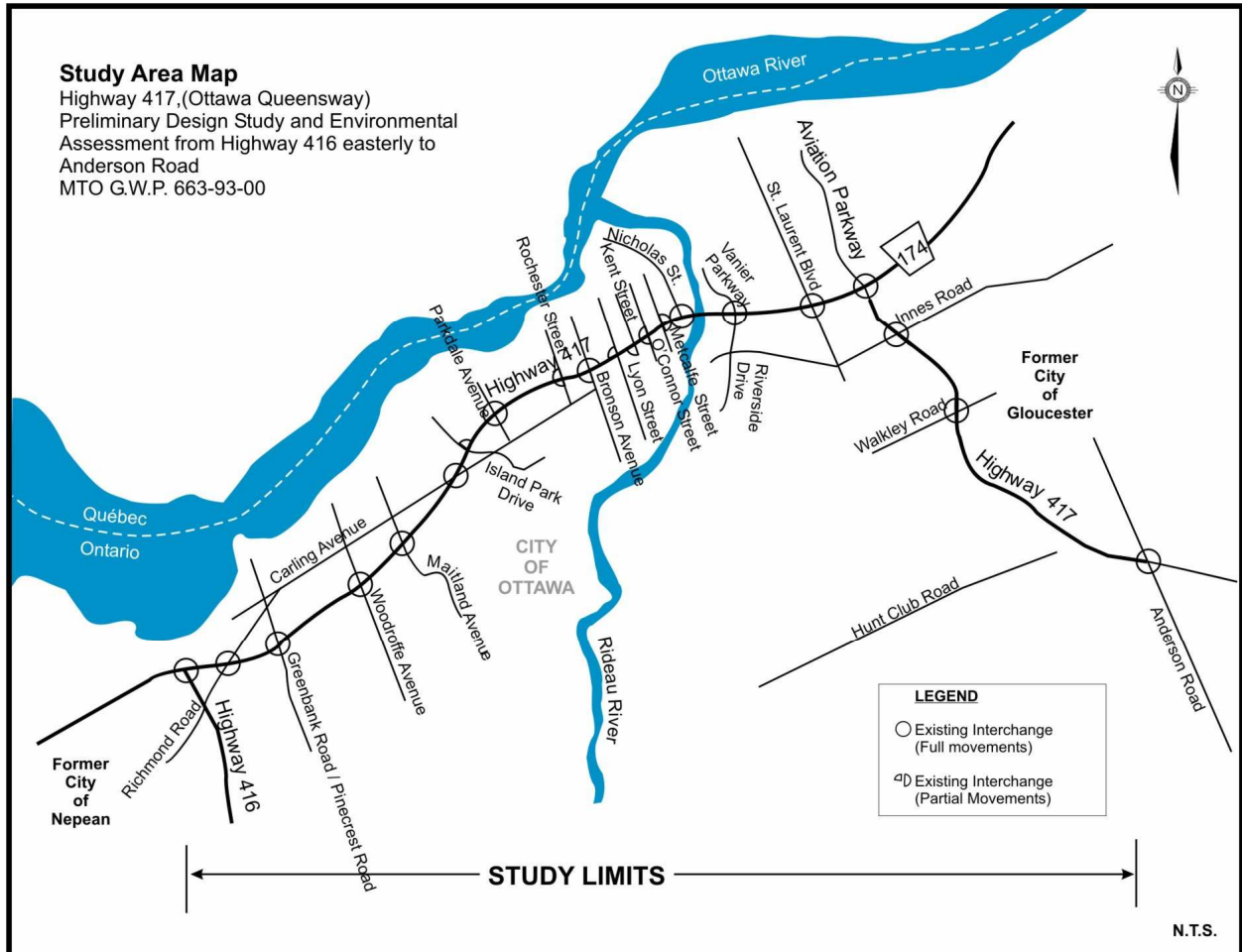




**Ontario Government Notice
Notice of Submission
of Transportation Environmental
Study Report
Highway 417, (Ottawa Queensway)
Preliminary Design Study and
Environmental Assessment from
Highway 416 easterly to Anderson Road
MTO G.W.P. 663-93-00**

The Project

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO), in partnership with Totten Sims Hubicki (TSH) Associates Limited and in consultation with the City of Ottawa and the National Capital Commission, has completed a Preliminary Design Study and Class Environmental Assessment of the Ottawa Queensway (Highway 417) from Highway 416 easterly to Anderson Road.



