



PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE 1

Sudbury Southwest By-Pass Four-laning, Highway 17

(GWP 5825-05-00)

Stantec Consulting Ltd. is carrying out a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Environmental Assessment Study for the four-laning of Highway 17 from Municipal Road 55 (middle junction), easterly to Highway 69 for 13.3 km. The purpose of this notice is to announce the first Public Information Centre (PIC).

The purpose of this Study is to identify a four-lane highway plan for the Sudbury Southwest By-Pass (Highway 17), with access restricted to interchange locations only. A four-lane controlled access highway will improve traffic safety and operations along this section of Highway 17.

Construction is not expected to begin for a number of years. This Study will develop a plan that will allow subsequent phases (detailed engineering and property acquisition) to proceed when four-laning is needed. Furthermore, development adjacent to the highway corridor can proceed without impacting the ministry's plan for future widening of the highway.

The purpose of the Public Information Centre is to:

- Display and seek input on the alignment alternatives for a future four-lane Highway 17;
- Display and seek input on municipal road connection alternatives;
- Seek input on the environmental conditions in the study area (i.e. natural, social, economic and cultural);
- Seek input on the evaluation criteria and process to be used to identify a preferred plan;
- Answer questions about the study.

The Public Information Centre is scheduled for:

Tuesday, October 3, 2006
At the Countryside Arena
235 Countryside Drive, Sudbury
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

A second PIC is scheduled for early 2007 and will provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the preferred plan and preliminary design recommendations. A notice will be placed in the newspaper prior to the PIC.

This study is a "Group B" project under the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for public review at the conclusion of the study.

If you wish to comment on this project, have your name added to the project mailing list or have any questions regarding the study, please contact:

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Comments and information are being collected to assist the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) in meeting the requirements of the 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.

A project website has been established at 'www.sudburyswbypass.ca'. The Project Team encourages you to visit the website to obtain additional information.

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