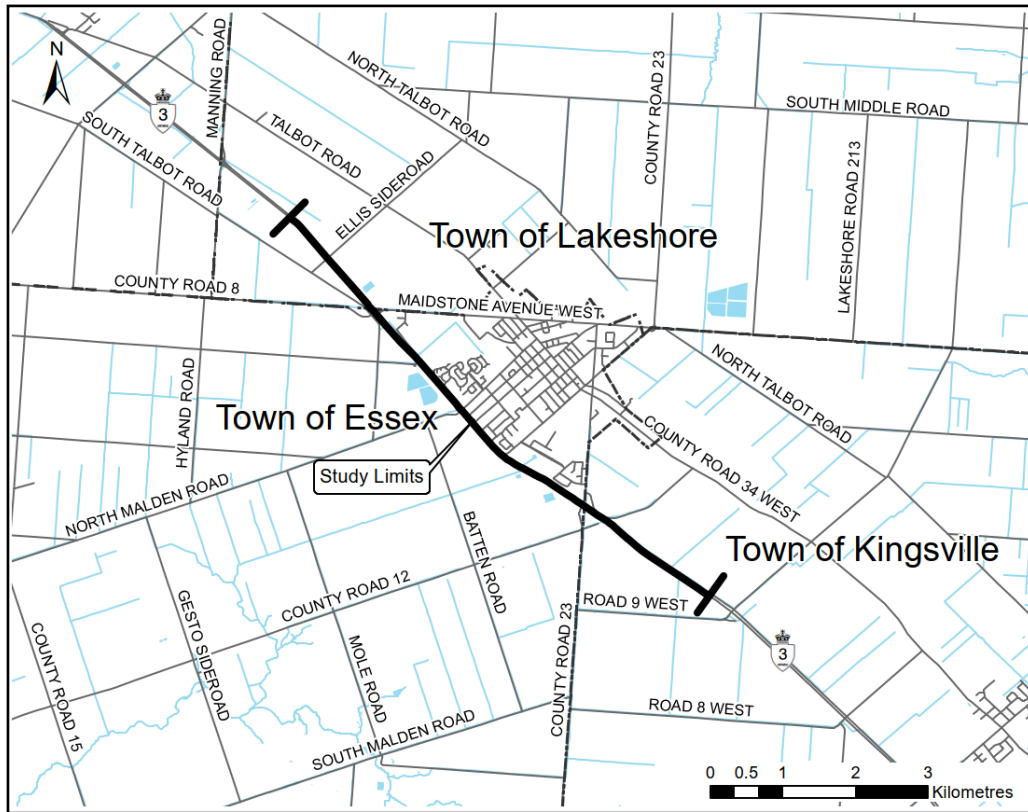


NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
Highway 3 Widening in the Town of Essex
From 0.8 km west of Ellis Side Road easterly to 2.2 km east of Essex County Road 23
(Contract 2020-3006)

The Project

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Coco Paving Inc. (Coco) and Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon) to complete the Design-Build (DB) contract for the Class Environmental Assessment (EA), detailed design and construction of the Highway 3 Widening in the Town of Essex.

Highway 3 work will be initiated in 2021 with construction being completed in 2023, subject to approvals. Additional project information and construction updates will be posted to the project website at www.hwy3.ca. The website will be updated as the project progresses.



The Process

The project is being completed following the MTO *Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* for a Group “B” undertaking. Group “B” projects are considered major improvements to existing transportation facilities. This project will build upon the previously completed Preliminary Design as documented in the November 2016 Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) Addendum, which received Environmental Clearance in January 2017.

To allow construction to move ahead in unison with the design process, three construction contracts will be produced. Prior to each of the three construction contracts, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the scope of work, potential impacts and mitigation measures. A Notice of Completion will be issued for each DCR, advising of the start of the 30-day public review period.

Public and Agency Consultation

As part of this project, the project team is requesting your comments on the proposed work. All comments are requested by **December 23, 2020**. If you would like to speak with a project team member directly, please contact one of the team members listed below.

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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.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant Sydney Tasfi, 1-888-345-5668 ext. 1005.