

Notice of Study Completion

Transportation Environmental Study Report Submission

Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study
Highway 416 at Barnsdale Road Interchange
City of Ottawa (G.W.P. 4057-20-00)

THE PROJECT

Morrison Hershfield Limited has been retained by the **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** to undertake a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for a new interchange at the intersection of Highway 416 and Barnsdale Road in the City of Ottawa (see below Key Map).

The study has examined alternatives for a new interchange to accommodate traffic movements in all directions by providing entry and exit from both northbound and southbound lanes of Highway 416 which do not currently exist. The Recommended Plan and Preferred Design Alternative includes:

- New off- and on-ramps in all four quadrants to accommodate entry and exit from Highway 416 to Barnsdale in all directions.
- New intersections along Barnsdale Road to accommodate new ramp connections to Barnsdale Road.
- Realignment of William McEwen Drive, Trail Road and Borrisokane Road.
- Accommodation of Active Transportation (i.e., pedestrians and cyclists) along Barnsdale Road through the interchange.

Construction is not currently scheduled. Timing of Detail Design and Construction will be dependent on funding, acquisition of environmental approvals and provincial priorities.

THE PROCESS

The study has followed the approved planning process for a Group 'B' Project under the MTO **Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities** (2000) with the opportunity for Indigenous Peoples and public input throughout. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been prepared to document the existing environmental conditions, potential impacts of the undertaking, required mitigation measures and commitments to future work, as well as consultation activities. **The 30-day public review will start on September 28, 2023.**

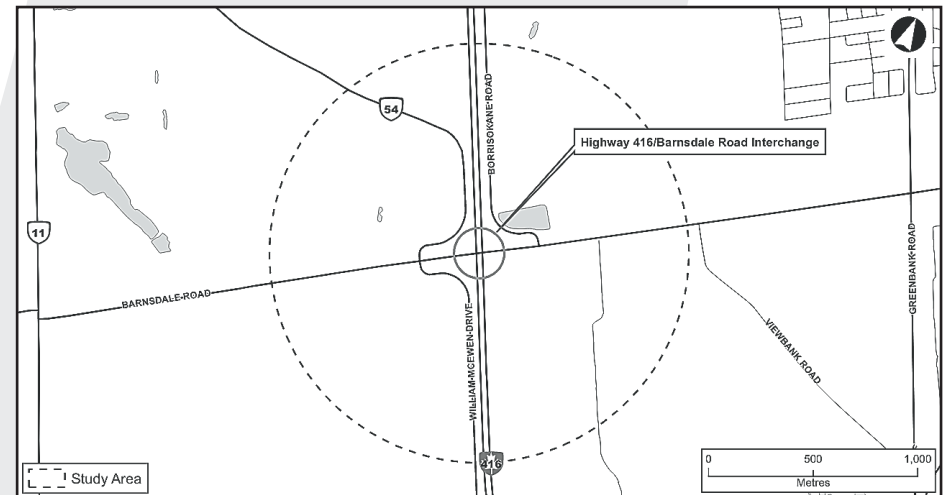
The TESR is available on the project website at <http://www.highway416barnsdale.com>

COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review the TESR and provide comments by October 27, 2023. The Project Team will respond to all comments received during the 30-day public review. To obtain additional information or to provide comments please submit them through the Contact Us section of the project website <http://www.highway416barnsdale.com> or by contacting the following individuals:

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Outstanding concerns are to be directed to the proponents listed above for a response, unless the outstanding concerns are regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, in which case Part II Order requests on these matters should be addressed in writing to:

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If there are no outstanding concerns after completion of the 30-day review period, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA and will be eligible to proceed to Detail Design. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact the Project Team members listed above.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant le 613-739-2910, ext. 1022292, auprès de Brad Hewton.