

Notice of Study Commencement

Highway 401 and Lauzon Parkway Interchange Study (GWP 3028-23-00), Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to complete the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for a new interchange at the future Lauzon Parkway connection to Highway 401. The study area is located in the City of Windsor and the Town of Tecumseh, in Essex County (see map).

This interchange study will build upon the 2015 approved Municipal Class EA Study for the Lauzon Parkway, which included a proposed interchange at Highway 401. This study will identify and evaluate interchange design alternatives to address the current and future transportation needs in the study area. A project website will be maintained for the duration of this project: (www.hwy401lauzon.ca).

THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways (2024)*. The study includes developing and evaluating alternatives for an interchange, identifying appropriate improvements, and outlining environmental protection/mitigation measures. A Recommended Plan will be confirmed at the end of the study. Upon completion of Preliminary Design, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day comment period. Construction will be subject to funding and approvals.

This study will include opportunities for public engagement, including Public Information Centre(s). Future notices will be advertised in local newspapers and sent to the project mailing list.

COMMENTS

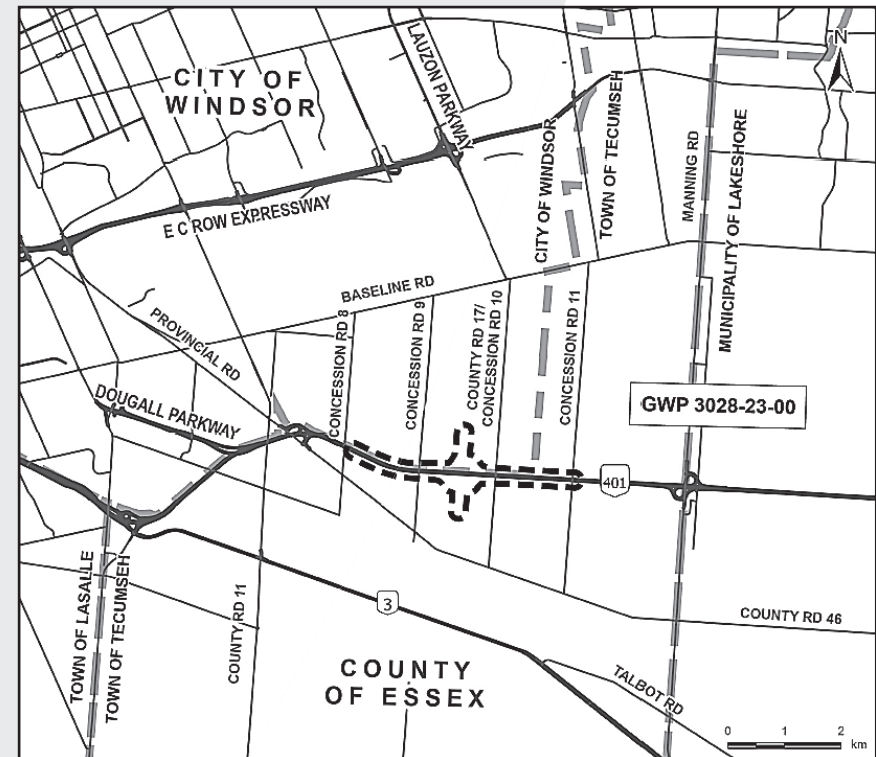
If you wish to provide comments, have your name added to the study mailing list, or have questions about this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below. Comments are respectfully requested by **May 31, 2024**.

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