

Notice of Completion – Design and Construction Report

New Highway 7 – Kitchener to Guelph Phase 3 – Advance Clearing and Fencing (GWP 408-88-00)

THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) continues to move forward with new Highway 7 from Kitchener to Guelph following a three phased approach.

Phase 1 – Construction Completed

Phase 1 of new Highway 7 construction began in 2015 when the Guelph Street overpass was widened to accommodate the future interchange at Highway 85. Phase 1 construction also included:

- widening and extension of Shirley Avenue in Kitchener (completed 2017);
- relocating municipal utilities at the Victoria Street Bridge over Highway 85 in Kitchener (completed 2017);
- clearing vegetation and installing fencing in select areas along the new Highway 7 right-of-way between Kitchener and Guelph (completed 2018); and
- replacing the Victoria Street Bridge over Highway 85 in Kitchener (completed 2019).

Phase 2 – Grand River Bridges

Building on the approved Environmental Assessment for new Highway 7, the MTO is completing the Detailed Design for the two new bridges crossing the Grand River, to accommodate the eastbound and westbound lanes of new Highway 7. The Design and Construction Report (DCR) comment period was September 27, 2023 to October 26, 2023.

Phase 3 – Completion of new Highway 7

The engineering and environmental work for the final phase of new Highway 7 is progressing. Separate Design and Construction Reports will also be prepared for Phase 3.

- Frederick Bridge DCR comment period is from October 23, 2023 to November 21, 2023

THE PROCESS

Design and Construction Report for Phase 3 – Advance Clearing and Fencing

A Design and Construction Report for the clearing and fencing of the new Highway 7 alignment will be available for a 30 day comment period from **October 31, 2023 to November 29, 2023** at the project website www.frederickstreetbridge.com. If you require an alternate format to review the DCR, then please contact one of the Project Team members to discuss options. This project has followed the approved environmental planning process for Group 'A' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000). Construction timing is subject to funding and approvals.

COMMENTS

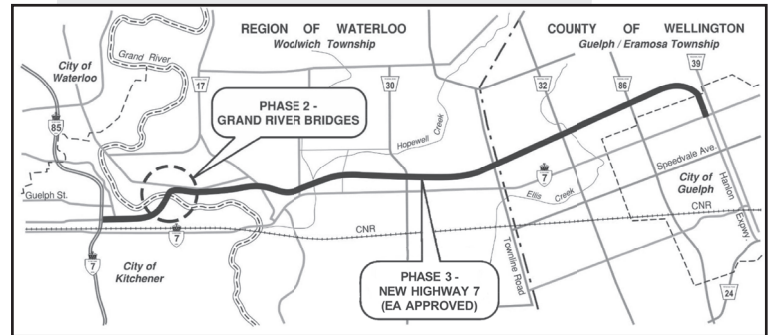
Interested persons may provide written comments between **October 31, 2023 to November 29, 2023** through the project website www.frederickstreetbridge.com or to one of the following Project Team members:

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SECTION 16 ORDER (ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHTS)

Outstanding concerns are to be directed to the proponents listed above for a response, unless the outstanding concerns are regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, in which case Section 16 Order requests on these matters should be addressed in writing or by email to the following contacts, and copied to the project team members listed above, no later than **November 29, 2023**.

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the Ministry.

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We are committed to ensuring that government information and services are accessible for all Ontarians. For communication supports or to request project material in an alternate format, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Comments and information will be collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. 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*.

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