

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

County Road 2 Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study from Hamilton Road to Burnham Street / William Street

The Study

The County of Northumberland (County) has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for improvements to County Road 2 from Hamilton Road in the Municipality of Port Hope (Port Hope) to Burnham Street / William Street in the Town of Cobourg (Cobourg) to study how to best address operational deficiencies and the need for additional east-west transportation capacity in the area (see map).

The Process

This 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 and 2011), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

Key Elements of the Recommended Design

The study recommends the following improvements to benefit all users of the County Road 2 corridor:

Rural Section (Hamilton Road to New Amherst Boulevard/Lovshin Road):

- A road widening along the north side of County Road 2 to accommodate a centre two-way left turn lane
- A 1.5 m wide paved shoulder on both sides of County Road 2
- A 3.0 m wide off-road multi-use trail on the south side of County Road 2
- One roundabout at the Theatre Road intersection
- Lowering the posted speed from 80 km/h to 70 km/h
- Relocation of the Burnham Market's access onto Apple Orchard Road, including a dedicated southbound right turn lane from Apple Orchard Road onto County Road 2.



Urban Section (divided into two sub-sections):

New Amherst Boulevard/Lovshin Road to Rogers Road:

- A road widening along the north side of County Road 2 to accommodate a 4-lane urban cross section from New Amherst Boulevard/Lovshin Road to Wilkins Gate
- 1.5 m on-road bike lanes on both sides of County Road
- A 1.5 m concrete sidewalk on the south boulevard of County Road 2

Rogers Road to Strathy Road:

- A 3.0 m off-road multi-use trail on the north side of County Road 2 from Rogers Road to Strathy Road

Structures:

- A separate multi-use trail structure south of the CPR Bridge Structure
- A separate multi-use trail structure south of County Road 2 over Gages Creek

Waterfront Trail Feasibility Study

The findings of the Waterfront Trail Feasibility Study, completed as part of the EA, recommends that prior to implementation of the multi-use trail on County Road 2, the shoreline option will be examined further at each phase of County Road 2 construction to determine if the trail will be built along the shoreline, along County Road 2, or as a hybrid trail with sections along both the shoreline and County Road 2 that provide an overall continuous off-road trail system.

An Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been prepared to document the planning and decision making process undertaken for this study. The County intends to proceed with design and construction of the project following completion of the Class EA as per the phased implementation plan outlined in the ESR.

This Notice of Study Completion places the ESR on public record for a 45-calendar day public review period. The ESR can be viewed from the County's website at www.northumberlandcounty.ca/County_Road_2_EA and a copy is available at the following locations during normal business hours:

Northumberland County	Municipality of Port Hope	Town of Cobourg	Township of Hamilton
<i>Clerk's Department</i>	<i>Clerk's Department</i>	<i>Clerk's Department</i>	<i>Clerk's Department</i>
555 Courthouse Road	56 Queen Street	55 King Street West	8285 Majestic Hills Drive
Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6	Port Hope, ON L1A 3Z9	Cobourg, ON K9A 2M2	Cobourg ON, K9A 4W5
Mon. to Fri. 8:30 – 4:30	Mon. to Fri. 8:30 – 4:30	Mon. to Fri. 8:30 – 4:30	Mon. to Fri. 8:30 – 4:30

We invite you to read the report and direct written comments to:

David Oram, P. Eng.
Project Engineer
County of Northumberland
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Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6
Tel: 905-372-3329 ext. 2355
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oramd@northumberlandcounty.ca

If concerns cannot be resolved through discussions with the County, a person may request the Minister of Environment and Climate Change issue a Part II Order for this project. A Part II Order request must be received by the Minister at the address below no later than June 19, 2016.

The Honourable Glen Murray
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
77 Wellesley Street West
11th Floor, Ferguson Block
Toronto, ON M7A 2T5

Copies of Part II Order request must also be sent to:

David Oram, P.Eng.
Northumberland County
555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6

Director, Environmental Approvals Branch
Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 1P5

Accessible formats of materials are available upon request. This Notice was first issued May 5, 2016