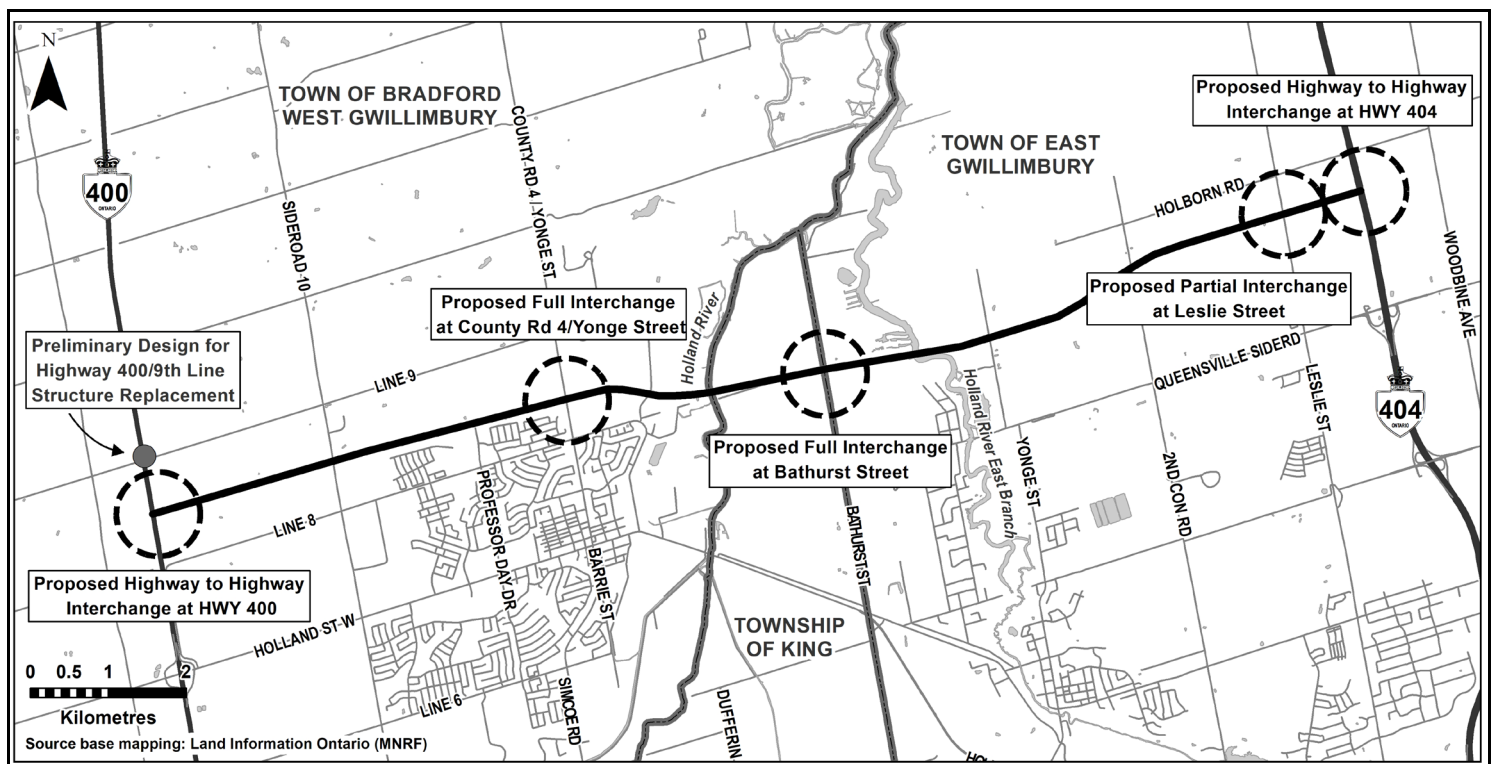


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THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) to undertake a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the proposed Highway 400 – Highway 404 Link (Bradford Bypass). MTO previously completed a route planning study for the Bradford Bypass in 1997 and a subsequent EA and Recommended Plan were approved in 2002. The proposed Bradford Bypass is a new 16.2 km rural controlled access freeway. The proposed highway will extend from Highway 400 between Lines 8 and 9 in Bradford West Gwillimbury, will cross a small portion of King Township and will connect to Highway 404 between Queensville Sideroad and Holborn Road in East Gwillimbury. There are proposed full and partial interchanges, as well as grade separated crossings at intersecting municipal roads and watercourses, including the Holland River and Holland River East Branch. This project will also include the Preliminary Design for the replacement of the 9th Line structure on Highway 400. The Recommended Plan as documented in the 2002 approved EA located within Simcoe County (Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury) and the Regional Municipality of York (Township of King and Town of East Gwillimbury) is shown in the key map.



THE PROCESS

This Study follows the approved planning process for a Group 'A' project under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* (Class EA). Upon study completion, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and be available for a 30-day public review period.

General improvements / enhancements to the approved 2002 route of the Bradford Bypass will be considered as part of this EA Study. Refinements will be generated and evaluated based on technical and environmental factors, and through engagement with Indigenous Communities, public stakeholders,

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municipalities and government agencies. The Project Team will review and assess environmental commitments made during the previous 2002 approved Route Planning EA Study, as well as assess any new impacts and prescribe new mitigation measures to be carried forward for the subsequent Detail Design phase for the Bradford Bypass. Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held during this study to provide interested parties with the opportunity to discuss the study and provide input to the Project Team.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1 (Online)

This first PIC is being hosted virtually in two (2) parts through the Project Website where you will be able to learn more about the preliminary design study.

PIC Part 1: The purpose of the first stage is to showcase the study, update and summarize existing conditions, illustrate the preliminary design refinements as compared to the 2002 approved EA study, outline the evaluation criteria, and solicit input, feedback and comments on the preliminary design refinements.

The PIC materials will be made available on the Project Website for a two (2) week stakeholder review period beginning **April 22, 2021** and ending on **May 6, 2021**.

PIC Part 2: The Project Team encourages you to attend the PIC Webinar presentation on **May 18, 2021** where you will be able to learn more about key topics raised during the PIC's stakeholder review period and receive additional project information.

Where: <https://www.bradfordbypass.ca/consultation/>

CONTACT US

To obtain additional information or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact the Project Team via one of the methods below:

PIC Comment Form can be found online on the Study Website at the end of the PIC material.

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There is an opportunity at any time during the study for interested persons to provide input to the Project Team regarding the study. Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the Study and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used 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 Study, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.