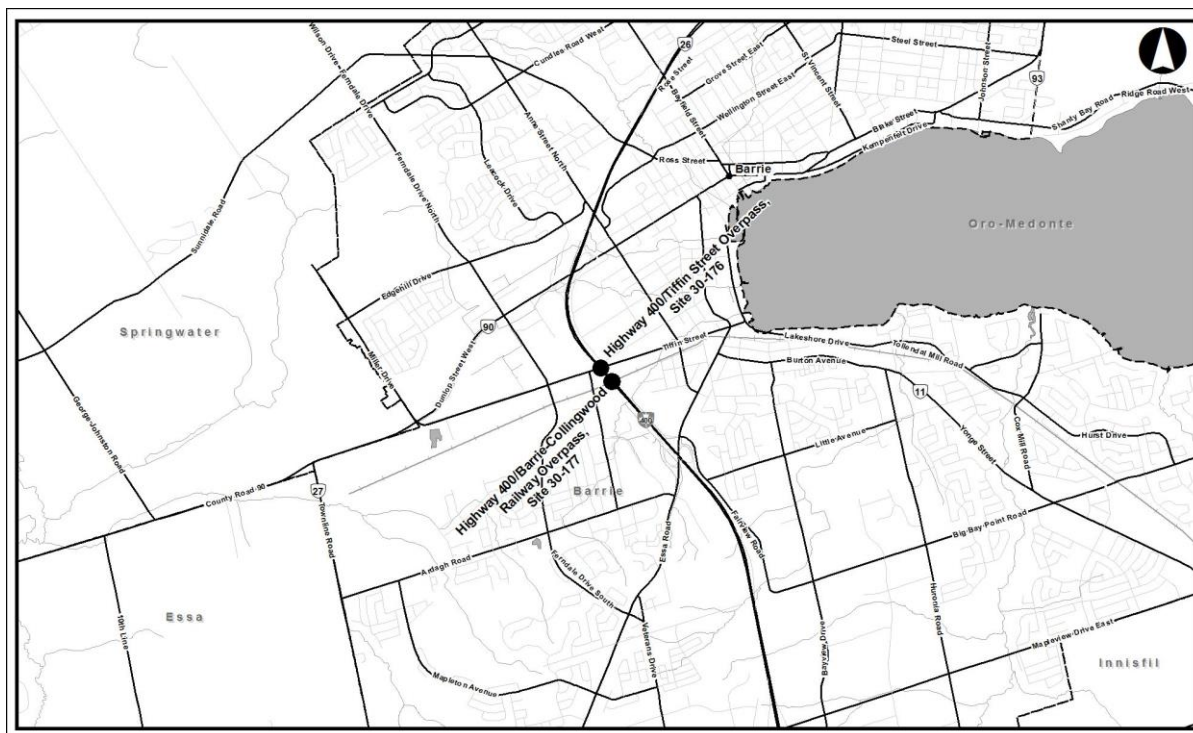


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HIGHWAY 400/TIFFIN STREET OVERPASS AND HIGHWAY 400/BARRIE-COLLINGWOOD RAILWAY OVERPASS DETAIL DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY City of Barrie GWP 2159-11-00

THE STUDY

Morrison Hershfield Limited has been retained by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to finalize the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for the Replacement of the Highway 400/Tiffin Street Overpass and the Rehabilitation of the Highway 400/Barrie-Collingwood Railway Overpass, in the City of Barrie.



KEY PLAN

The purpose of this project is to replace the existing 6-lane Highway 400 overpass structure at Tiffin Street and to rehabilitate/strengthen the existing 6-lane Barrie-Collingwood Railway Overhead structure at Highway 400, in the City of Barrie. The new overpass structures will provide an increased opening span and vertical clearance for Tiffin Street.

The project will include traffic management measures to facilitate the rehabilitation and replacement of the structures and to maintain traffic flow in the area. As part of the traffic management measures, a staged replacement of the Tiffin Street Overpass is being proposed. In order to minimize traffic impacts on Highway 400 during construction, new northbound 3-lane overpass structures will be constructed over Tiffin Street and the Barrie-Collingwood Railway immediately adjacent on the east side of the existing structures. A new southbound 3-lane overpass structure will be constructed over Tiffin Street in its existing location, and the existing Barrie-Collingwood overpass structure will be rehabilitated and strengthened.

THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities, 2000* (Class EA) with the opportunity for public input throughout the study. Notifications advising of Study Commencement for the Pre-Design and 30% Detail Design were published in the Barrie Advance and the Barrie Examiner on March 20, 2014. Notification letters were also sent to identified stakeholders and agencies. As part of the continued consultation for this study, a project website has been set up. The website will be updated as information becomes available and the study progresses. The website can be accessed at the following address: www.hwy400tiffin.ca.

Upon completion of the study, a Design Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared and made available for review and comment. The public review period for the DCR will be announced in this newspaper.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have with the study. For further information or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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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.

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.