

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #3

HIGHWAY 17 PLANNING STUDY (G.W.P. 5077-07-00)

From 8.0 km east of Highway 630 to the Nipissing District / Renfrew County Boundary, 35.4 km

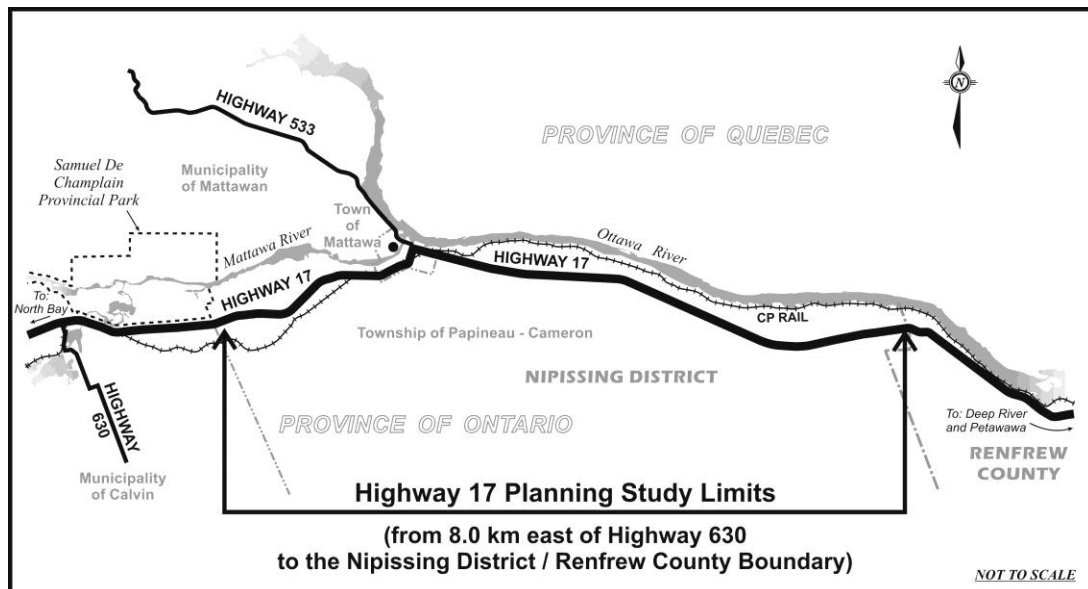
THE STUDY

The Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) has retained MMM Group Limited (MMM) to conduct a Highway Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the future four-laning of Highway 17 from 8.0 km east of Highway 630 to the Nipissing District / Renfrew County boundary, a distance of approximately 35.4 km, as shown in the Key Plan. The study includes the development and evaluation of a range of reasonable alternatives, including improvements to the existing highway, realignment alternatives and/or combinations of the two. The study will result in the identification of a preferred plan to improve future traffic operations and to enhance highway safety.

THE PROCESS

The study is following the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) process for a Group 'A' project.

Consultation is taking place throughout the study with the public, First Nations and Aboriginal groups, municipalities, regulatory agencies, property owners, businesses, and interest groups. This study initially included three Public Information Centres (PICs). An additional PIC has been inserted into the study process to provide further consultation opportunities.



Following the comments received at PIC #2 held on April 4, 2013, the Project Team has completed an additional review of the preferred realignment east of Mattawa. This additional review has identified new realignment alternatives from Earl's Lake to east of Belanger Road. PIC #3 has been arranged to provide an opportunity for interested stakeholders to review and comment on the following:

- Review and development of the preferred realignment from the west study limit to Earl's Lake, and from east of Belanger Road to the east study limit;
- New realignment alternatives being considered from Earl's Lake to east of Belanger Road;
- Preferred interchange locations; and
- Interchange configuration alternatives.

Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for public review. Notices will be placed in the *North Bay Nugget*, the *Mattawa Recorder*, and on the project website (www.highway17routeplanning.ca) to advise the public of the PICs and the TESR review.

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PIC #3 will be held as a drop-in, open house session and representatives from the MTO and their consultant will be in attendance to answer questions and receive comments. We encourage you to attend the PIC and provide the Project Team with your views and comments so they may be considered as the study progresses. The display material presented will be posted on the project website after the PIC. The PIC will be held as follows:

Date:	Tuesday July 15, 2014
Time:	Open House Format: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location:	Mike Rodden Arena & Community Centre Community Hall 450 Hurdman Street, Mattawa, ON

COMMENTS

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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. At any time during the study interested persons can contact the Ministry's consultant regarding outstanding issues. 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 poste 1471 (Yannick Garnier).

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