

Notice of Study Completion
Thorndale Bridge Improvements
Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study



Middlesex County completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study to plan for improvements to the Thorndale Bridge on County Road 28 (Thorndale Road). The Class EA study identifies the preferred plan as the replacement of the existing bridge with a new bridge. The new bridge will accommodate two 3.75 m travel lanes with 1.6 m paved shoulders on each side, and a 2.5 m raised bike trail on the south side of the bridge. County Road 28 will be closed during construction and a signed detour route for traffic will be used. Construction of the new Thorndale Bridge is recommended in the next 10 years, pending funding, approvals, and coordination with other projects.

The study was completed in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule C projects, as outlined in the Municipal Class EA document (October 2000, as amended), which is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. An Environmental Study Report (ESR) summarizing the study process and recommendations is available for public review for 45 calendar days from **July 15, 2021 to August 25, 2021**. In light of COVID-19, the ESR will only be available for review online: <https://www.middlesex.ca/departments/environmental-assessments/thorndale-bridge-environmental-assessment>

Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by **August 25, 2021**. All comments and concerns should be emailed directly to Chris Traini, Project Engineer at Middlesex County (ctraini@middlesex.ca) or discussed via telephone (519-434-7321, extension 2347).

In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to the County of Middlesex and to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

and

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto ON, M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

All personal information included in your request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, under the authority of section 30 of the EA Act and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

This Notice issued July 14, 2021.

