

# Notice of Public Information Centre

## Highway 11/West St. Bridge Replacement and Interchange Reconstruction (GWP 2890-17-00) Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP Canada Group Limited** to undertake the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for Highway 11/West Street Bridge Replacement and Interchange Reconstruction, within the City of Orillia and Township of Severn. The study area is shown on the key plan.

The objectives of the study include:

- Replacement of the Underpass at Highway 11/West Street;
- Reconstruction of the interchange to meet current standards & future needs; and
- Improvements to drainage and illumination as needed.

### PROCESS

This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000). To facilitate public involvement, a Public Information Centre will be held during the study.

Upon completion of the Preliminary Design, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for public review. The TERSR will document the existing conditions, transportation opportunities, consultation undertaken, generation, assessment and evaluation of alternatives, the recommended plan, and a summary of environmental issues, potential mitigation measures and commitments to future work. The Notice of TERSR submission for public review will be advertised in local newspapers, posted on the project website and sent to those on the study mailing list.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Public Information Centres (PICs) provide the community an opportunity to share information and seek input regarding the project and the recommended plan. The PIC has been arranged to present the existing conditions, need and justification, the study process, generation, assessment and evaluation of alternatives, the recommended plan, the summary of environmental issues, potential mitigation measures, commitments to future work, and next steps.

The PIC will be held as a drop-in style, open house format. Representatives of the project team will be in attendance to answer questions and receive comments. We encourage interested persons to attend to obtain more information and provide comments, so your concerns can be addressed as the study progresses. The information presented at the PIC will also be available on the project website following the PIC.

The PIC will be held as follows:

- Date:** June 6, 2019  
**Location:** Quality Inn and Conference Centre – Leacock Room  
201 Woodside Inn, Orillia, ON L3V 6T4  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### COMMENTS

If you wish to obtain additional information about the project, be added to our study contact list to receive future project notification, or submit comments, please visit the study website at [www.hwyl11westst.ca](http://www.hwyl11westst.ca) or contact one of the Project Team members listed below:

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

Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

