

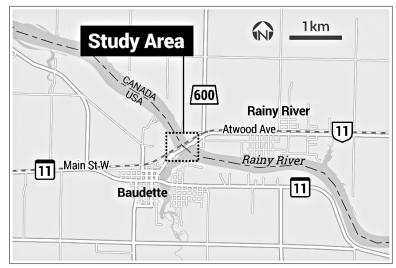
NOTICE OF FILING – DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REPORT Baudette/Rainy River International Bridge Replacement Highway 11, Town of Rainy River

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. and Parsons Corp. to undertake the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the replacement of the Baudette/Rainy River International Bridge on Highway 11 in the Town of Rainy River. The project includes a new replacement bridge to be located directly south (upstream) of the existing Baudette/Rainy River Bridge that will tie into the existing U.S. and Canadian Port of Entry facilities.

THE PROCESS

This study is a Group 'B' project under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000). Opportunities for public input were



provided throughout the study, including three Public Meetings during Preliminary Design and one Public Meeting during Detail Design. A *Transportation Environmental Study Report* (TESR), summarising the Preliminary Design stage and the Recommended Plan, was made available for a 30-day public review period in February 2017 and the Recommended Plan was approved following this review. As a result, this project is not eligible for a Part II Order (i.e., 'bump-up' opportunity).

The Detailed Design (i.e., final design) for the Recommended Plan is documented in a *Design and Construction Report* (DCR) that is now available for public review from December 6, 2017 – January 12, 2018. Interested persons are encouraged to review the DCR and provide comments by January 12, 2018.

PUBLIC REVIEW

The DCR is available for public review from December 6, 2017 – January 12, 2018 at the following locations:

Rainy River Public Library 334 4th Street Rainy River Ontario Tuesday and Thursday: 2 PM to 7 PM Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 11 AM to 4 PM Town of Rainy River Clerk's Office 201 Atwood Avenue Rainy River Ontario Monday to Friday: 9 AM to 4:30 PM

The report is also available on the project website at www.dot.state.mn.us/d2/projects/baudette-bridge.

COMMENTS

If you have any comments or concerns, or require additional information or have accessibility requirements, please contact one of the individuals listed below by January 12, 2018:

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Comments and information are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.