The project evaluated the short and longer term needs of this section of the Queensway in terms of potential operational improvements and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) in order to improve safety, enhance mobility and reduce congestion. The objectives were to evaluate opportunities to optimize the use of the existing facility, while providing for the efficient movement of people and goods and reducing gridlock.

Three rounds of Public Involvement Centres (PICs) were held at key points in the study to provide the public with information regarding the study and to receive public input. The PICs were held in January 2003, June 2004 and June 2005.

The Recommended Plan for the Queensway includes the following features:

- Widen to 4 basic lanes per direction from Highway 416 to Carling Avenue
- No changes to basic lanes from Carling Avenue to Metcalfe Street
- Widen to 4 basic lanes per direction from Metcalfe Street to Ottawa Road 174
- Widen to 3 basic lanes per direction from Ottawa Road 174 to east of Walkley Road
- Modifications to the following interchanges:
 - Richmond Road
 - Greenbank Road
 - Woodroffe Avenue
 - Carling Avenue
 - Parkdale Avenue
 - Bronson Avenue Eastbound
 - Lyon Street
 - Nicholas Street
 - St. Laurent Boulevard
- Rehabilitate pavement, drainage systems, lighting, and other infrastructure as required
- Enhance and expand the existing Advance Traffic Management System
- Upgrade noise barriers to current standards
- Replace/enhance landscaping

The Process

The project followed the approved environmental planning process for Group "B" projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been completed and will be available on **January 29, 2007**, for a 30-day public review period. The TESR is available for review at the following locations **or on the project website at <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/engineering/417ea/>**:

Ministry of the Environment

Ottawa District Office
2430 Don Reid Drive
Ottawa, ON K1H 1E1
Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

City of Ottawa

City Hall Client Service Centre
110 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, ON K1P 1J1
Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Public Library - Nepean Centrepointe Branch

101 Centrepointe Drive
Ottawa, ON K2G 5K7
Monday to Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Public Library – Rosemount Branch

18 Rosemount Avenue
Ottawa, ON K1Y 1P4
Monday to Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Public Library – Elmvale Acres Branch

1910 St. Laurent Boulevard
Ottawa, ON K1G 1A4
Monday to Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Ministry of Transportation

Ottawa Area Office
530 Tremblay Road
Ottawa, ON K1G 0E4
Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Public Library - Main Branch

120 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa, ON K1P 5M2
Monday to Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Public Library – Carlingwood Branch

281 Woodroffe Avenue
Ottawa, ON K2A 3W4
Monday to Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Public Library – St-Laurent Branch

515 Côté Street
Ottawa, ON K1K 0Z8
Monday to Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Public Library – North Gloucester Branch

2036 Ogilvie Road
Ottawa, ON K1J 7N8
Monday to Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

You are encouraged to contact the MTO or TSH if you have questions or concerns about this project. If, after consulting with MTO or TSH, you have serious unresolved concerns, you have the right to request the Minister of the Environment (135 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1P5) to "bump-up" (i.e. make a Part II Order for) this project. A Part II Order may lead to preparation of an individual environmental assessment. The Minister of the Environment must receive your "bump-up" request by **Friday, March 2, 2007**. A copy of the request should also be forwarded to the MTO and TSH at the addresses below. If there are no outstanding concerns after **Friday, March 2, 2007**, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA.

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Comments

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will be part of the public record.

Des renseignements sur ce programme sont disponibles en français auprès de Mme Danielle Chartrand, téléphone : (613) 820-7728, poste 238, courriel : dchartrand@tsh.ca.