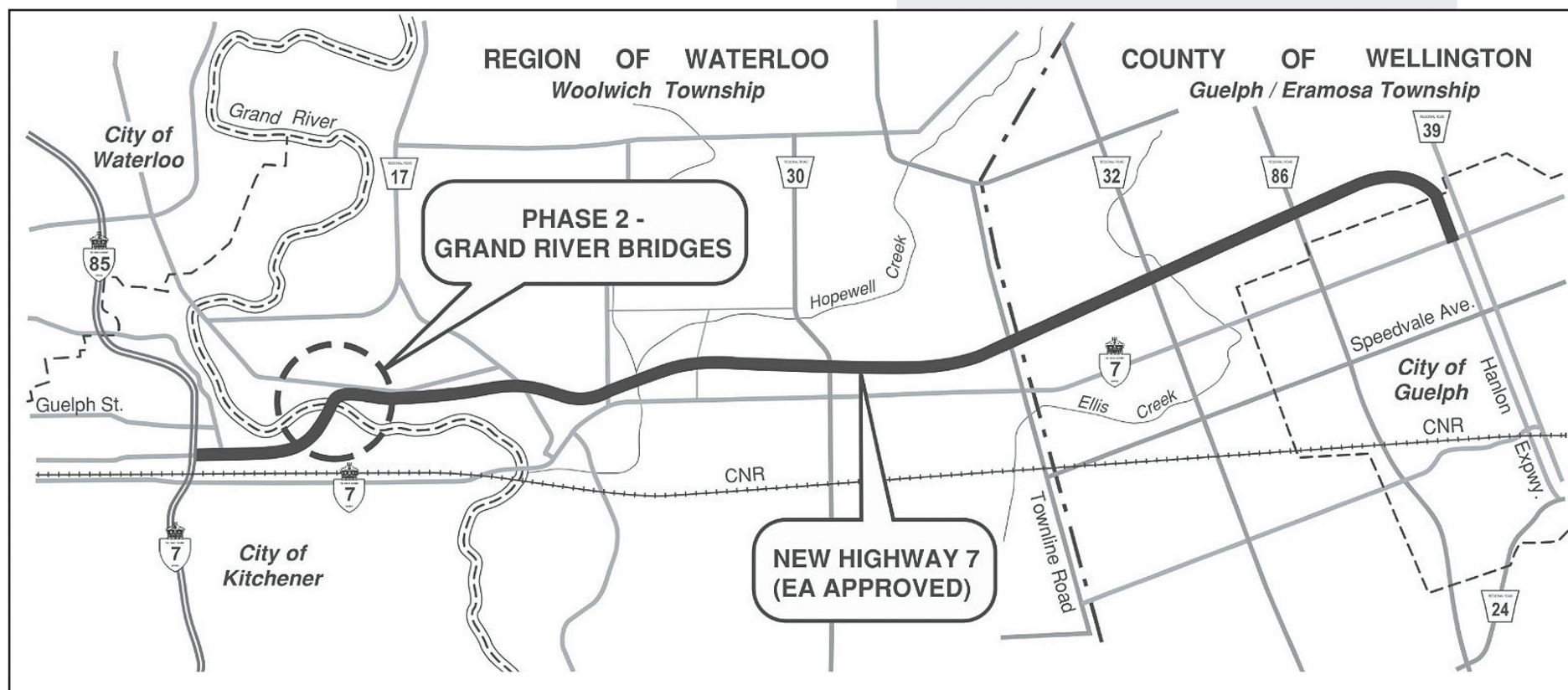


New Highway 7 – Kitchener to Guelph

Progress Update and Notice of Design and Construction Report for Phase 2 - Grand River Bridges (GWP 408-88-00)



THE PROJECT

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

Phase 1 – Construction Completed

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 also included:

- widening and extension of Shirley Avenue in Kitchener (completed 2017);
- relocating municipal utilities at the Victoria Street Bridge over Highway 85 in Kitchener (completed 2017);
- clearing of vegetation and fencing in select areas along the new Highway 7 right-of-way between Kitchener and Guelph (completed 2018); and
- replacing the Victoria Street Bridge over Highway 85 in Kitchener (completed 2019).

Phase 2 – Grand River Bridges

Building on the approved Environmental Assessment for new Highway 7, the MTO is completing the Detailed Design for the two new bridges crossing the Grand River, to accommodate the eastbound and westbound lanes of new Highway 7. Advance work is being completed to facilitate Phase 3.

Phase 3 – Completion of new Highway 7

The engineering and environmental work for the final phase of new Highway 7 is progressing. Design and Construction Reports will also be prepared for Phase 3.

THE PROCESS

Design and Construction Report for Phase 2 – Grand River Bridges

A Design and Construction Report for the Grand River Bridges will be available for a 30 day review and comment period from **September 27, 2023 to October 26, 2023** at the project website www.NewHighway7.ca. A hard copy of the DCR will not be provided at public review locations. If you require an alternate format to review the DCR please contact a member of the Project Team

to discuss options. This study has followed the approved environmental planning process for Group 'A' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.

COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by **October 26, 2023** through the project website www.NewHighway7.ca. After the review period, construction can proceed subject to required approvals.

If you wish to obtain additional information, or to provide comments, please visit the project website at www.NewHighway7.ca. The project team can be contacted through email at info@newhighway7.ca or by phone:

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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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