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Attention: Sir / Madam

**RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
HIGHWAY 417 REHABILITATION AND WIDENING FROM WEST OF MAITLAND AVENUE TO
EAST OF ISLAND PARK DRIVE (GWP 4058-01-00)**

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained MMM Group Limited to complete the detail design for the widening of Highway 417 and the rehabilitation of bridges located along the highway from west of Maitland Avenue to east of Island Park Drive (see enclosed key map). This project has been divided into five separate contracts. Four contracts have been completed using rapid replacement technology, including the structure rehabilitation and deck replacement of the Island Park Drive bridges (Contract No. 1 completed in 2007), Clyde Avenue bridges (Contract No. 2 completed in 2008), Carling Avenue eastbound bridges (Contract No. 3 completed in 2011), and Kirkwood Avenue and Carling Avenue westbound bridges (Contract No. 4 completed in 2013). Contract No. 5 is the focus of this notice and involves the following components:

- Widening of Highway 417 to four lanes in each direction between Maitland Avenue and Carling Avenue;
- Rehabilitation of the Merivale Road bridges and widening of the south bridge;
- Replacement of all existing noise barriers within the project limits, including east of Maitland Avenue (north side of highway) and east of Merivale Road (south side of highway);
- Construction of related works including retaining walls, replacement and upgrades to drainage, roadside protection, illumination, highway signage, Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS), and landscaping improvements;
- Relocation of utilities impacted by the highway widening; and
- Traffic management, in conjunction with the City of Ottawa, for construction staging. Anticipated traffic impacts include:
 - Highway 417 lane reductions during off-peak periods;
 - Short-term ramp closures at the Maitland Avenue and Carling Avenue interchanges;
 - Long-term closure of the Carling Avenue Westbound to Highway 417 Eastbound on-ramp; and
 - Weekend closures of Merivale Road between Carling Avenue and Island Park Drive.

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:

Date:	Tuesday, August 11, 2015
Location:	J.A. Dulude Arena, Mel Baker Hall 941 Clyde Avenue (south of Highway 417 at Woodward Drive) Ottawa, ON
Time:	4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

This PIC will provide stakeholders 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 with you and answer any questions you may have.

This project is being carried out in accordance with 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 designs for the Merivale Road bridges rehabilitation and for the widening of Highway 417 were documented in Transportation Environmental Study Reports (TESRs), which received environmental clearance in 2005 and 2008, respectively.

If you are unable to attend the PIC but wish to obtain additional information, or to submit comments, please feel free to contact 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. A copy of the PIC display materials will be posted to the project website shortly following the PIC.

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project please feel free to 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, auprès de M. Michel Bisson, P.Eng., courriel: bissonm@mmm.ca.

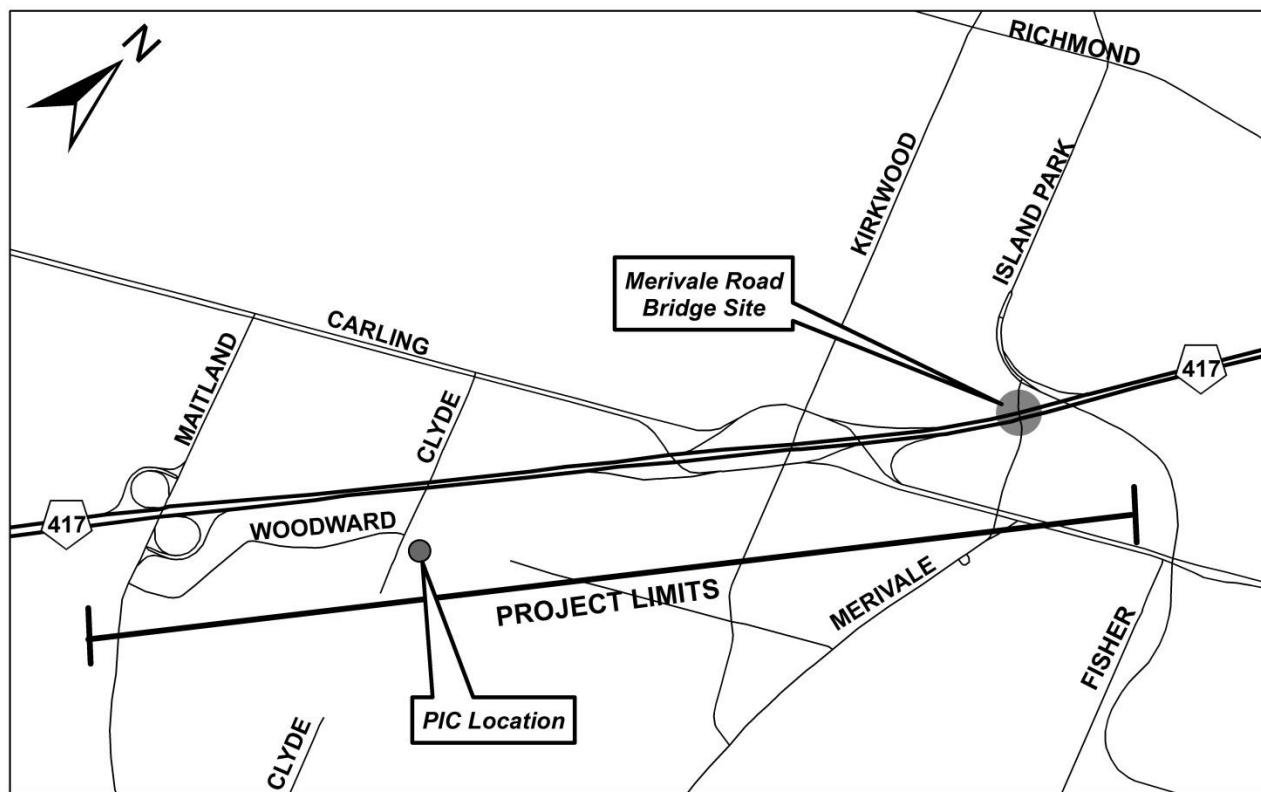
Yours truly,
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cc: Ms. Kate Green, P.Eng., Senior Project Engineer – MTO Eastern Region
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STUDY AREA – KEY MAP