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NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT**

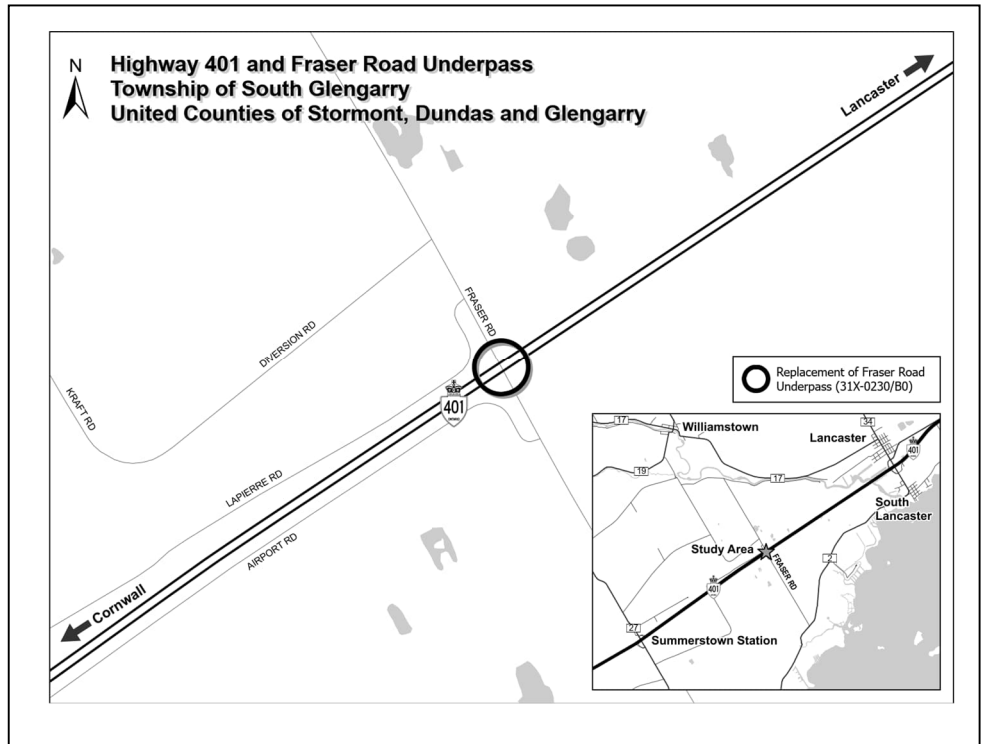
**HIGHWAY 401 AND FRASER ROAD UNDERPASS REPLACEMENT (GWP 4248-15-00)  
DETAIL DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY**

**THE STUDY**

The **Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP Canada Inc. (WSP)** to conduct the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study (Class EA) for the replacement of the Fraser Road Underpass, located 4.5 km west of Lancaster on Highway 401 in the Township of South Glengarry, United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (the Project). A Preliminary Design Study and Transportation Environmental Study Report were completed in 2020 which evaluated alternatives and recommended replacement of the underpass structure as the technically preferred alternative. The structure requires replacement due to its existing condition and deficient vertical clearance over Highway 401. The replacement bridge is to be built to accommodate the future Highway 401 footprint (six (6) lanes) consisting of one (1) additional outside lane in each direction. The Project location is shown in the key map below.

The Project includes:

- Replacement of the existing underpass along the existing horizontal alignment;
- Profile grading of the approach embankment to accommodate the new structure depth and increased vertical clearance on Highway 401;
- Embankment widening;
- Pavement reconstruction;
- Drainage improvements;
- Replacement of curb and gutter; and,
- Installation of guide rails as required for the new structure and vertical alignment improvements.



**THE PROCESS**

This project is being carried out in accordance with the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. As part of the Class EA process, interested parties are notified of the proposed works and have an opportunity to provide comments or request additional information. A Design and Construction Report will be prepared and made available for a 30-day comment period at the conclusion of the Detail Design phase.

**CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS**

You are encouraged to participate in the Study and to provide comments to the Project Team. For up-to-date information about the Project, please visit the Project website at: [www.Hwy401FraserRdUnderpass.com](http://www.Hwy401FraserRdUnderpass.com). If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list or have any comments or questions about the study, please contact one of the following Project Team members:

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If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. 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 (613) 690-1092 (Carmen Lapointe).