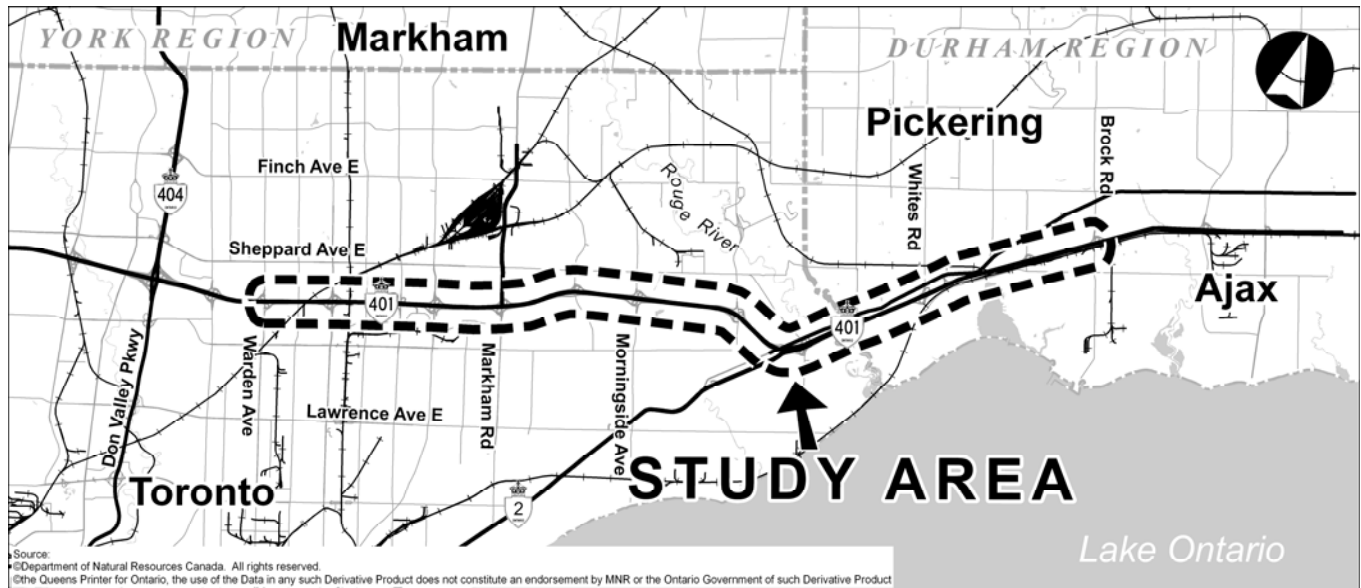


ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

STRATEGIC REHABILITATION OF HIGHWAY 401 FROM WARDEN AVENUE TO BROCK ROAD PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

THE PROJECT

URS Canada Inc. has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to undertake a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study to determine the long-term strategy to address the rehabilitation needs of the section of Highway 401 between Warden Avenue and Brock Road. This project will also include contract sequencing for the recommended highway improvements, safety and operational improvements, and consideration of transit friendly initiatives. The project limits are located in the Cities of Toronto and Pickering.



THE PROCESS

This study will follow the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.

Alternatives will be generated and evaluated based on technical and environmental factors and in consultation with the public, stakeholders, municipalities and government agencies. Two rounds of Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held during this study to provide the public with the opportunity to discuss the project and provide input to the Project Team. The first round of PICs is anticipated to be held in the spring of 2010.

A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for public review at the completion of the study which will document: the transportation problems and opportunities; the generation, assessment and evaluation of alternatives; the recommended rehabilitation strategy for this section of Highway 401; a summary of potential environmental issues and mitigation measures; and a summary of consultation undertaken throughout the study. Notification, advising of the times and locations of the PICs and of the availability of the TESR for review, will be published in this newspaper and mailed to those on the study mailing list.

COMMENTS

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There is an opportunity at any time during the study for interested persons to provide input to the Project Team including comments and information regarding the study. Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the *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.

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