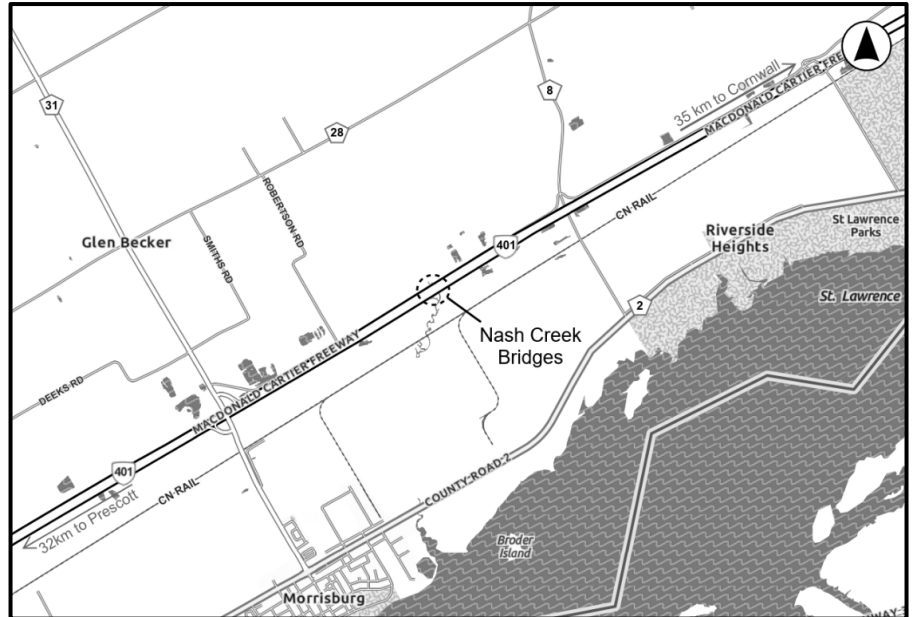


**NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Highway 401 Nash Creek Bridge Replacements (GWP 4009-24-00)****THE PROJECT**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Jacobs to undertake the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for the replacement of the Nash Creek (formerly Hoasic Creek) bridges along Highway 401 in the Township of South Dundas. The work includes replacing both the structure carrying the eastbound lanes of Highway 401 and the structure carrying the westbound lanes of Highway 401 over Nash Creek. The work is being undertaken due to deterioration of the bridges.

THE PROCESS

The Study is following the approved environmental planning process for Group B undertakings in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways, 2024. A Public Information Centre is planned to provide the public and stakeholders with the opportunity to review project materials and provide comments. A Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared to document the Recommended Plan as well as a summary of consultation activities, existing conditions, evaluation of design alternatives, anticipated environmental impacts and proposed mitigation. The TESR will be made available on the project website (www.401nashcreekbridges.ca) for a 30-day public comment period.



The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the Class EA study has been initiated.

COMMENTS

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 project mailing list or have questions about the study, please contact:

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You are encouraged to visit the project website at www.401nashcreekbridges.ca, where project information including study notices, background information, PIC displays, and the TESR will be made available as the study progresses.

You can also submit comments to the project team on the project website. If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

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.