

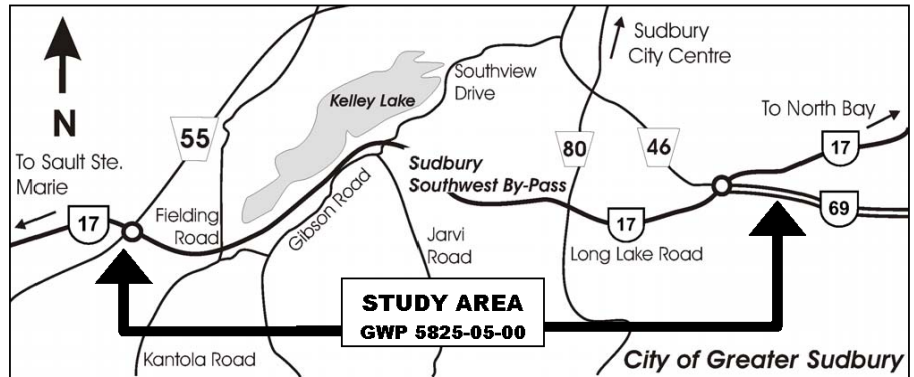


COMMENCEMENT OF STUDY Sudbury Southwest By-Pass Four-Laning Highway 17, GWP 5825-05-00

Stantec Consulting Ltd. has been retained by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to undertake a planning and preliminary design study for the four-laning of Highway 17 from Municipal Road 55 easterly to Highway 69 for 13.3 km. The study area is shown on the map below.

The purpose of this study is to identify a four-lane highway plan for this section of Highway 17, with access restricted to interchange locations only.

The Ministry does not propose to begin construction in the near term. Instead, this study will develop a plan that will allow subsequent phases (detailed engineering and property acquisition) to proceed when the traffic volumes increase. Planning now, allows development adjacent to the corridor to proceed without impacting the ministry's plan for future widening.



This study will:

- Develop alternatives for a future four-lane Highway 17;
- Develop access alternatives to Highway 17;
- Identify potential improvements to the existing interchange at Highway 69, and the future interchange at Municipal Road 80 to accommodate the future four-laning;
- Identify the advantages and disadvantages associated with each alternative;
- Identify a recommended plan for a four-lane Highway 17, including sideroad connections and grade separations;
- Develop an implementation strategy for the ultimate four-lane facility; and
- Seek input from the public, local municipalities, external ministries/agencies and businesses.

Two Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held during the study. The first PIC will provide opportunities to review the evaluation criteria and alternatives. The second PIC will provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the preferred plan and preliminary design recommendations. Notices will be placed in this newspaper prior to each 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.

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 us or visit us at www.sudburyswbypass.ca.

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Comments and information are being collected to assist the 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.

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