

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2  
PROPOSED HIGHWAY 417 CARLING AVENUE E-E ON-RAMP CLOSURE (WP 4255-15-01),  
DETAIL DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY**

**THE STUDY**

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained WSP | MMM to complete the Detail Design and Environmental Assessment Study for the proposed permanent closure of the Highway 417 Carling Avenue E-E On-Ramp (WP 4255-15-01) (on-ramp from Carling Avenue Westbound to Highway 417 Eastbound), in the City of Ottawa. The planned widening of Highway 417 between Maitland Avenue and Island Park Drive will result in operational and safety issues due to the introduction of a significantly substandard merge condition for the existing Highway 417 Carling Avenue W-E On-Ramp (on-ramp from Carling Avenue Eastbound to Highway 417 Eastbound). The permanent closure of the low volume E-E On-Ramp is proposed as a means to accommodate the planned widening of Highway 417 and provide a standard-length merge lane for the high volume W-E On-Ramp, while maintaining access to Highway 417 Eastbound within the Carling Avenue interchange.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Highway 417 Carling Avenue E-E On-Ramp is a low volume on-ramp which carries one lane of traffic onto Highway 417 Eastbound. The project involves the following components:

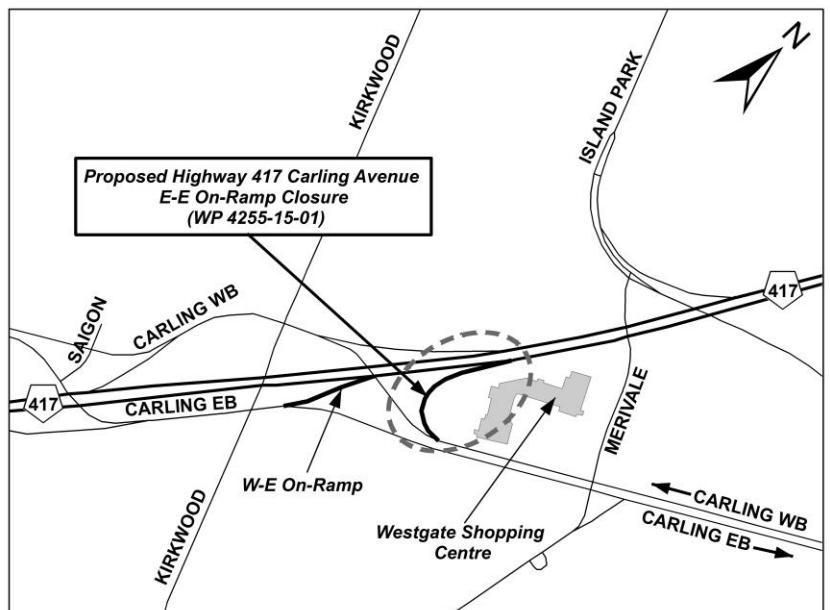
- Proposed permanent closure of the Highway 417 Carling Avenue E-E On-Ramp;
- Maintaining access to Highway 417 Eastbound using the existing W-E On-Ramp; and
- Construction of related works, including retaining walls, illumination modifications / ATMS, and landscaping.

Traffic management is being coordinated with the City of Ottawa. In order to facilitate safe and efficient access to Highway 417 Eastbound using the W-E On-Ramp and to address weaving issues at the Carling Avenue/Kirkwood Avenue intersection associated with Highway 417 Westbound Off-Ramp traffic, improvements are proposed at the Carling Avenue / Kirkwood Avenue intersection and at the Carling Avenue / Saigon Court intersection.

**THE PROCESS**

This study is being carried out in accordance with the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*, with the opportunity for public input throughout the project.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on June 16, 2016 to introduce the study and provide stakeholders with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed ramp closure and related works, alternatives considered, potential impacts and proposed mitigation. In order to address concerns expressed by members of the public, a second PIC will be held to provide stakeholders with an update on additional studies and analysis completed since the first PIC, and to present the proposed mitigation strategy which includes improvements to the Carling Avenue / Kirkwood Avenue intersection and the Carling Avenue / Saigon Court intersection. Members of the Project Team will be available at the second PIC to discuss the project and answer any questions you may have.



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The second PIC will be held as follows:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, February 15, 2017</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>St. Anthony's Banquet Hall 523 St. Anthony Street Ottawa, ON</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>4:00 pm to 8:00 pm</b>

Upon completion of the study, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and filed for a 30-day public review period. Newspaper notices will be published at that time to explain the review process and identify locations where the TESR can be reviewed.

**COMMENTS**

We are interested in any information, comments or questions that you have regarding this study. If you wish to obtain additional information or provide input, please contact the Consultant Project Manager or the MTO Senior Project Engineer listed below, or visit the project website at [www.highway417carlinge-eramp.com](http://www.highway417carlinge-eramp.com).

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this study, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. 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 be part of the public record.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français au numéro 613 736-7200, poste 2134, auprès d'Emily Sangster (courriel: [sangstere@mmm.ca](mailto:sangstere@mmm.ca)).