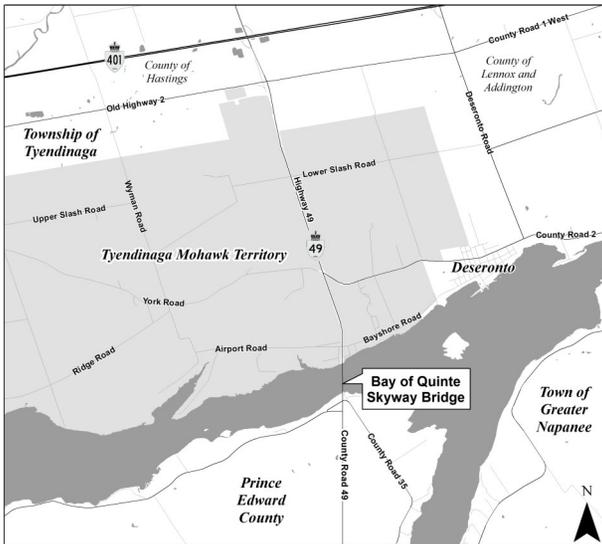


Highway 49 Bay of Quinte Skyway Bridge Rehabilitation

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

Notice of Public Information
Centre #2
April 11, 2017



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 Region. 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.

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
- Results of the first Public Information Centre
- Present the evaluation of the alternatives
- Present the 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:

April 11, 2017
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Prince Edward County
Community Centre
375 Main Street, Picton



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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.

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.

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 considered included:

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

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 is the final PIC for the study.

Next Steps

Once the Public Information Centre is complete the following steps will be taken to finalize the project:

- Incorporate feedback from PIC Round #2 where feasible.
- Undertake agency consultation to discuss impacts and proposed mitigation.
- Finalize Preliminary Design and proposed mitigation measures.
- Prepare and file a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) for a 30-day Public Review period.

Upon completion of the TESR review period, the formal Environmental Assessment process will be complete. This will allow MTO to finalize the Detail Design and ultimately to construct the project.