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Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
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Attention: Fern Dominelli
Chief Administrative Officer

Dear Mr. Dominelli:

Reference: Notice of Study Commencement
Highway 6 Rehabilitation
From the South Baymouth Ferry Docks Northerly 23.4 km, District of Manitoulin
(GWP 5570-04-00)

Stantec Consulting Ltd. has been retained by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to undertake the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the rehabilitation of Highway 6 on Manitoulin Island, from the South Baymouth Ferry Docks in the Township of Tehkummah northerly for 23.4 km to McLennan's Creek in the Township of Assiginack as shown on the enclosed Ontario Government Notice.

The purpose of this letter is to introduce the project, to seek your input on the existing environmental (natural, socio/economic or cultural) conditions within the study area, and to identify any issues, concerns or approval requirements that your organization may have. A comment form is enclosed to facilitate your input.

A reply by **February 11, 2010** would be appreciated so that we may consider your comments early in the design stage.

If you have any questions regarding the study, please contact either the undersigned or one of the Project Managers named in the enclosed material.

Sincerely,

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NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

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THE PROJECT

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Subject to the outcome of the study, the Ministry is proposing to undertake the following in order to improve the pavement condition, ride quality, safety and operations within this section of Highway 6:

- Resurfacing 23.4 km;
- Treatment of frost heaves and pavement distortions;
- Drainage improvements;
- Rehabilitation / replacement of culverts, as required; and
- Guide rail replacement/ adjustment as required.

THE PROCESS

The study is following the Class EA planning process for Group 'B' Projects under MTO's *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000). The Class EA planning process includes public and agency consultation, an assessment of the potential effects of the proposed improvements, and the identification of measures required to mitigate any adverse effects. The process and results will be documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) and made available for public review at the end of the study.

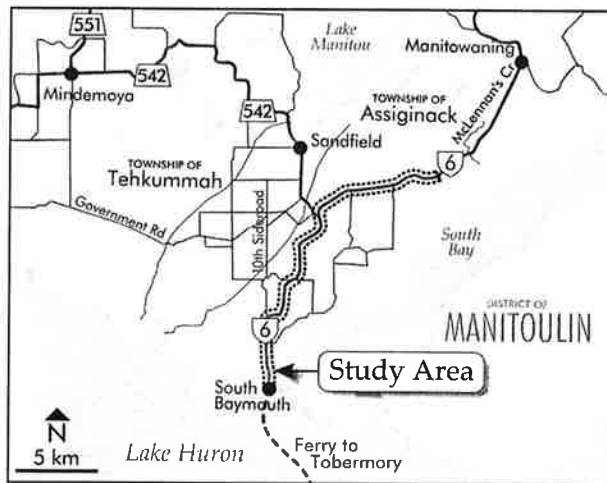
If our assessment process indicates that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental effects, then this Project may be stepped-down to a Group "C" project, which involves the preparation of an Environmental Screening Document (ESD) rather than a TESR. A notice will be issued if this decision is being considered.

COMMENTS

If you wish to comment on this project, have your name added to the project mailing list or have any questions about the study, please contact one of the following project team members:

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Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the Ministry of Transportation in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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EXTERNAL AGENCY COMMENT FORM

Please provide your comments on the project. Use the other side of this form if required.

Your organization's interests or concerns regarding the study area or undertaking:

The following permits or approvals are required from your office, prior to construction:

The level of involvement you wish to have on this Detail Design project is:

Contact Information on Study Mailing List

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*If this
information is
incorrect
please provide
updated
information
below.*

Please return the completed form by February 11, 2010 to:

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