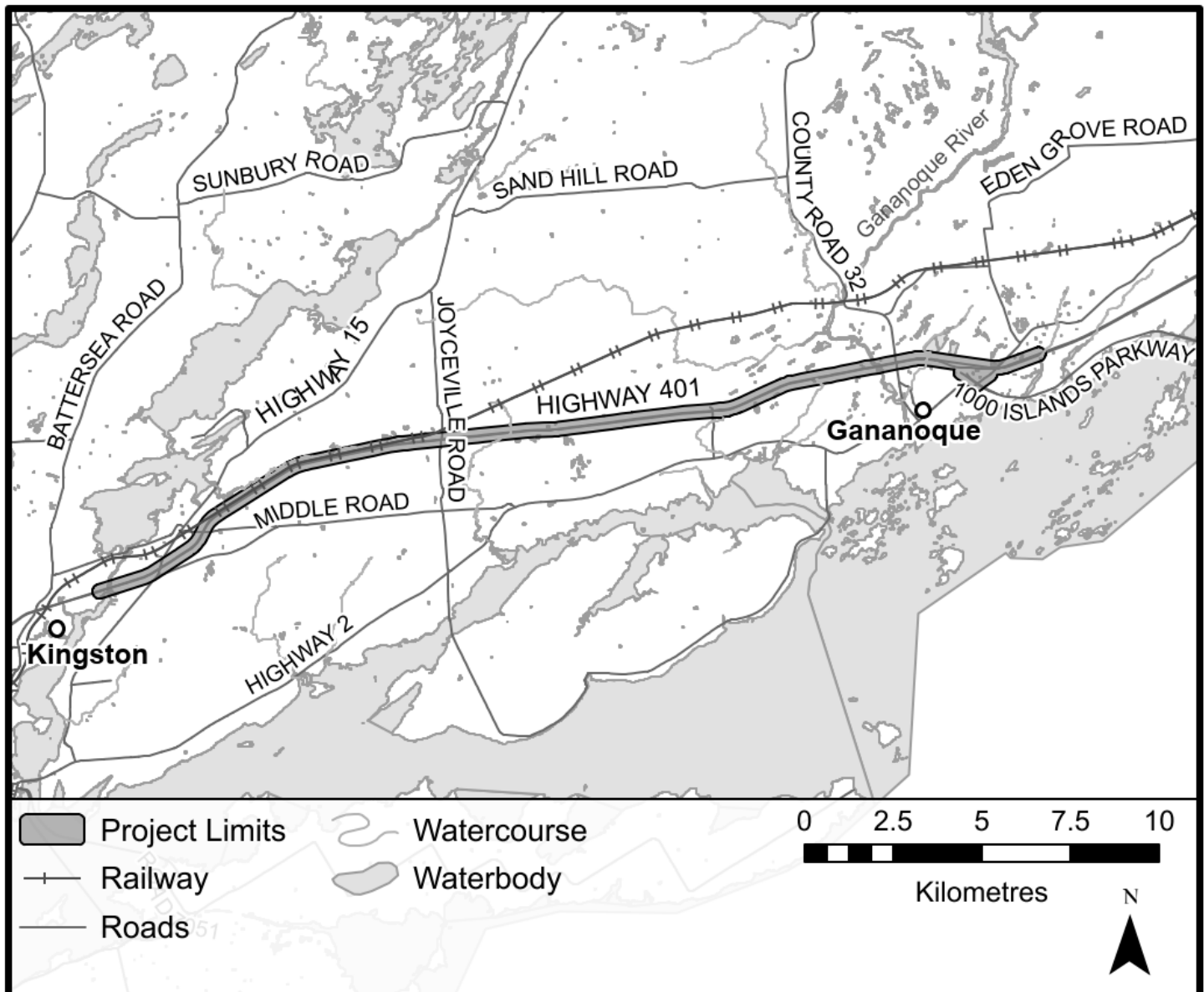


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## Highway 401 Planning Study from 1 km West of Highway 15 to 1 km East of Highway 2 / King Street, including the Thousand Islands Parkway and Highway 2 Interchange, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study (GWP 4049-22-00)

**The Study:** The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained AECOM Canada ULC to conduct a Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study focusing on the replacement and rehabilitation of structures, interchange modifications and establishing the footprint of Highway 401 for future interim six and ultimate eight lanes, from 1 km west of Highway 15 to 1 km east of Highway 2/King Street (approximately 27 km), including the Thousand Islands Parkway/Highway 2 interchange. The purpose of the Study is to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs in the Study area as part of the Ministry's ongoing review of safety and operational needs for the provincial highway network. The Study area falls within the City of Kingston, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Frontenac County, and the Town of Gananoque.



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**The Process:** This Study is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' Project in accordance with the MTO 2024 *Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways*. The Project Team will complete environmental and engineering field investigations and seek input from individuals, organizations, and Indigenous communities. At the end of the Study, the Project Team will prepare a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) that describes how the requirements of the Class EA were met; how the Project achieves the greatest overall transportation benefit while minimizing environmental impacts; other key decisions; consultation with individuals, organizations, and Indigenous communities; and commitments for consultation and environmental protection. The Project Team will issue a Notice of Completion, at which point there will be a 30-day comment period allowing for an opportunity to provide comments on the TESR. The Project Team will include comments received, responses to the comments and any supporting materials in a record of consultation. Documentation will be made available for viewing on the project website [www.Hwy401KingstontoGananoque.ca](http://www.Hwy401KingstontoGananoque.ca), or/and at a physical location (yet to be determined).

**Public Information Centre (PIC) #1:** The first of two PICs is being held to present and receive feedback on the Study background, existing conditions, the screening of the long list of improvement alternatives, the evaluation process for the short list of improvement alternatives, and the next steps in the Study. PIC #1 will be an informal drop-in centre with MTO and consultant team representatives available to answer questions. The date, time and location of PIC #1 are as follows:

**October 2, 2025, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Lou Jeffries Arena – Upstairs Hall,  
600 King Street East, Gananoque, Ontario K7G 1H3 (wheelchair access to and  
within building via ramp and elevator)**

**Comments:** You are encouraged to visit the Project website, [www.Hwy401KingstontoGananoque.ca](http://www.Hwy401KingstontoGananoque.ca), where Project information including Study notices, background information, PIC displays and the TESR will be made available as the Study progresses. You are encouraged to participate in the Study and to provide comments in writing to the Project Team. If you wish to have your name added to the mailing list or have questions about the Study, please contact:

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Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. 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. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this Study, please contact the Project Team as listed above. Renseignements en français disponibles en composant le 1-226-753-6683 (Megan Sanderson) ou [megan.sanderson@aecom.com](mailto:megan.sanderson@aecom.com).