

NOTICE OF STUDY RE-COMMENCEMENT
Highway 17 Four-Laning between the Manitoba / Ontario Border and Kenora

AND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
for the Re-Commencement of SECTION 1: between the Manitoba / Ontario Border and Highway 673

WSP Canada Group Limited, on behalf of the **Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)**, is undertaking Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Studies to review options for the four-laning of Highway 17 between the Manitoba / Ontario border and Kenora. The studies will identify a preferred option for a four-lane divided highway corridor based on an evaluation of alternatives. Separate studies are being carried out for the three sections as shown on the key plan.

BACKGROUND

Following the start of planning and preliminary design work in 2009, Transportation Environmental Study Reports (TESRs) for Sections 1 and 2 were filed for public review and comment. However, the studies were not completed and the projects did not move forward. By way of this notice, MTO is withdrawing its previous Notices of Completion for Sections 1 and 2 issued November 10, 2009 and re-commencing the EA process.

THE PROJECT

The first proposed project is Section 1 extending from the Ontario/Manitoba border easterly 6.5 km to Highway 673. The previously considered alternatives from the 2009 study were carried forward for this project.

THE PROCESS

The studies will follow the Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) process for a Group 'B' project, with the opportunity for public input throughout. Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to provide opportunities to discuss the studies with members of the project team. Three PICs were previously held between 2009 and 2011.

A PIC for Section 1 between the Manitoba / Ontario Border and Highway 673 has been arranged to provide a study overview and present the preferred twinning alternative. Following the PIC, a TESR will be prepared and made available for public review.

Future notices will be published to advise of PICs for Sections 2 and 3.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (Section 1 from Manitoba to Highway 673)

The PIC will be held as a drop-in, open house session and representatives from MTO and WSP will be in attendance to answer questions and receive feedback. We encourage you to attend the PIC and to provide the Project Team with your views and comments so that they may be considered as the study progresses. The display material presented at the PIC will be posted on the project website after the PIC. The PIC will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Clarion Lakeside Inn and Conference Centre – Cascade Room
470 1st Ave. S
Kenora, Ontario

COMMENTS

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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.

Please visit us at 4LaneHighway17Kenora.ca for more information.

