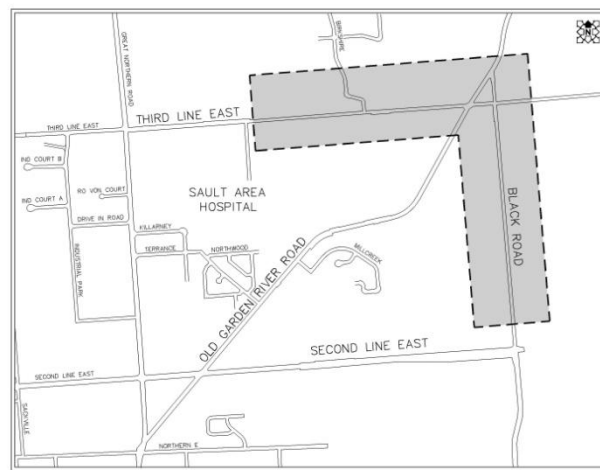


City of Sault Ste. Marie Black Road and Third Line Corridor Improvements From Second Line to the Sault Area Hospital Entrance Class Environmental Assessment

The City of Sault Ste. Marie has retained AECOM Canada Ltd., a consulting engineering firm, to complete the **Black Road/Third Line Class Environmental Assessment Study**. The study will identify what, if any, improvements may be required within these corridors to address changing traffic patterns and vehicular and pedestrian safety. Recent new and planned developments in the northern portion of the City, including the new Sault Area Hospital (SAH), will result in changes to traffic patterns. This study is being undertaken to look at alternative solutions to address potential impacts and possible improvements in the Black Road and Third Line corridors from Second Line to the SAH Entrance. Alternatives will include consideration of doing nothing, road widening, addition of pedestrian facilities, and other elements.



The preferred solution will be determined based on technical requirements, environmental considerations, overall cost and stakeholder input and information gathered during the study.

The study is being conducted in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process (Class EA process). The Class EA process includes stakeholder consultation, an assessment of the problem and opportunities, evaluation of alternative solutions and designs, assessment of potential effects on the environment and identification of reasonable measures to mitigate any adverse affects.

Public and external agency consultation is a key component of this Study. Details of this project will be presented at a future Public Information Forum to provide interested stakeholders with an opportunity to meet with the Project Team and discuss the project. The Forum will include opportunities for interactive discussions to engage participants and solicit their input. Notification of the Forum will be advertised in local media and delivered to individuals included on the project mailing list and/or abutting the project. Interested individuals are also encouraged to visit the project web page periodically (ie. www.saultstemarie.ca/BlackRoadEA) to access project documentation and updates.

We are interested in receiving comments that you may have about the study. **Should you have any comments or questions, or wish to receive additional project information and/or be included on the project mailing list please contact either of the Project Team members.**

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This Notice has been issued to encourage input from interested stakeholders. If significant concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved through discussions with City staff or its consultant, a person may request that the Minister of the Environment issue an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order). Under these circumstances an Individual Environmental Assessment would have to be completed.

Please note that the information related to this study will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record and may be included in Study documentation prepared for public review.

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