

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment
Highway 3 Widening Project – Essex to Leamington
1.2 km East of Essex County Road 23 Easterly to 1.1 km East of Essex County Road 34, Essex County

The Project

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and Infrastructure Ontario (IO) have selected GIP Paving Inc. (GIP) to initiate works for the Highway 3 Widening Project, from 1.2 km east of Essex County Road 23 easterly to 1.1 km east of Essex County Road 34, in Essex County (Figure 1) including the Class Environmental Assessment (EA), Detail Design, and Construction. The project will be delivered through a Design-Build-Finance (DBF) Public Private Partnership (P3) delivery model.

Works will begin in Spring 2023, subject to approvals. Additional project information and construction updates will be posted on the project website (www.hwy3essex.com). The website will be updated as the project progresses.

The Process

The Highway 3 Widening Project will be completed following MTO's *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. This project is categorized as a Group 'B' undertaking and involves the widening of 15.6 km of Highway 3, municipal road improvements, drainage improvements, illumination, and signalization. Works will build upon the previously completed Preliminary Design as documented in the 2006 Approved Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) and Preliminary Design Report (PDR) (Earth Tech Canada Inc.), as well as the 2021 TESR Addendum (GHD).

Two (2) Design and Construction Reports (DCRs) will be prepared to document the Class EA process. The DCRs will be made available for a 30-day public comment period prior to construction start. Additional notices will be published in the local newspaper at that time to advertise where the document is available for review.

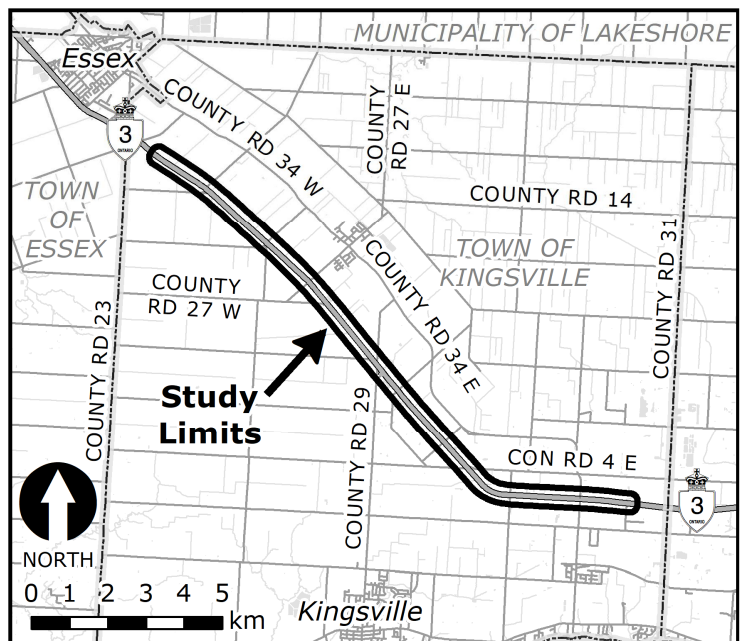


Figure 1: Study Area

Public and Agency Consultation

As part of this project, the project team is requesting your comments on the proposed work. If you have any comments or questions at this time, or wish to be added to the project mailing list so that you receive future notices, please contact the project team using the contact information 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.