



Township of Perth South/Municipality of West Perth Notice of Study Commencement Trafalgar Bridge (#127) Improvements Class Environmental Assessment Study

The Study

The Township of Perth South and the Municipality of West Perth have initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for improvements to the Trafalgar Bridge (#127) located on Line 12, 0.1 km east of Road 137 over the Thames River. The existing single span steel through truss structure has been identified as being deficient with respect to load capacity, lane width, physical condition and barrier protection. In order to best address deficiencies, a number of alternatives will be examined as part of the study including: rehabilitation of the structure, replacement of the structure, abandonment of the structure and the removal of the structure. Both abandonment and removal of the structure options will include the closure of the roadway. The site location is identified on the map provided.

The Process

This notice signals the commencement of the Class EA, a study which will define the problem, identify and evaluate alternative solutions, and determine a preferred solution in consultation with regulatory agencies and the public. The study is being carried out in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule 'B' projects as outlined in the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011), which is approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

Comments Invited

A key component of the study will be consultation with interested stakeholders (public and agencies) to present the project, review the study scope and discuss issues related to the project including alternative solutions, environmental considerations and evaluation criteria. Additional notices regarding the project will be issued as the study progresses. Upon completion of the study, a Project File will be available for public review and comment.

Public input and comments are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project. 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 questions or comments regarding the study, or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact:

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