

NEW HIGHWAY 7 – KITCHENER TO GUELPH

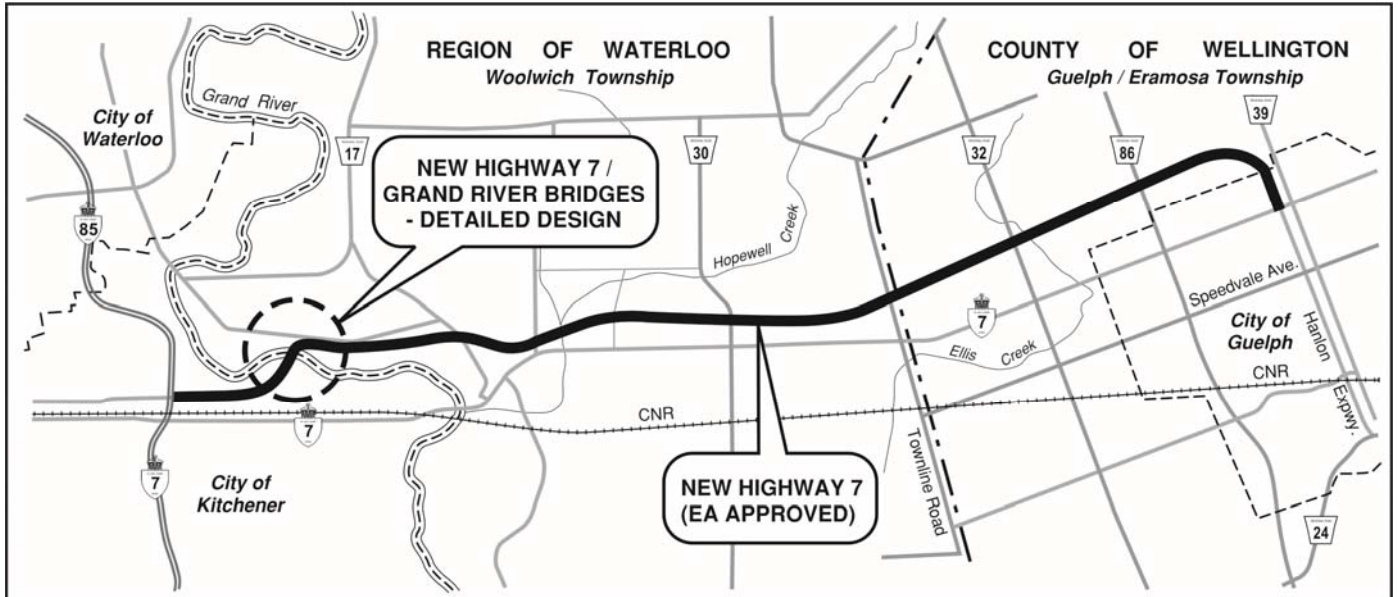
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The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** continues to move forward with new Highway 7 from Kitchener to Guelph following a three phase approach:

Phase 1 – Ongoing construction and construction to commence in 2017

Phase 1 of new Highway 7 construction began in 2015 when the Guelph Street overpass was widened to accommodate the future interchange at Highway 85. Phase 1 construction planned for 2017 includes:

- Continuing work to widen and extend Shirley Avenue in Kitchener;
- Continuing the relocation of municipal utilities at the Victoria Street Bridge over Highway 85 in Kitchener;
- Begin replacement of the Victoria Street Bridge over Highway 85 in Kitchener; and
- Begin clearing vegetation and fencing the new Highway 7 right-of-way between Kitchener and Guelph.



Phase 2 – New Highway 7 Grand River Bridges

Building on the approved Environmental Assessment (EA) for new Highway 7 from Kitchener to Guelph, the MTO has initiated Detailed Design for the new Grand River Bridges. This design work will follow the approved environmental planning process for Group 'A' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.

A Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the Detailed Design of the new Grand River Bridges and associated environmental mitigation measures. The planned work includes grading at the approaches to the bridges. The DCR will be made available for a 30-day public review period. Notices will be posted on the project website www.NewHighway7.ca, published in local newspapers, and sent to persons on the project mailing list when the DCR is available for viewing. If there are no significant outstanding concerns at the end of the 30-day public review period for the DCR, the project may proceed to construction.

Phase 3 – Completion of new Highway 7

The design for new Highway 7 from Kitchener to Guelph project is also progressing. MMM Group is updating the natural, social and cultural environmental conditions and developing mitigation measures; undertaking detailed soil and foundation investigations and analysis; and continuing detailed engineering work.

Comments

Interested persons are encouraged to visit the project website www.NewHighway7.ca for further information about the project, and to submit comments to the Project Team. To obtain additional information, provide comments or to be placed on the mailing list, please contact:

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We are committed to ensuring that government information and services are accessible for all Ontarians. For communication supports or to request project material in an alternate format, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Comments and information will be collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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