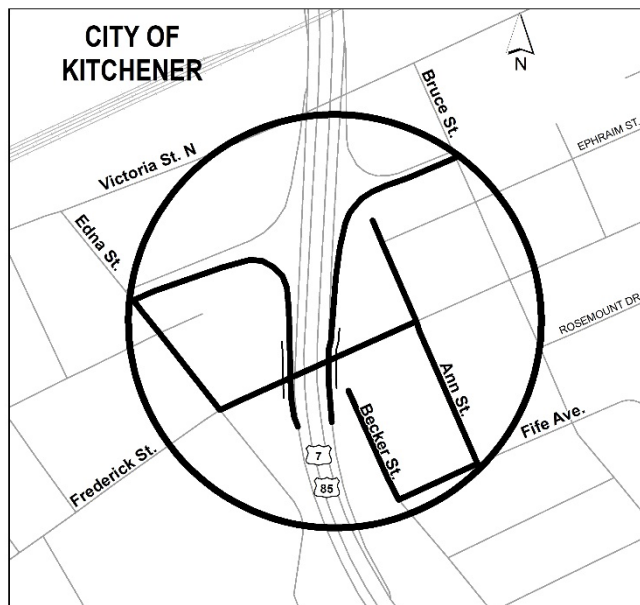


Notice of Study Commencement
Detailed Design Study to Advance Construction for New Highway 7
Frederick Street Bridge Replacement, Kitchener

THE STUDY

The **Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **GHD Limited** to undertake the Detailed Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Frederick Street bridge replacement (G.W.P. 3001-22-00), located in the City of Kitchener (see key plan). The project is part of the ministry's commitment to advance the construction of the approved New Highway 7 – Kitchener to Guelph project. The work includes the following:

- Replacement of the Frederick Street Bridge over Highway 7/85
- Reconstruction of four (4) retaining walls
- Partial replacement of the existing noise wall adjacent to Becker Street
- Reconstruction of Frederick Street between Edna Street and Ann Street, including cycling lane improvements
- Pavement reconstruction
- Utility relocations
- Underground services replacement along sections of Becker Street, Fife Avenue and Ann Street
- Illumination on Frederick Street



Frederick Street will be closed during the demolition and replacement of the bridge, anticipated in the 2024 construction season. Utility relocations and underground services replacement along sections of Becker Street, Fife Avenue and Ann Street are expected to begin in 2023. Construction timing is subject to funding and approvals.

Local road detours will be in place during construction. Driveways and entrances will be maintained. Short-term nighttime closures of Highway 7/85 will occur during the demolition and construction of the new bridge. Additional information can be found on the Frederick Street bridge replacement project website at: www.frederickstreetbridge.com.

THE PROCESS

This project is classified as a Group 'A' project under the MTO "Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)". A Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the detailed design. The report will be made available for a 30-day comment period with public notice advising the start of the comment period.

Engineering and field work for the remainder of New Highway 7 is ongoing. The remainder of New Highway 7 will be constructed in subsequent phases. Additional information on the New Highway 7 can be found at: www.newhighway7.ca.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing your comments regarding this study! Comments can be sent to either one of the following Project Study team members:

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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.

Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. This information will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

