

Notice of Study Commencement

Holland Avenue to Bayswater Avenue

Transportation Environmental Study Report Addendum

(G.W.P. 4075-11-00)

THE STUDY

In 2016, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) completed a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the rehabilitation/replacement of 23 bridges at 12 locations along Highway 417 (Ottawa Queensway) from Holland Avenue to O'Connor Street in the City of Ottawa.

As part of the study, both rehabilitation and replacement alternatives were evaluated at each of the bridge locations and a Recommended Plan was determined for each site. The study was documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) which received environmental clearance in April 2016.

The Holland Avenue, Parkdale Avenue, Fairmont Avenue, and Bayswater Avenue bridges were recommended to undergo rapid rehabilitation due to the absence of suitable staging areas within the vicinity of the bridges that would be able to support rapid replacement activities.

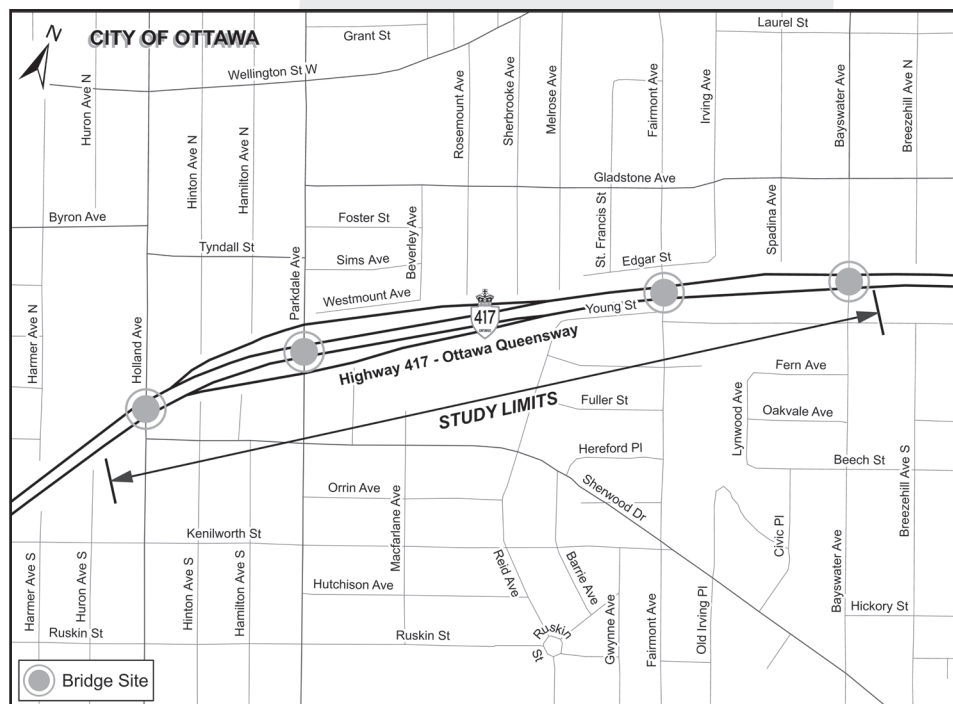
Since the completion of the 2016 Preliminary Design study, technical concerns have been raised with the recommended rapid rehabilitation approach to address the deteriorating bridge conditions. As such, the bridges are now being reviewed and re-considered for replacement.

MTO has initiated an Addendum to the 2016 Preliminary Design study, known as the Holland Avenue to Bayswater Avenue TESR Addendum study. The purpose of the Addendum is to review bridge replacement alternatives, including identification of construction staging areas in support of bridge replacement techniques, for the replacement of the Holland Avenue, Parkdale Avenue, Fairmont Avenue and Bayswater Avenue bridges and to obtain approval in accordance with the MTO Class EA process for the change to the 2016 Preliminary Design Recommended Plan.

THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *MTO Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* with the opportunity for public input throughout.

As part of the Class EA process, two online Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to present findings and provide an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes to the 2016



Recommended Plan, proposed construction staging areas, potential effects, and proposed mitigation. Notices will be published in local newspapers to advertise the date PIC materials will be posted on the project website.

Upon completion of the study, a TESR Addendum will be prepared and filed for a 30-day comment period. The TESR Addendum will document the Class EA process followed, including a description of the changes to the 2016 Recommended Plan, potential environmental effects and proposed mitigation. At that time, a Notice of Addendum will be published in local newspapers to explain the review process and identify locations where the TESR Addendum can be reviewed.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have regarding this study. If you wish to obtain additional information, provide comments, or be added to the contact list, please contact the Consultant Project Manager or MTO Senior Project Engineer listed below, or visit the project website at www.hollandtobayswatertesraddendum.com

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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA). With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

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