

Notice of Completion and Design and Construction Report Submission

Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment for the Replacement of Bridges on Highway 400 at Innisfil Beach Road and Barrie-Collingwood Railway and Reconstruction of Innisfil Beach Road Interchange and Associated Works (G.W.P. 2493-15-00)

THE STUDY

The **Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO)** retained the services of **McIntosh Perry Consulting Engineers (McIntosh Perry)** to carry out the detail design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the replacement of the existing Highway 400 Innisfil Beach Road overpass structure (Site 30-210), replacement of the Highway 400 Barrie-Collingwood Railway overhead structure (Site 30-209), widening of the Innisfil Beach Road from 2-lanes to 4-lanes and reconfiguration of the Highway 400 Innisfil Beach Road interchange to accommodate the future 10-lane widening of Highway 400 within the Town of Innisfil, Simcoe County, as shown on the key map.

The project includes traffic management measures to facilitate the replacement of the structures and reconstruction of the Innisfil Beach Road interchange, and Highway 400 mainline in order to minimize traffic impacts in the area.

BACKGROUND

In 2004, MTO undertook a Planning and Preliminary Design Study and Class EA to address transportation deficiencies along 30 km of Highway 400 from 1 km south of Highway 89 to the Junction at Highway 11. In 2017, a Class Environmental Study Update and Transportation Environmental Study Report addendum was completed that confirmed the 2004 approved plan for the Innisfil Beach Road interchange was still valid.

The Highway 400 bridge over Innisfil Beach Road requires replacement. The replacement structure will accommodate the future ultimate widened Highway 400. As part of the planned highway improvements, the nearby Barrie-Collingwood Railway bridge will also be replaced and Highway 400 – Innisfil Beach Road interchange ramps modified to match the new structure. These works were approved under the previously completed studies in 2004 & 2017 Addendum.

THE PROCESS

The detail design and Class EA has followed the approved planning process under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) for a Group “B” project. A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared, which includes a summary of the detail design study and environmental assessment process undertaken for this project, existing environmental conditions, and the mitigation measures developed to address environmental concerns.

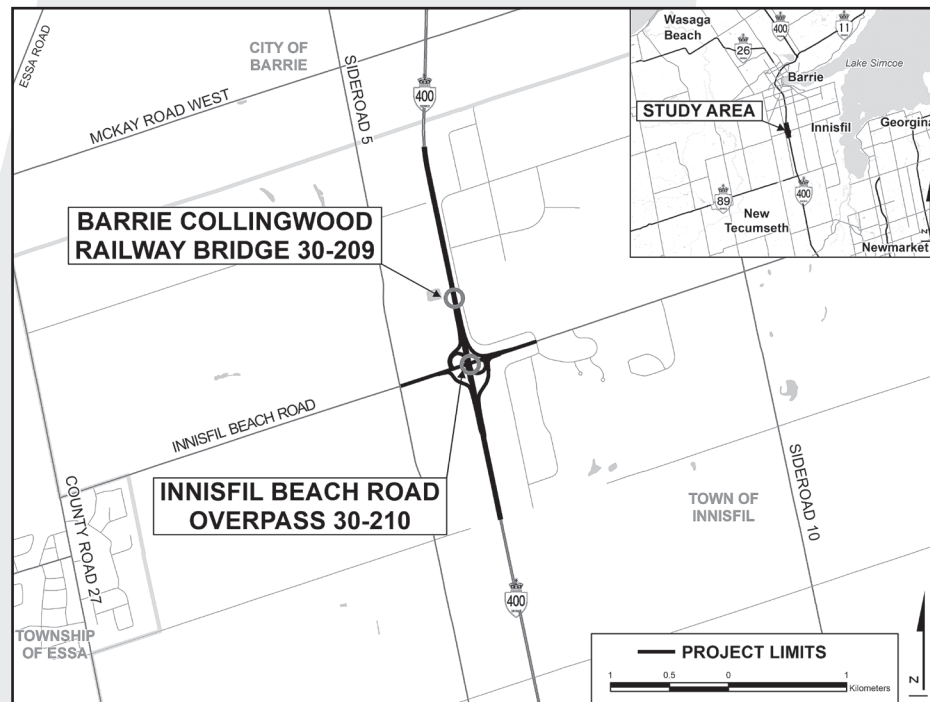
The DCR will be available for a 30-day public review period commencing on September 17, 2020 and ending on October 16, 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this document is available electronically on the Project Website www.Highway400InnisfilBeach.com or in hard copy upon request.

COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review the DCR and provide comments by October 16, 2020. The Project Team will respond to all comments generated during the 30-day public review. Outstanding concerns are to be directed to the proponent for a response, unless the outstanding concerns are regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights, in which case Part II Order requests on these matters should be addressed in writing to the following:

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