

## NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

### Highway 4 Widening and Proposed Talbotville Bypass (GWP 3042-22-00), Highway 3 Twinning (GWP 3041-22-00)

### Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study

#### THE STUDY

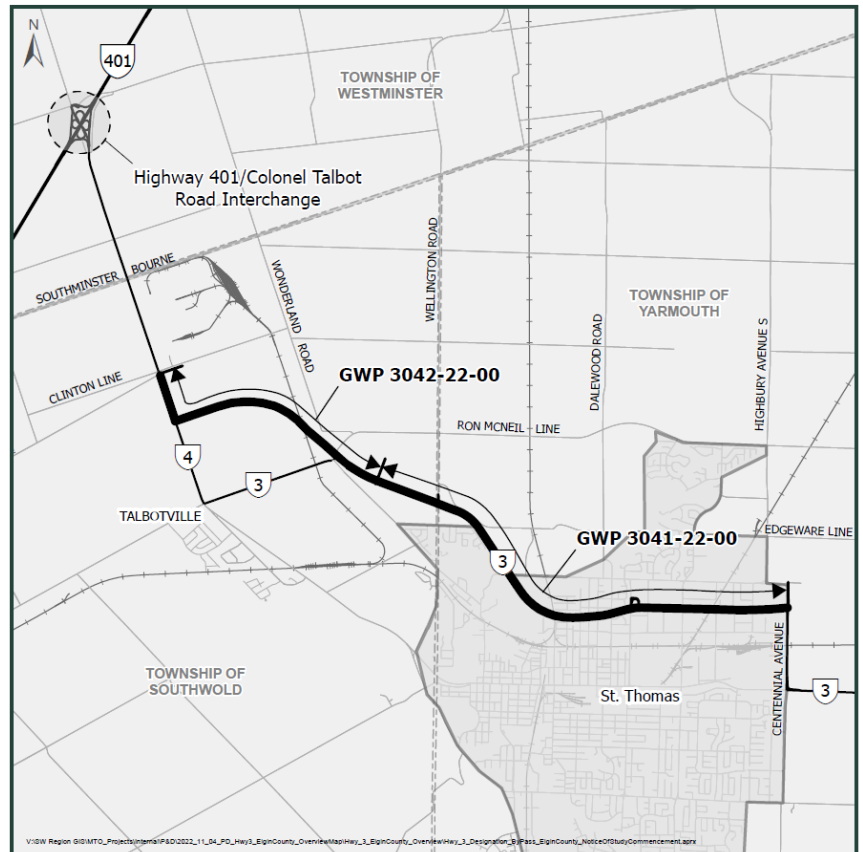
The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to complete the Preliminary Design, Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study (Class EA) for improvements to Highway 3 from Highway 4 to Centennial Avenue (St. Thomas).

The following is being undertaken as a Group 'A' project (GWP 3042-22-00):

- a new Highway 3 alignment bypassing Talbotville (also known as the Talbotville Bypass), connecting Highway 3 near Ron McNeil Line to Highway 4; and
- the widening of existing Highway 4 (from the new Talbotville Bypass to Clinton Line).

The following is being undertaken as a Group 'B' project (GWP 3041-22-00):

- the twinning of the existing Highway 3 through St. Thomas to the Township of Southwold (Centennial Avenue to Ron McNeil Line).



Construction will follow the environmental assessment and design phase.

#### THE PROCESS

This project is being completed in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. Group 'A' projects are considered new transportation facilities. Group 'B' projects are considered major improvements to existing transportation facilities. Group 'A' and 'B' projects are considered approved under the *Environmental Assessment Act* subject to compliance with the Class EA.

#### COMMENTS

If you wish to provide comments, have your name added to the study mailing list, or have questions about this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below. Comments are respectfully requested by **Friday, July 7, 2023**. Additional project information can be found at [www.highway3elgin.ca](http://www.highway3elgin.ca).

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Information collected will be used 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 accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the team members listed above.