NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Highway 11/17 Widening to Four Lanes from Kakabeka Falls Easterly to Thunder Bay Expressway
Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study (GWP 6023-21-00)

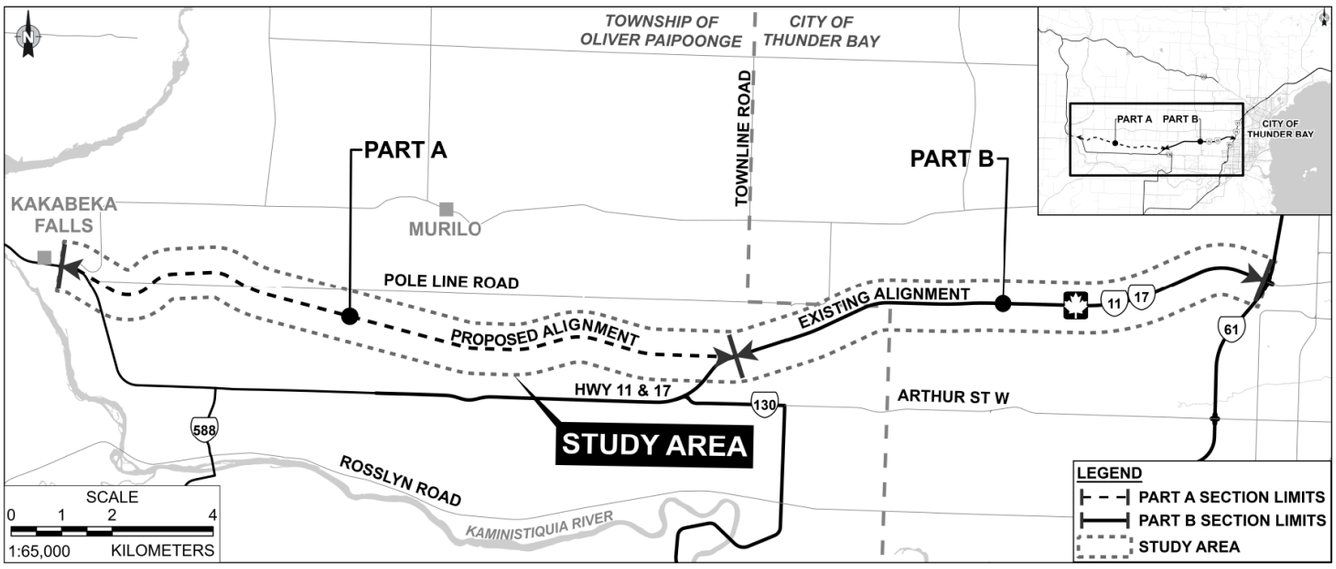
THE STUDY

The **Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP Canada Inc.** to complete the preliminary design and class environmental assessment (Class EA) study for the widening of Highway 11/17 to four lanes from Kakabeka Falls easterly to Thunder Bay Expressway, as shown in the map below. The study area includes two corridors:

- Part A is the west corridor, which involves a new alignment from Kakabeka to just east of Vibert Road.
- Part B is the east corridor, which involves twinning the existing alignment.

This study follows the approved environmental planning process for Group 'A' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways* (2024).

This study builds upon the work completed in past planning efforts, ranging back to the 1970s, which identified the need for improvements to address existing operational and safety deficiencies, accommodate future traffic growth, and support regional economic development. This project is a part of MTO's larger plan to construct a four-lane divided highway between Thunder Bay and Shabaqua Corners. The purpose of this study is to review and assess various alternatives to provide a future four-lane divided Highway 11/17 with interchanges and to update the preferred four-lane design for part of Highway 11/17 from Kakabeka Falls to the Thunder Bay Expressway to reflect current conditions.



PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The public information centre (PIC) gives the public an opportunity to learn about the project and share their comments. The project team will outline information on current conditions in the study area, explain the options that are being considered and present the preferred alignment. Public feedback will be used to help develop the preliminary design.

At the end of the study, the project team will prepare a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR). The report will summarize the study process, the preliminary design, potential environmental effects, and proposed mitigation measures. The TESR will be available for a 30-day public review period, with notices providing details on how to view the report.

The PIC will be held as an in-person open house, with members of the MTO and WSP available to discuss the project and answer questions. The public is encouraged to attend to learn more and share their input. The information presented at the PIC will also be available on the project website at **hwy11-17-kakabekafalls-east.ca**. Comments are kindly requested by **July 18, 2026,** and can be submitted through the online comment form available on the website or by contacting one of the project team members listed below.

The PIC will be held as follows:

Date:	**June 18, 2026**
Time:	**4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
Location:	**Murillo Hall**
	4569 Oliver Road
	Murillo ON P0T 2G0

COMMENTS

For more information, to provide comments or to be added to the study's mailing list, please contact the individuals listed below or visit **hwy11-17-kakabekafalls-east.ca.**

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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.

The PIC venue is fully accessible and will be compliant with the requirements under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*. If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this study, please contact one of the project team members listed above.

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