

**NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT
NORTHERN AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS**

The City of Sault Ste. Marie (City) is initiating a study to investigate alternatives to improve the efficiency of the Northern Avenue Corridor. It has been identified as part of the City's 2015 Transportation Master Plan that Northern Avenue is a candidate for potential lane reassignment and/or elimination between North Street and Pine Street and that an extension of Northern Avenue to Black Road may help to improve road network connectivity as well as reduce the traffic demands on Second Line. In conjunction with these potential improvements, the City has also identified the opportunity to integrate improvements to the access/egress of the P-Patch subdivision.

The study is being undertaken as a Schedule C project in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment ("Class EA"). The study will include public and external agency consultations. The study will evaluate alternative designs based on their potential impacts on the natural, social and economic environments. Preceding any decisions recommending or accepting a preferred alternative, interested parties will have the opportunity to review the study findings and provide input and comments into the evaluation.

Public consultation is vital to the success of this study. The City would like to ensure that anyone interested in this study has the opportunity to get involved and provide input. The City plans to hold Public Information Centres (PICs) during the course of the Class EA in order to solicit input. Notification of the PICs will be provided at the appropriate time by means of a notice similar to this one.

Please contact one of the following project team members if you would like to be included on the project mailing list, have any questions or wish to obtain more information on the project:

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Respondents should note that information collected for this study will be subject to 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 the study documentation prepared for public review.

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