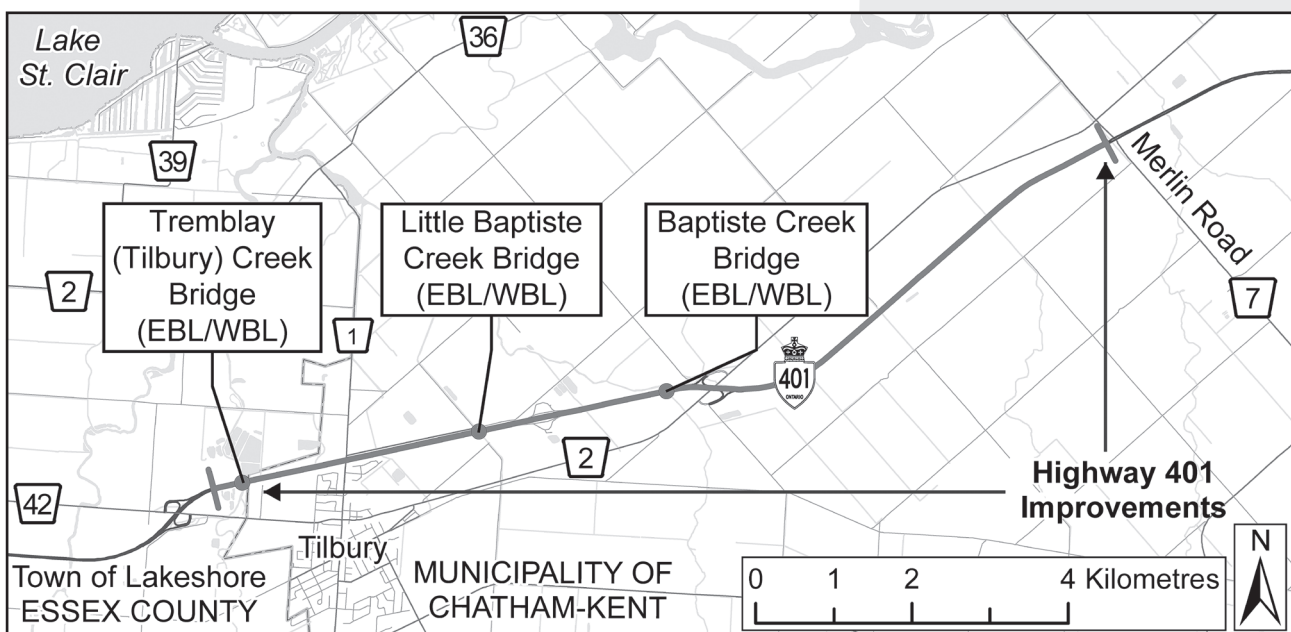


Notice of Completion

Highway 401 Improvements from east of Essex Road 42 to west of Merlin Road, Design-Build Contract 2020-3011: Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) retained **Coco Paving Inc. (Coco)** and **Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon)** to complete the Design-Build (DB) Contract for improvements along Highway 401 from 0.6 km east of Essex Road 42, easterly to just west of Merlin Road, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, County of Essex and Town of Lakeshore. The DB Contract includes the Class Environmental Assessment (EA), Detail Design and construction of the project, which includes the following key features:

- Widening to a Six Lane Cross-Section
- Median Storm Sewer
- Concrete Median Barrier
- Rehabilitations/Widenings of the Tremblay (Tilbury) Creek, Little Baptiste Creek and Baptiste Creek bridges
- Noise Barrier (eastbound lanes in the vicinity of Queen Street)
- Short duration intermittent nightly closures (2 nights per ramp) of the westbound Highway 401 ramps at Queens Line and the ONroute for concrete pavement retexturing
- Five New Overhead Signs



Construction timing is subject to funding and approvals.

The study was completed in accordance with the *Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* as a Group "B" project (major improvement). The Design and Construction Report (DCR) is being made available for a 30-day review period. The report describes the preferred design, public and agency consultation completed and environmental mitigation measures and provisions that will be in place during construction.

The DCR will be available for a 30-day public review between **February 20, 2021** and **March 22, 2021** at the project website: www.hwy401essex42-merlin.com. We encourage you to review the DCR and provide any comments to the project team by **March 22, 2021** using the comment form on the project website, or by contacting one of the project team members listed below.

Due to the ongoing Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19, locations to review a paper copy of the DCR will not be provided. If you wish to review the DCR and require an alternate format, you may contact one of the project team members listed below to discuss review options.

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In addition, a request may be made to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies); only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by e-mail to both of the following MECP contacts, copying the Project Team as outlined above:

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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. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above.

Vous pouvez vous procurer des renseignements en français en appelant Sydney Tasfi, au 1 888 345-5668 poste 1005.

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