

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Detail Design – Highway 69 Four-Laning from the Shawanaga River, Northerly for 25.6 km, to 4.8 km North of the Harris River G.W.P. 5403-05-00/G.W.P. 5076-06-00

THE PROJECT

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **MMM Group** to undertake the Detail Design for the four-laning of Highway 69 from the Shawanaga River northerly for approximately 25.6 km, to 4.8 km north of the Harris River, as shown on the **Key Plan**.

The preferred alignment for this section of Highway 69 was identified and documented in the Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Report (December 2006).

DETAIL DESIGN

Under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* this project is identified as a Group 'B' project at the time of initiation. The design includes:

- four-laning of Highway 69 with a combination of twinning and new alignment sections
- two new interchanges complete with associated service roads:
 - South of Pointe Au Baril Station
 - Harris Lake Road
- new bridges over:
 - Sucker Creek
 - Naiscoot Lake
 - Harris River
- replacement of the existing Naiscoot Lake bridge
- a linkage across the highway from Highway 529 to the Moose Lake area
- continuity of snowmobile trails and crossings
- improvements to the rest area at Harris Lake
- culvert replacements and wildlife passages across the highway

The project is proposed to be constructed in up to four main contracts. The contracts are anticipated to be broken up as follows:

- from the south project limit at the Shawanaga River to south of Pointe au Baril Station
- from south of Pointe au Baril Station to just north of Highway 529
- from just north of Highway 529 to Naiscoot Lake Road
- from Naiscoot Lake Road to the north project limit (4.8 km north of the Harris River)

In accordance with the Class EA, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared for each of the main contracts. Each DCR will undergo a 30-day public review period with public notice advising of the start of the review period.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

A Public Information Centre (PIC) to present the design for public review and comment will be held:

Date: Friday, May 27, 2011

Location: Pointe au Baril Community Centre, 70 South Shore Road, Pointe au Baril Station, ON P0G 1K0

Time: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The PIC will be a drop-in style open house format with brief presentations made at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. The MTO and Consultant staff will be available to answer questions and receive your input at that time.

If you would like to have your name added to the mailing list, provide comments or receive project updates and information regarding the design, please visit www.highway69.ca or contact the Consultant at the following address:

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With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O., 1990, c.F.31.

