

NOTICE

STUDY COMMENCEMENT VIGO BRIDGE NO. 000211 IMPROVEMENTS CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY

The Study

The County of Simcoe has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment for improvements to the site of the bridge located on Flos Road 4 West, 3.16km east of Flos-Sunnidale Townline over the Nottawasaga River, see map. The existing single span steel truss structure with a span of 44.3 metres has been identified as being deficient with respect to load capacity, lane width, physical condition, approach road geometry and, barrier protection. In order to best address deficiencies, a number of alternatives will be examined as part of the study including structure repairs, structure replacement, relocation or some combination of alternatives to consider the overall impact of such improvements on the social and natural environments.

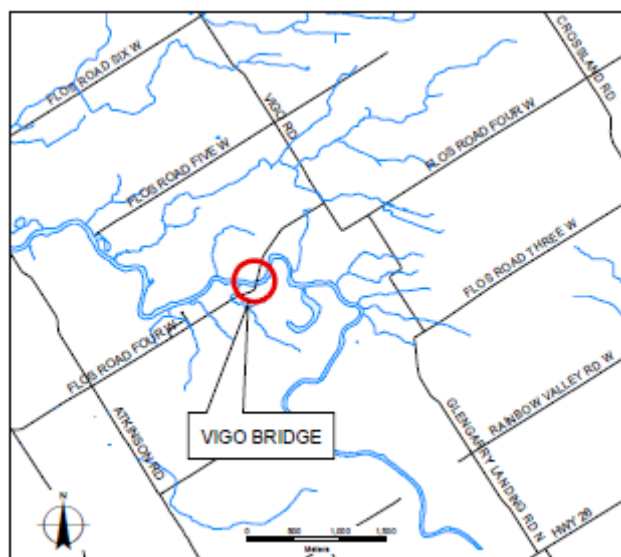
The Process

This notice signals the commencement of the Class Environmental Assessment, a study which will define the problem, identify and evaluate alternative solutions, and determine a preferred solution in consultation with regulatory agencies and the public. The study is being carried out in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule 'C' projects as outlined in the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment* (October 2000) as amended in 2007, which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

A key component of the study will be consultation with interested stakeholders (public and agencies) at two Public Information Centres (PICs) to present the project, review the study scope and discuss issues related to the project including alternative solutions, environmental considerations and evaluation criteria. Details regarding the forthcoming PICs will be advertised as the study progresses. Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be prepared for public review and comment.

Comments Invited

Public input and comments are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project. 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. This Notice first issued on October 15, 2009.



The map above shows the approximate location of the study area.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the study, or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact either of the following project team members:

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