



HIGHWAY 3 WIDENING

From east of Essex Road 23 easterly to east of Essex Road 34
TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT ADDENDUM
GWP 3021-18-00

NOTICE OF ADDENDUM

THE STUDY

In 2006, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) completed a study of Highway 3 from Outer Drive in Windsor easterly 33.5 km to Union Avenue (Essex Road 34), which was documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR). The TESR was approved in 2006 and MTO has implemented the improvements in three phases with Phase 1 and Phase 2 being constructed in 2009 and 2012, respectively.

Recently, MTO initiated a Design Study to review the 2006 TESR approved improvements from east of Arner Townline (Essex Road 23) easterly to east of Union Avenue (Essex Road 34) based on the current transportation and environmental conditions in the Study Area. The Study confirmed that a number of the improvements approved in 2006 were still recommended and included the following:

- The widening of Highway 3 from two to four-lanes with a 15 m depressed median from east of Arner Townline (Essex Road 23) easterly to east of Union Avenue (Essex Road 34) in the County of Essex
- The realignment of Division Road (Essex Road 29) to provide intersection separation
- The closure of Inman Side Road / South Talbot Road at Highway 3
- Traffic signals at Division Road (Essex Road 29) and Union Avenue (Essex Road 34).

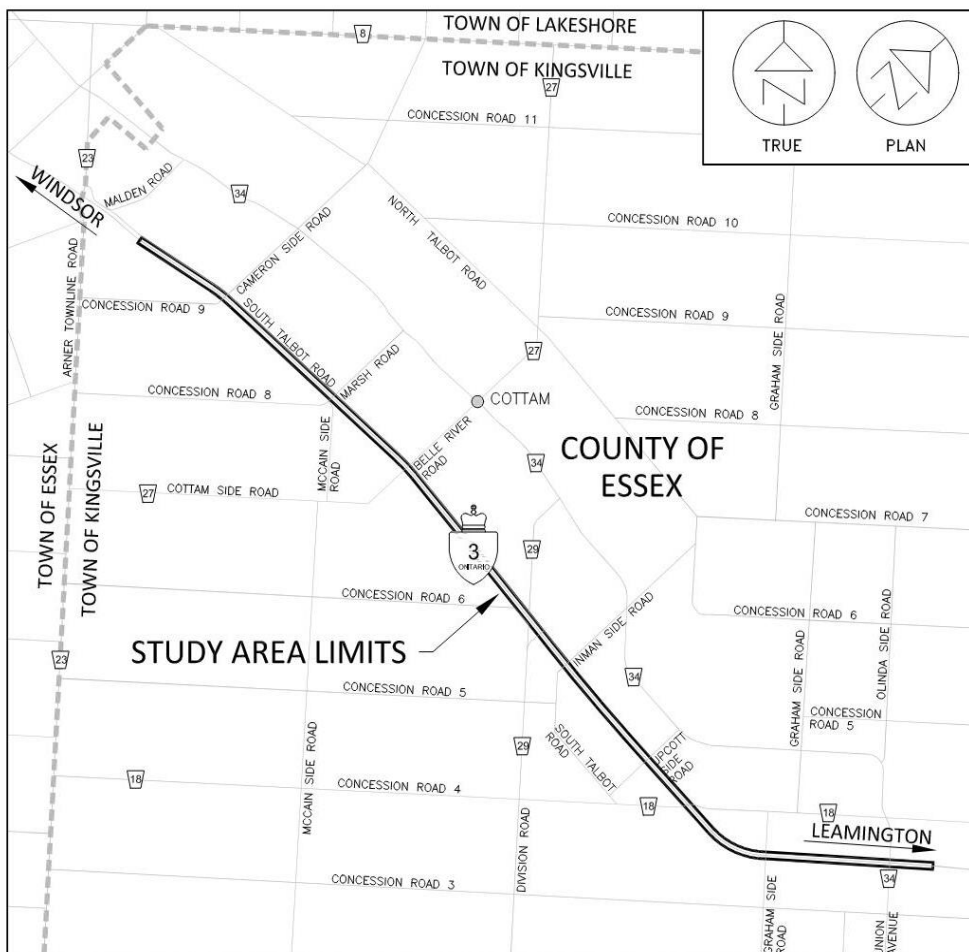
The Study identified several significant changes to what was originally approved, which have been developed into the 2020 Recommended Plan (outlined in the TESR Addendum) and included the following:

- The installation of traffic signals at the Highway 3 and Belle River Road (Essex Road 27), Essex Road 18, and Graham Side Road intersections.
- The closure of the intersections with Highway 3 at Cameron Side Road / Concession Road 9, Marsh Road / Concession Road 8, and Upcott Side Road.

THE PROCESS

The Study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities, 2000* (Class EA). Since the review resulted in significant changes to what was originally approved in 2006, an Addendum to the original TESR documenting the proposed changes including their rationale and implications has been prepared and is being made available for a 30-day comment period.

The TESR Addendum is available for review at www.highway3widening.ca starting on **July 28, 2021** and ending on **August 27, 2021**.



COMMENTS

Please contact one of the following Study Team members no later than **August 27, 2021** if you would like to provide comments, ask questions, and/or discuss any potential concerns:

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For the changes identified in the TESR Addendum, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA 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. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

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Requests should also be sent to the Project Team members listed above by mail or by e-mail.

This Notice issued July 28, 2021.

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