



February 2, 2012

Attention: Sir/Madam

**Re: NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE  
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, a member of MMM Group Limited, to complete the detail design for the expansion of Highway 417 from Nicholas Street to Ottawa Road 174 in the City of Ottawa. The project involves:

- 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, Central Transitway and St. Laurent Boulevard bridges;
- Widening and superstructure replacement of Hurdman's Bridge over the Rideau River;
- 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 the Ottawa Road 174 to St. Laurent Boulevard off-ramp, including a new concrete barrier to preclude the movement from Highway 417 westbound to St. Laurent Boulevard;
- Conversion of the St. Laurent Boulevard northbound to Highway 417 eastbound on-ramp to 'Transit and Emergency Services use only';
- Improvements to illumination and signage;
- Replacement of noise barriers and relocation of utilities impacted by widening;
- Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS);
- Long term closure of the south-east ramp at Lees Avenue;
- Short term closure of the Lees Avenue Bridge;
- Short term closure of the north-west ramp at Vanier Parkway;
- Temporary / night-time ramp closures;
- Temporary road closures to facilitate rapid replacements; and
- Transit Priority Measures between Nicholas Street and Blair Road.

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The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend a Public Information Centre (PIC) for this project. The PIC is scheduled as follows:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday, February 13, 2012</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Hampton Inn Ottawa Conference Centre 200 Coventry Road Ottawa, ON K1K 4S3</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Presentation at 6:00 PM</b>

A copy of the newspaper notice advertising the PIC is attached for your information. This PIC will provide interested persons with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed design, anticipated environmental impacts and mitigation strategy. Members of the project team will be available to discuss the project and answer any questions you may have.

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.

If you are unable to attend the PIC but wish to obtain additional information, or to submit comments, please feel free to contact either the Consultant Project Manager or the MTO Senior Project Engineer listed below. You can also visit the project website for more information at [www.queenswayexpansioneast.com](http://www.queenswayexpansioneast.com).

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

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 M. Michel Bisson, P. Eng., Courriel: [mbisson@mrc.ca](mailto:mbisson@mrc.ca).



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Yours very truly,

**MCCORMICK RANKIN, A MEMBER OF MMM GROUP LIMITED**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Goetz". The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops.

Manny Goetz, P. Eng.  
Consultant Project Manager

cc: Mr. David Lindensmith, Senior Project Engineer – MTO Eastern Region  
Mr. Kevin Ogilvie, Senior Environmental Planner – MTO Eastern Region  
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