

NOTICE OF ADDENDUM ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT

Design-Build Ready and Class Environmental Assessment Study Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Pearl Lake, easterly to 2.8 Km West of CPR Overhead at Ouimet

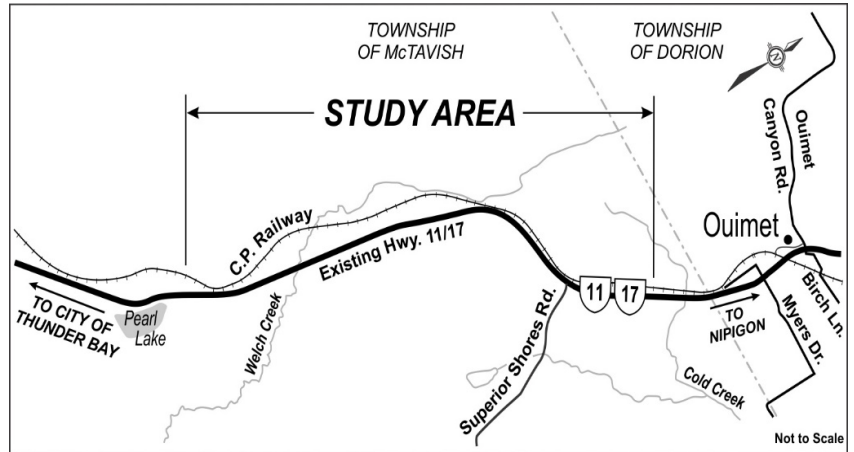
THE STUDY

WSP, on behalf of the **Ministry of Transportation (the ministry)**, is undertaking the Design-Build Ready and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for Highway 11/17 four-laning from Pearl Lake, easterly to 2.8 km west of CPR Overhead at Ouimet, for 7.6 km.

The project includes:

- Twinning some areas of the existing highway at the east and west limits of the project;
- Modifying alignment for the eastbound lanes;
- Providing connection to the new four-lane highway at Superior Shores Road; and
- Securing all the necessary environmental approvals for construction.

In 1997, an environmental study report was prepared to document the proposed plans to four-lane this portion of Highway 11/17. The project was approved and subsequently the four-lane highway corridor was designated (protected) in 2003.



ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT ADDENDUM

The purpose of this study is to update the previously approved environmental study report, including any changes to existing environmental conditions, evaluate the modified alignment for the eastbound lanes and outline proposed strategies to mitigate environmental impacts. As a result of this review, the ministry is proposing a number of changes to the previously approved plan and has prepared an addendum to the 1997 environmental study report. The proposed changes include modifications to highway alignment and public access in some sections, and increases to the right-of-way width to meet current provincial standards. The ministry has not determined the construction date.

THE PROCESS

This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000). In accordance with the Class EA, an addendum to the original environmental study report has been prepared to document the proposed changes. The addendum is available for review at the following locations:

Municipality of Shuniah
420 Leslie Avenue
Thunder Bay, ON
P7A 1X9

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
435 James Street South
Suite 331B
Thunder Bay, ON
P7E 6S7

Ministry of Transportation
615 James Street South
Thunder Bay, ON
P7E 6P6

The addendum will be available for a 30-day comment period from **March 7th to April 6th, 2023**. The report and additional study information will also be available on the project website at www.Hwy11-17Four-Laning-PearlLake.ca.

COMMENTS

We are interested in any comments or concerns you may have regarding the study and addendum. Please submit your comments and/or concerns to one of the individuals listed below by **April 6th, 2023**.

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In addition, a request may be made to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to Crystal Beaulieu, senior project engineer and:

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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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 to participate in this study, please contact one of the project team members listed above.