

# Notice of Study Commencement

## Highway 11 Pilot Project – Detail Design of the 2+1 Roadway Model

### THE PROJECT

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **AECOM Canada Ltd (AECOM)** to undertake the Detail Design Study and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for a 2+1 Roadway Model Pilot Project on Highway 11, between the City of North Bay and the Municipality of Temagami. A 2+1 highway is three-lane highway that typically involves a passing lane that changes directions approximately every two (2) to five (5) kilometres. The two locations selected for the Project include the following as shown on the key map:

- **GWP 5151-22-00:** Highway 11 from Sand Dam Road northerly to Ellsmere Road (13.8 km) located in the Townships of Sisk, Olive and Law in the District of Nipissing in the Electoral Riding of Temiskaming-Cochrane.
- **GWP 5033-21-00:** Highway 11 from 4.6 km north of Highway 64 northerly 11.4 km to 340 m south of Jumping Caribou Road in the Townships of Merrick, Blyth, Notman and Lyman in the District of Nipissing in the Electoral Riding of Temiskaming-Cochrane.

The purpose of the Project is to reconstruct/reconfigure and widen Highway 11 in the two locations to accommodate a 2+1 facility, rehabilitate other elements including frost heaves and pavement distress areas, and complete various operational improvements.

### THE PROCESS

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

Alternatives will be generated and evaluated based on technical and environmental factors and in consultation with Indigenous communities, public, stakeholders, municipalities and government agencies. A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held during this Study to provide interested parties with the opportunity to discuss the Study and provide input to the Project Team.

Upon Study completion, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public and agency comment period.

Notifications advising of the time and location of the PIC and of the availability of the TESR for comment will be published in local newspapers, mailed or e-mailed to those on the Study mailing list, and information will be made available on the Study website.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

We encourage your participation in the Study and are interested in receiving your comments regarding this Project. Please visit the project website for up-to-date Project information or to be added to the Project Contact List. If you have any requirements under the Ontarians with Disabilities Act in order to participate in this Project, please contact the Project Team directly by email or through the project website "Contact Us" page.

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Comments and information regarding this Project are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected 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 the Project Team. Renseignements en français sont disponibles par courriel au [info@highway11pilot.ca](mailto:info@highway11pilot.ca).

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