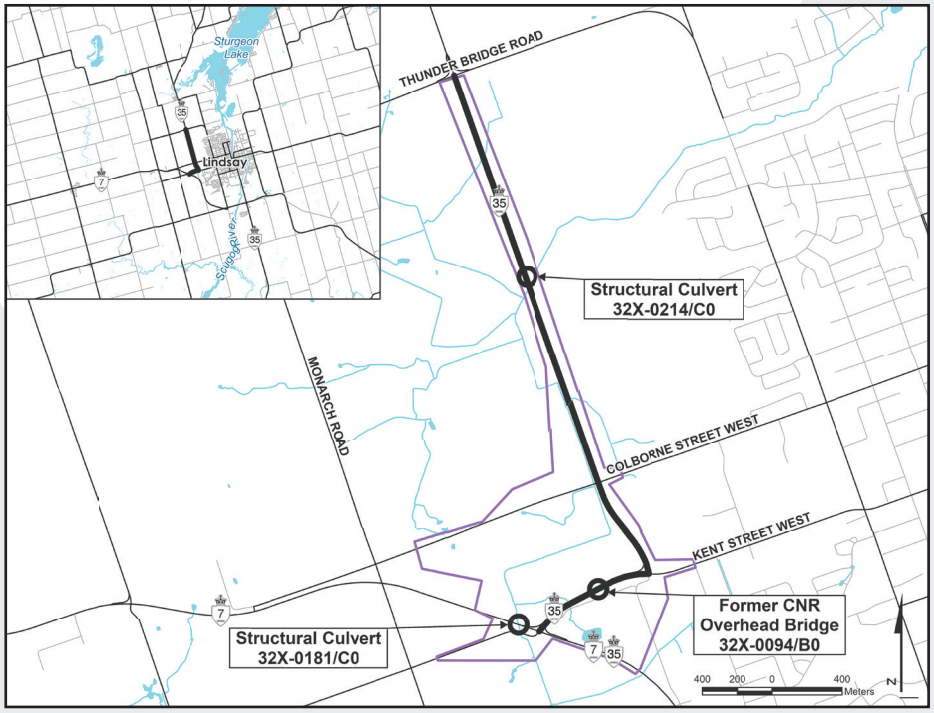
Notice of Public Information Centre #2

Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study For the Replacement of Structures, Intersection Improvements, Realignment and Widening of Highway 35 from Two Lanes to Four/Five Lanes from Highway 7 to Thunder Bridge Road (G.W.P. 4062-23-00)

THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Egis to carry out the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the replacement of structures, intersection improvements, realignment of Highway 35 between Colborne Street West and Highway 7 and widening of Highway 35 from two lanes to four/five lanes from Highway 7 to Thunder Bridge Road, located in the City of Kawartha Lakes. A key map of the study area is below.



The purpose of this notice is to invite interested stakeholders to participate in a second in-person Public Information Centre (PIC). PIC #1 for this project was held June 26, 2025. PIC #2 is being held to present the evaluation of alternatives and the preferred plan, along with the environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures. This PIC will be an informal drop-in centre where representatives from MTO and Egis will be available to answer questions and discuss the project.

PIC #2 will be held as follows:

July 23, 2026
Business Owners/Municipalities/Agencies and Indigenous Communities: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Open to Public: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Travelodge by Wyndham Lindsay
1754 Highway 7
Kawartha Lakes, ON K9V 4R2

To view PIC #2 material and provide comments, please visit the project website at **www.highway35widening.com.**

THE PROCESS

The Preliminary Design is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project in accordance with the *Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000).

Upon completion of the Preliminary Design, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared. The TESR will document the existing conditions of the study area, the evaluation of the alternatives, and identify the preferred plan and commitments to future work. The TESR will be made available for a 30-day comment period at the completion of the Preliminary Design. The Notice of Completion will be advertised in The Durham Kawartha/The Standard, the Kawartha Lakes Weekly, posted on the project website, and sent to the project contact list.

COMMENTS

We encourage you to visit the Project Website at any time during the study for updates on this project. Project information including study notices, background information, PIC material, and the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be made available as the study progresses. Any comments or questions can be directed to one of the following project team members:

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Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Except for personal information, all comments become part of the public record. If you have accessibility requirements in order to be able to participate in this study, please contact one of the project team members listed above.

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