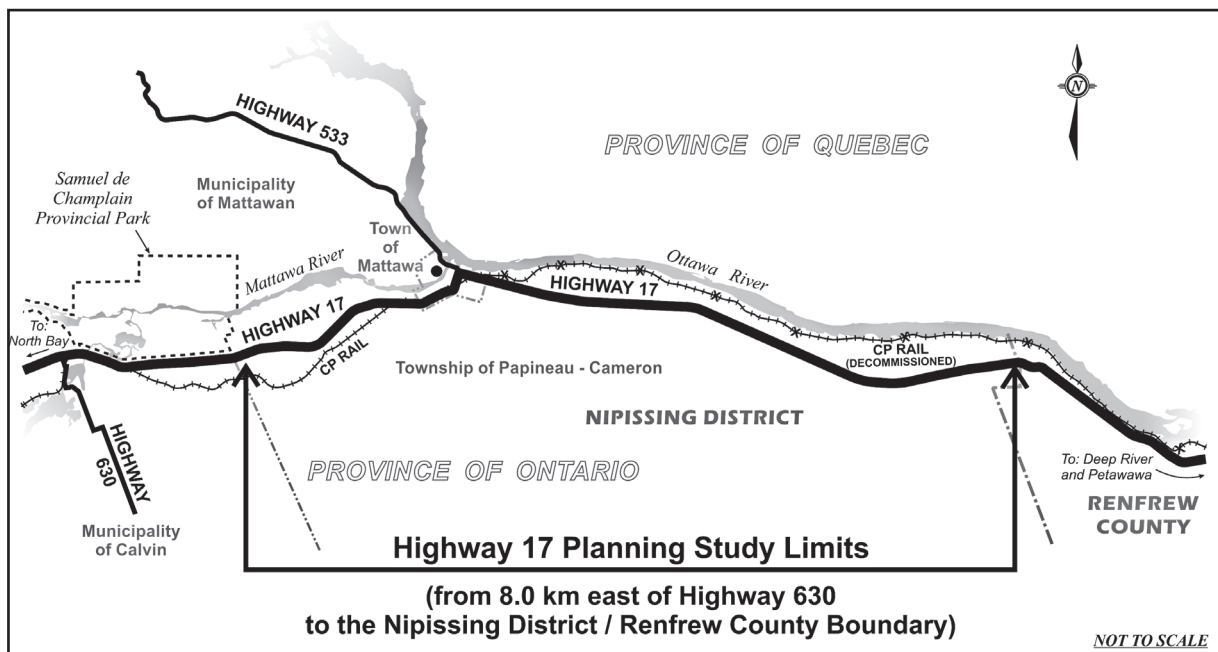


NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #4

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)** retained **WSP Canada Group Limited** (formerly known as MMM Group Limited) 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, Indigenous communities, municipalities, regulatory agencies, property owners, businesses, and interest groups.

Following feedback received at and after Public Information Centre (PIC) #3 in July 2014, the Project Team completed further review and engagement resulting in the generation of revised realignment alternatives for additional input and consideration. PIC #4 has been arranged to provide an opportunity for interested stakeholders to review the planning process since PIC #3 (July 2014) and provide input on the new realignment alternatives.

Prior to the completion of the study, two additional PICs will be held. PIC #5 will present the evaluation of the realignment alternatives, the Preferred Realignment, and interchange and service road alternatives. PIC #6 will present the Preliminary Design of the preferred plan and interchanges. 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.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #4

PIC #4 will be held as a drop-in, open house session and representatives from WSP and the MTO 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, February 6, 2018
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 289 835-2484 (Yannick Garnier).

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