

**ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE
NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION**

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

THE STUDY

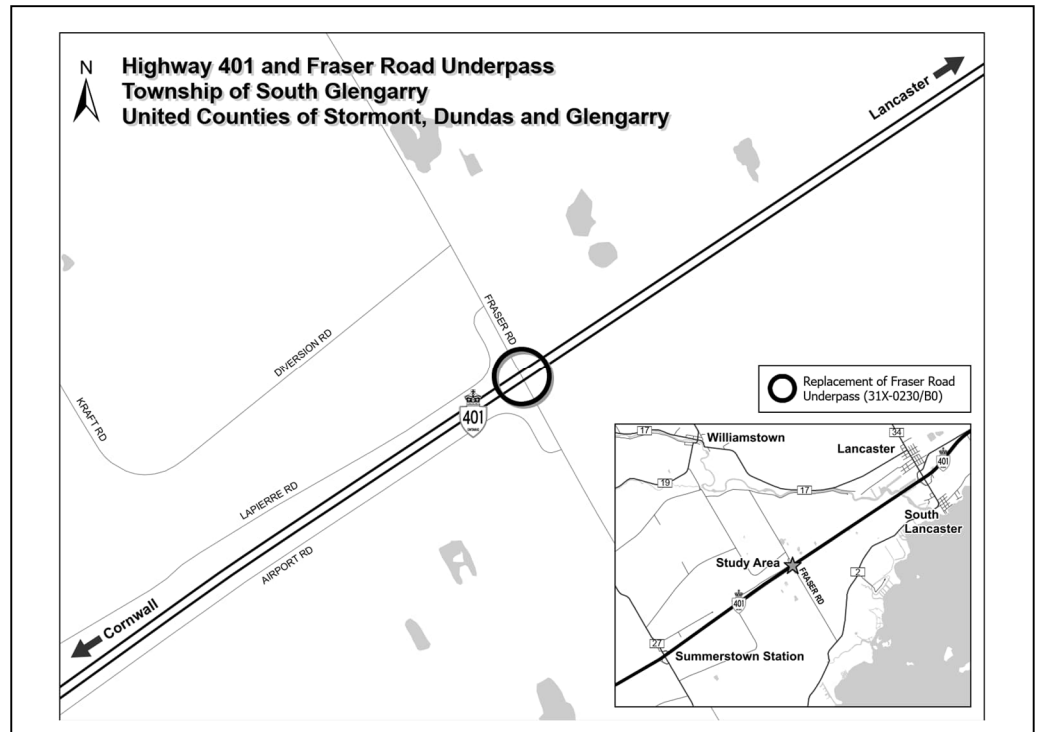
The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) retained WSP Canada Inc. (WSP) to complete the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study (Class EA) for the replacement of the Fraser Road Underpass. The underpass is located approximately 4.5 km west of Lancaster on Highway 401, within the Township of South Glengarry in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (the Project). The Detail Design Study developed the recommended plan for the replacement of the underpass based on the approved Preliminary Design, including the preparation of contract drawings and tender documents for construction. The structure requires replacement due to its deteriorated condition and insufficient vertical clearance over Highway 401. The new bridge is designed to accommodate the future Highway 401 footprint, which will expand to six lanes – adding one 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 rail as required for the new structure and vertical alignment improvements.

THE PROCESS

This project adhered to 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 this process, interested parties are notified of the proposed works and given an opportunity to provide comments or request additional information. A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared to outline the environmental impacts and mitigation measures associated with the Detail Design. The DCR is available for a 30-day public comment period from **April 1, 2026**, to **April 30, 2026**, on the project website and at the Lancaster Branch of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Library (195 Military Road Lancaster, Ontario).



CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS

The Project Team will respond to all comments generated during the 30-day public comment period. In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to the following:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3
E-mail: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5
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For the latest updates and additional information about the Project, please visit the Project website at: www.Hwy401FraserRdUnderpass.com. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Project team by reaching out to one of the following Project Team members:

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If you require accessibility accommodations 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*. Except for personal information, all submitted comments will form part of the public record.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant (613) 690-1092 (Carmen Lapointe).