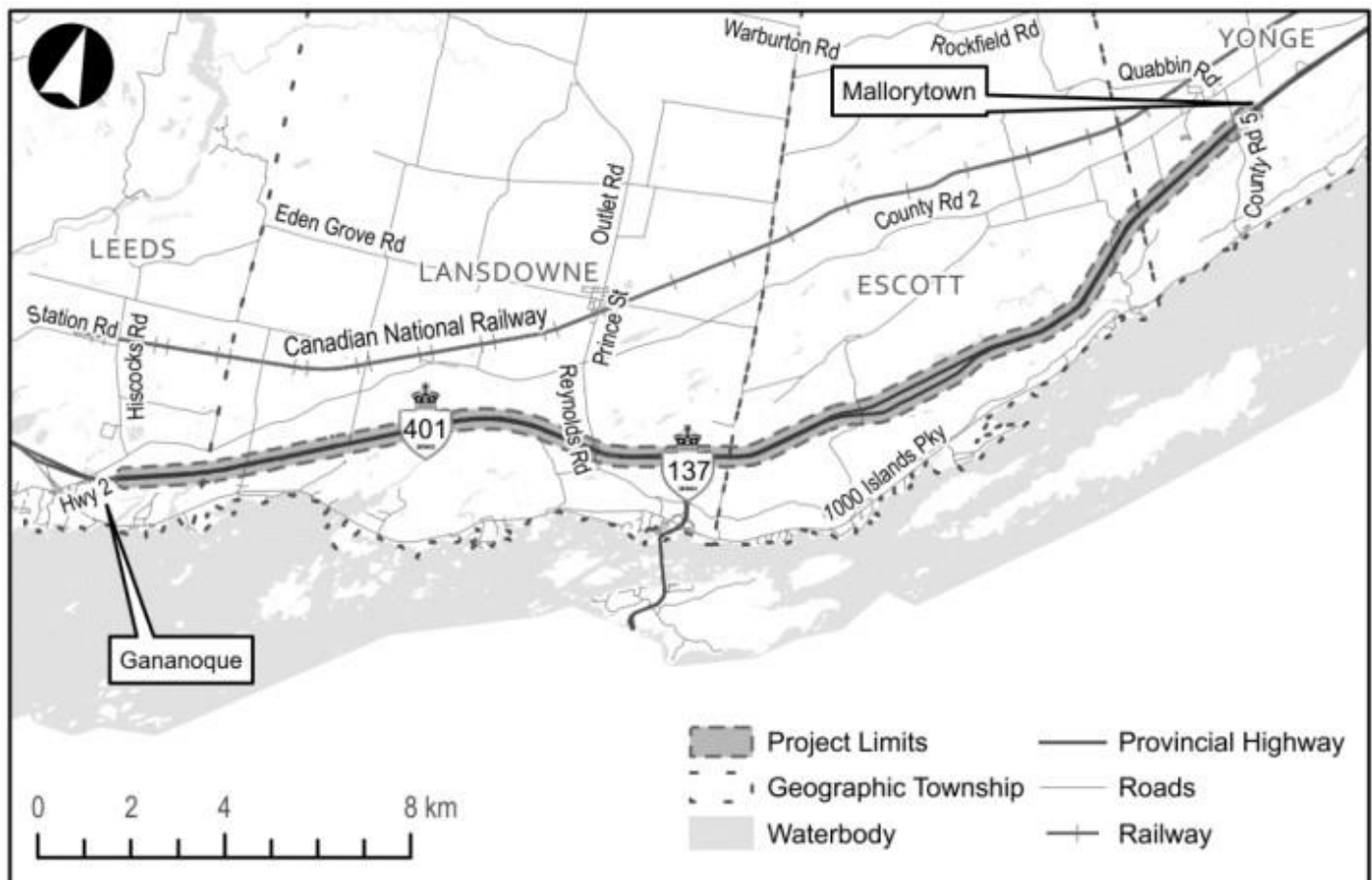


NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

Highway 401 Planning Study from Gananoque to Mallorytown Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (GWP 4050-22-00)

The Study: The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained AECOM Canada ULC to undertake a Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study along Highway 401 for the replacement and rehabilitation of bridges and culverts, interchange modifications, and establishing the future Highway 401 footprint for an interim six lanes and ultimate eight lanes, from 1 km east of Highway 2 / King Street to 2.8 km west of Mallorytown. The purpose of the Study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs in the Study Area as part of the Ministry's ongoing review of safety and operational needs for the provincial highway network. The Study Area falls within the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, and the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands.



The Process: This Study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' Project in accordance with the 2024 *Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways*. The Project Team will complete environmental and engineering field investigations and seek input from individuals, organizations, and Indigenous communities. At the end of the Study, the Project Team will prepare a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) that describes how the requirements of the Class EA were met; how the Project achieves the greatest overall transportation benefit while minimizing environmental impacts, and commitments for consultation and environmental protection. The Project Team will issue a Notice of Completion, at which point there will be a 30-day comment period allowing for an opportunity to provide comments on the TESR. The Project Team will include comments received, responses to the comments and any supporting materials in a record of consultation.

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Once a Technically Preferred Alternative has been identified, the Ministry of Transportation may designate lands as highway and acquire property prior to EA process completion. A designation enables the Ministry to provide route/corridor protection through the application of development control measures along the corridor and in the vicinity of the designated lands. For more information about highway corridor management, please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/highway-corridormanagement>.

Public Information Centre (PIC) 1: The first of 2 PICs is being held to present and receive feedback on the Study background, existing conditions, the preliminary list of improvement alternatives, the evaluation criteria which will be used to assess the alternatives, and the next steps in the Study. A second PIC will be held later in the study to present the evaluation of alternatives, preferred plan, and associated potential impacts and preliminary proposed mitigation measures.

PIC #1 will be an informal drop-in centre with MTO and consultant team representatives available to answer questions.

**October 23, 2025, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., the Lansdowne Community Building –
1 Jessie Street, Lansdowne, ON K0E 1L0**

Comments: You are encouraged to visit the Project website, www.Hwy401Gananoquetomallorytown.ca, where Project information including Study notices, background information, PIC displays and the TESR will be made available as the Study progresses. You are encouraged to participate in the Study and to provide comments in writing to the Project Team. If you wish to have your name added to the mailing list or have questions about the Study, please contact:

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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*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the Study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in Study documentation and become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this Study, please contact the Project Team as listed above.