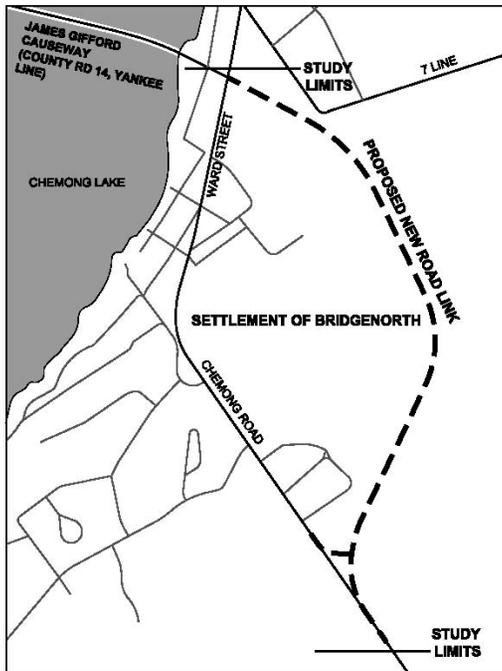


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## Notice of Study Commencement

County Road 18  
Bridgenorth Causeway Link  
(Bridgenorth By-pass)  
Municipal Class Environmental  
Assessment Addendum

The County of Peterborough has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) Addendum for the original Municipal Class EA (formerly described as the Bridgenorth By-pass) that was completed in 1996. The project is being described in the EA Addendum as the “County Road 18 Bridgenorth Causeway Link (Bridgenorth By-pass) Environmental Assessment”. The purpose of this addendum is to provide an update within the ten year review period limit to the original ESR to ensure the ESR remains current and relevant.

This future corridor will provide a new roadway to improve traffic operation on the existing Ward Street section of County Road 18 in the settlement area of Bridgenorth.

The purpose of the new roadway link will be to increase road capacity to meet forecast traffic demand, and provide opportunities for active transportation by providing a direct link to the James A. Gifford Causeway. The project is identified in the County’s Transportation Master Plan (TMP) with implementation beyond the 20 year planning horizon. The EA Addendum will reflect the County’s Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) and changes in Provincial

environmental legislation, consider gateway treatments and other issues, and review property protection requirements that may have changed since the completion of the original EA.

The County Road 18 Bridgenorth Causeway Link (Bridgenorth By-pass) EA Addendum will meet the requirements under the Class EA (Municipal Class EA (amended 2011 and 2015)). Based on the range of anticipated effects and capital cost of the project, the study has followed the planning process for a Municipal Schedule C project.

As a part of this update, three new refinements are being considered including introducing a roundabout at the south project limit, a multi-use pathway as a Phase 1 interim solution for Active Transportation along the future corridor and an update of the horizontal radii.

To maintain the environmental clearance of the original 1996 project, EA addenda have been completed in 2001 and 2006 and this 2016-2017 work will complete a third review of the original project.

A draft Study Design is available on the County of Peterborough website <http://www.ptbocounty.ca/en/living/notices-of-construction.aspx>

The Study Design describes the project scope, study approach, need and justification, study process and preliminary design criteria. We would appreciate any comments you may have on the draft Study Design.

The first Public Information Centre (PIC) meeting will be scheduled for this project in the spring of 2017.

There is an opportunity at any time during the EA process for interested persons to provide comments. Any comments received pertaining to the study will be collected under the Environmental Assessment Act and, with the exception of personal information, will become part of the public record.

