

This study is following the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* planning process for a Group “B” project, with the opportunity for external agency and public consultation throughout the project. The first Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held at this key point in the study to provide the public with information regarding the study and to receive public input. The PIC will have a 'drop in' format. Representatives of the MTO and BTE will be in attendance to receive comments and answer questions about the study.

MTO cordially invites you to the first PIC. The purpose of the meeting will be to present:

- Project goals and the Problem and Opportunity statement;
- Draft Study Design (Work Plan) for comments;
- Assessment of Alternative Planning Solutions;
- Environmental inventories, traffic analysis, and design criteria for roads and structures under study;
- Preliminary coarse screening of Design Alternatives;
- List of alternatives carried forward for detailed evaluation;
- Explain the study process; and
- Obtain your comments and answer your questions.

For your convenience, a time for you to review the project has been scheduled prior to the public viewing, which will also be attended by other agencies and interest groups. There will be an opportunity to discuss any concerns with MTO staff and members of the consulting team and to provide written comments. Please join us at the PIC scheduled on:

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Pre-PIC Session Time: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Public Session Time: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Saint Paul University, Guigues Building, 223 Main Street, Ground Floor (enter off Main Street)

A second PIC will be scheduled to present the technical recommendations and mitigation plan to agencies and members of the public and obtain comments, and to discuss any concerns with regard to the proposed undertaking. A notice providing the date, time, and location of the second PIC will be published in the Ottawa Citizen and Le Droit and on the project website.

Upon completion of this study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public review period. A further notice of TESR Submission will be published in the Ottawa Citizen and Le Droit and on the project website.

COMMENTS

If you cannot attend this PIC, and you would like to discuss the project, receive additional information, or provide input, please contact the Consultant Project Manager or MTO Senior Project Engineer listed below or visit the project website: www.queenswaydowntownbridges.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.

All information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (2009). With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Pour des renseignements en français, veuillez communiquer avec Daniel Riendeau au 613 228-4813 ou à daniel.riendeau@bteng.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Steve Taylor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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