

Notice of Filing Design and Construction Report

Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from 2.83 km West of Ouimet Overhead, Easterly 8.63 km

THE STUDY

WSP, on behalf of the Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)**, has completed the Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the four-laning of Highway 11/17, from 2.83 km west of Ouimet Overhead, easterly for 8.63 km, within the Municipality of Shuniah and the Township of Dorion. The project includes:

- Some areas of twinning the existing highway;
- Some areas of new four-lane alignment, including constructing new eastbound and westbound bridges over the Canadian Pacific Railway;
- Providing connections to the new four-lane highway at Meyers Road, Ouimet Canyon Road, the proposed Service Road and Dorion Loop Road West;
- Connection of Poplar Lane to the proposed Service Road;
- Connection from Birch Lane to Meyers Road East; and
- Securing all the necessary environmental approvals for construction.

BACKGROUND

During the Preliminary Design Phase, a Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on April 13, 2016 to present the proposed design changes to the 1997 EA Approved Plan. The proposed design changes were documented in an Addendum to the 1997 ESR, which was filed for public review in October 2016. The 1997 EA Approved Plan did not provide access from Birch Lane to the new four-lane divided highway. In consideration of concerns raised at the PIC and further discussions with the Township of Dorion, MTO recommended a new public road connection between Meyers Road East and Birch Lane, which was documented in a second Addendum to the 1997 ESR and filed for public review in January 2018. A second PIC was held on February 21, 2018 to present the connection between Meyers Road East and Birch Lane, and the Detail Design Plan.

THE PROCESS

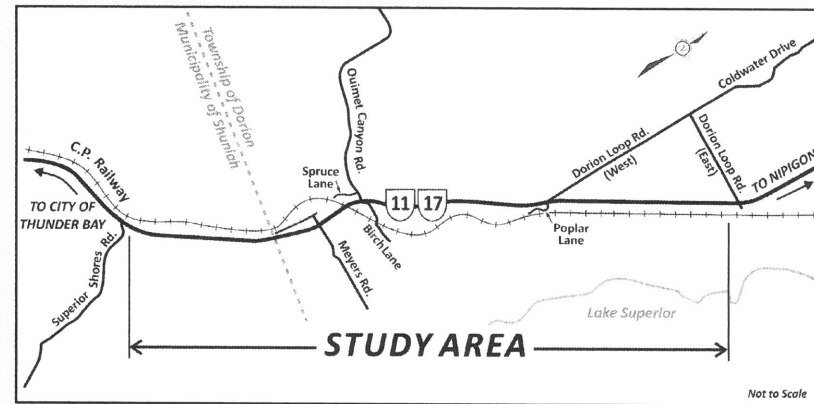
This study followed the approved environmental planning process for Group "B" projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout.

A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared to document the Detail Design for the improvements to Highway 11/17 within the study limits. The DCR also outlines the associated environmental impacts and mitigation measures. The DCR is available for public review from

December 12, 2019 to January 27, 2020 on the project website (<https://hwy11-17four-laningfromouimettodorion.ca/>), and at the following locations during regular business hours:

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Thunder Bay Regional Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON



Township of Dorion
Clerk's Office
170 Dorion Loop Road
Dorion, ON

Municipality of Shuniah
Clerk's Office
420 Leslie Avenue
Thunder Bay, ON

Red Rock Library
42 Salls Street
Red Rock, ON

Dorion Public Library
170 Dorion Loop Road
Dorion, ON

COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by **January 27, 2020**. The DCR is not eligible for a Part II Order (i.e. "bump-up") under the provisions of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.

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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*. 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.