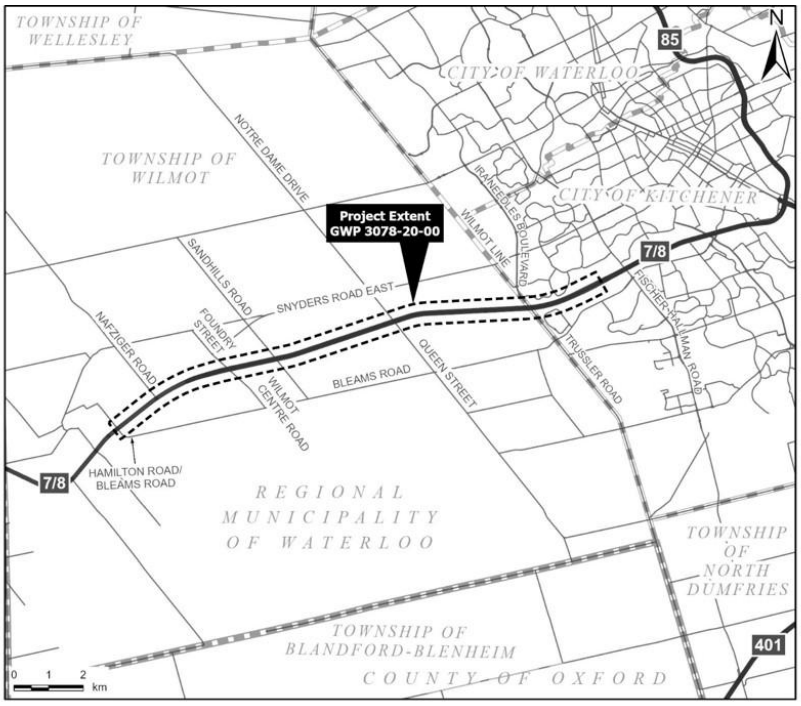
NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Highway 7/8 Pavement and Bridge Rehabilitation, from Hamilton Road/Bleams Road to east of Trussler Road, Wilmot Township and City of Kitchener
(GWP 3078-20-00, GWP 3093-18-00, GWP 3096-18-00, GWP 3097-18-00, GWP 3083-20-00)
Preliminary and Detail Design Class Environmental Assessment Study

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to complete the Preliminary and Detail Design Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for pavement, bridge and ramp terminal improvements along Highway 7/8 in the City of Kitchener and Wilmot Township.



The project includes pavement rehabilitation on Highway 7/8 from 0.1 kilometres east of Hamilton Road/ Bleams Road to 0.7 kilometres west of Fischer-Hallman Road, rehabilitation at the Sandhills Road bridge structure, and bridge rehabilitation including an assessment of ramp terminal improvements at the Trussler Road, Queen Street, and Foundry Street interchanges.

The project will also include drainage improvements, and a review of roadside safety, signage, traffic signal/roundabout requirements, and the confirmation of a construction staging/traffic management strategy.

THE PROCESS

This study is being carried out as a Group 'B' project under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways (2024)*. The Class EA process includes consultation with the public, Indigenous communities, municipalities, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders. Notification of the Virtual Public Information Centre and availability of the Transportation Environmental Study Report for comment will be published in local newspapers and mailed to those on the project contact list. Construction timing is subject to funding and approvals.

COMMENTS

If you wish to provide comments about this project or to have your name added to the study mailing list for future updates, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below.

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order 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 collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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