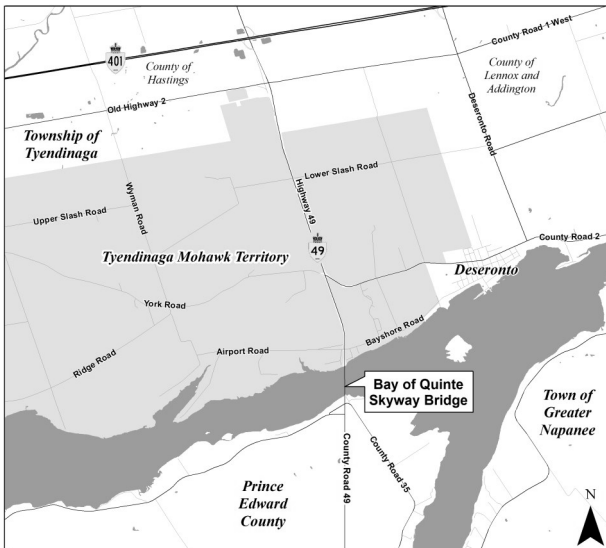


Highway 49 Bay of Quinte Skyway Bridge Rehabilitation

County of Hastings, Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, and Prince Edward County
(G.W.P. 4063-10-01)

Notice of Public Information
Centre
August 17th, 2016



MORRISON HERSHFIELD

Study Introduction

Morrison Hershfield Limited has been retained by the Ministry of Transportation to conduct a Preliminary/Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment for the Highway 49 Bay of Quinte Skyway Bridge Rehabilitation. As part of this process we are hosting a round of Public Information Centres (PICs) to allow the public an opportunity to review and discuss the study with members of the Study Team.

Background

In 2011 Morrison Hershfield was retained to undertake a detail design for the rehabilitation of 29 bridges in Eastern Ontario. Review of the condition of the Bay of Quinte Skyway Bridge led to a Ministry of Transportation decision to replace the superstructure.

As a result in 2015 Morrison Hershfield undertook a feasibility study to examine preliminary traffic staging options for bridge rehabilitation. This study will build on the 2015 feasibility study by further examining the natural, socio-economic, cultural and technical implications of the alternatives that were recommended to be carried forward for further analysis.

Study Objective

The goal of this study will be to recommend a preferred alternative to rehabilitate the Highway 49 Bay of Quinte Skyway Bridge while minimizing disruption to traffic.

Alternatives to be considered include:

- Full closure of both lanes of the bridge during construction;
- Partial closure (closure of one lane during construction); and
- Single lane closure with bi-directional traffic on the bridge.

The Process

The study will follow the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) with the opportunity for public input throughout the study. Two rounds of PICs will be held at key stages in the study.

At the end of this study a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared. The TESR documents the entire study process, including a detailed description of the Recommended Plan, details of environmental impacts and proposed methods to reduce, minimize, or avoid impacts. The TESR will be made available for a 30-day public review period.

Other Ways to Participate

If you are unable to attend the PIC, all PIC material will be posted to our website (www.hwy49quinteskyway.ca) following the meetings. You can provide your comments via the information provided below or through our website "Contact Us" form. This will be the first of two PICs held for the study. The second is tentatively scheduled for Fall/Winter 2016.

Comments

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have with the study. For further information please contact:

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Note: 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.

Purpose of the PIC

The purpose of this Public Information Centre (PIC) is to:

- Provide the public the opportunity to review and comment on the study
- Provide background on the study
- Present the study process
- Present Preliminary Design Alternatives for comment
- Present the evaluation method proposed to select a Technically Preferred Alternative
- Discuss next steps

Date and Location

The PIC will follow a "drop-in" format without formal presentations. The PIC will be held on the following date:

Picton – August 17th, 2016
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Prince Edward County Community Centre
375 Main Street, Picton

Bay of Quinte Skyway Environmental Assessment Schedule
G.W.P. 4063-10-01

	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
PHASE - ACTIVITY								
Study Commencement	■							
Data Collection				■				
Generate & Evaluate Design Alternatives				■	■			
Identify/Document Problems				■				
Review Feasibility Study to Develop Short List of Alternatives				■	■			
Generate Short List of Alternatives				■				
Assess Impacts and Select Preferred Alternative				■	■			
Refine Preferred Alternative				■	■			
Prepare Final Design and Mitigation Measures				■	■			
Report Preparation				■	■			
Draft Transportation Environmental Study Report				■	■			
30-Day Mandatory Review Period				■	■			
Consultation				●	●			
Notice of Commencement/TSR Review				●	●			
Municipal/First Nation Meetings				●	●			
Public Information Centre				●	●			

Note: Tentative