



Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2011

Attention: Sir/Madam

Re: **COMMENCEMENT OF DETAIL DESIGN  
HIGHWAY 417 EXPANSION, OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS  
AND INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION FROM NICHOLAS  
STREET TO OTTAWA ROAD 174 (GWP 4091-07-00 & 4320-06-00)**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC) to complete the detail design for the expansion of Highway 417 from Nicholas Street to Ottawa Road 174, as shown on the enclosed key map. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the project and provide you with an opportunity to offer comments and/or provide information.

The project involves the following components:

- Widening Highway 417 by 1 lane in each direction, including utility relocation, construction of related drainage works, roadside protection and retaining walls;
- Widening and rehabilitation of the Southeast Transitway, Rideau River (Hurdman) and St. Laurent Boulevard bridges;
- Removal and replacement of the Lees Avenue, Vanier Parkway and Belfast Road bridges using rapid replacement construction techniques, including preparation and reinstatement of construction staging areas;
- Realignment of Ottawa Road 174 to St. Laurent Boulevard Ramp, including a new concrete barrier to preclude the movement from Highway 417 westbound to St. Laurent Boulevard northbound;
- Conversion of the St. Laurent Boulevard northbound to Highway 417 eastbound on-ramp to 'Transit use only';
- Improvements to illumination and signage;
- Replacement of noise barriers and relocation of utilities impacted by widening;
- Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS);
- Temporary ramp and road closures; and
- Transit Priority Measures between Nicholas Street and Blair Road.

This project is following the approved environmental planning process for Group "B" undertakings under the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*, with the opportunity for public input throughout the project. The preliminary design was documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) which received environmental clearance in 2008.

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The purpose of the detail design phase is to prepare the approved plan for implementation, including preparing contract documents, refining the mitigation strategy and obtaining required permits/approvals.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to present findings and provide stakeholders with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed detail design. Notices will be published in local newspapers and an invitation letter will be sent to the project mailing list in advance of the PIC to advertise the time, date and location of the meeting.

Upon completion of the detail design, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared and filed for a 30-day public review period. Newspaper notices will be published and letters will be sent to the project mailing list at that time to explain the review process and identify locations where the DCR can be reviewed.

Should you require further information regarding this study, please feel free to contact the Consultant Project Manager or the MTO Senior Project Engineer listed below, or visit the project website at [www.queenswayexpansioneast.com](http://www.queenswayexpansioneast.com).

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Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)* comments and information regarding this project, with the exception of personal information, will become part of the public record.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant (613) 736-7200 poste 3287 Mr. Michel Bisson, P. Eng., Courriel: [mbisson@mrc.ca](mailto:mbisson@mrc.ca).

Yours very truly,

**MCCORMICK RANKIN CORPORATION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Goetz', written over a white background.

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