

HIGHWAY 69 Four-Laning

G.W.P. 5403-05-00 / G.W.P. 5076-06-00

From the Shawanaga River to 4.8 km north of the Harris River

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Public Information Centre for the Highway 69 Four-Laning from the Shawanaga River to 4.8 km north of the Harris River, 25.6 km.

Detail design of the project is being undertaken by MMM Group Limited on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation.

This Public Information Centre presents the proposed design for public review and comment.

The Project Team, comprised of representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and their Consultant, MMM Group Limited, are available to provide information, answer your questions and concerns. Your comments are welcome and can be submitted on comment sheets, which are provided for your use.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

Comments and information regarding the project are being collected to assist the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in study documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

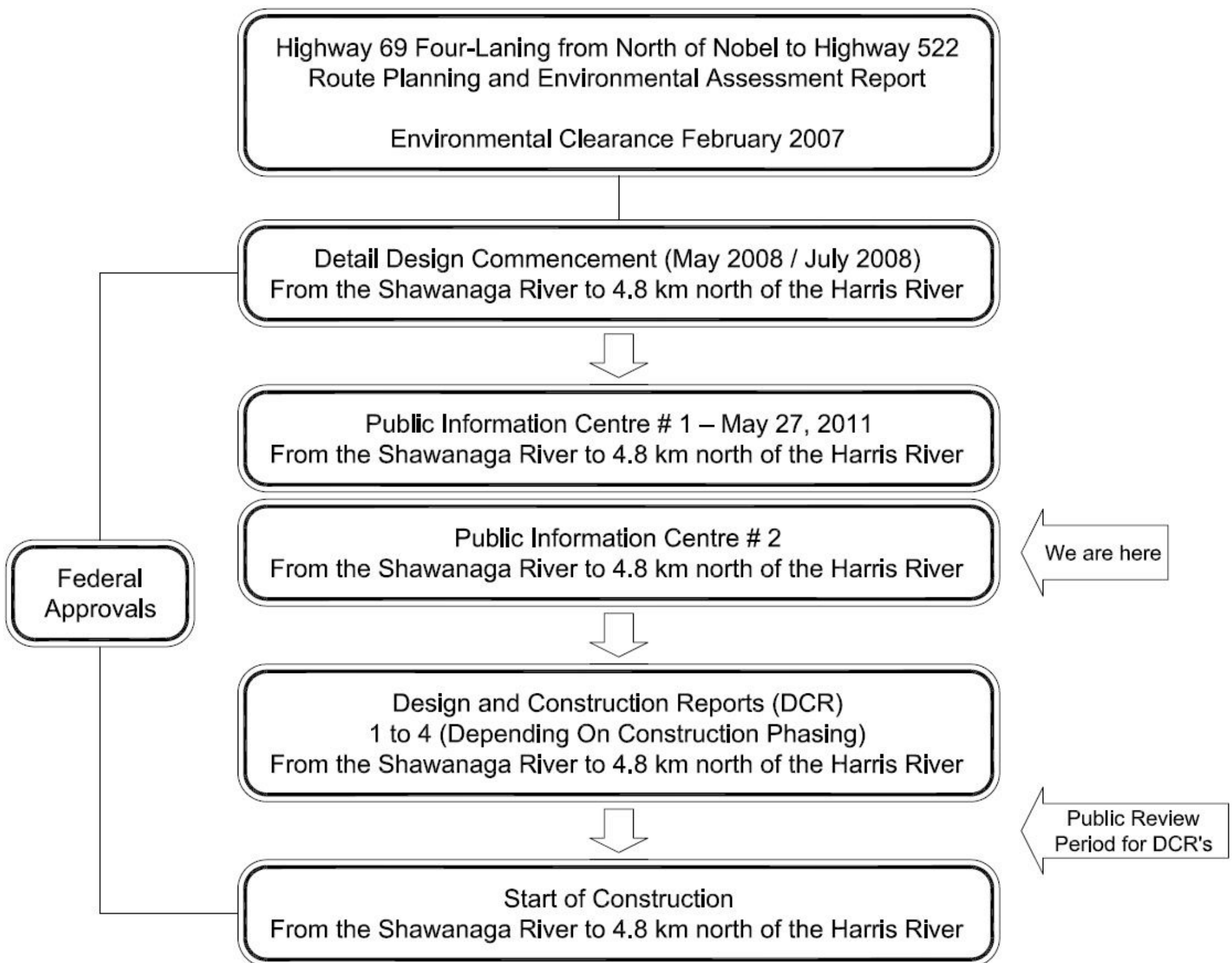
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STUDY PROCESS/PROJECT BACKGROUND

This project is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.



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CHANGES SINCE MAY 2011

On May 27, 2011 a Public Information Centre was held to present the proposed design for public review and comment. Since that time there have been some changes to the project and therefore the updated design is again being presented for public review and comment.

The major changes that have been made are as follows:

- Revised access to the existing Harris River picnic area.
- Revised bridge width on Naiscoot Access Road (former Hwy 69) over Naiscoot Lake, to a single lane bridge.

The revised design is presented on the following display material.

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CONSTRUCTION PHASING

It is anticipated that this project will be constructed under a number of contracts. Advance tree clearing may be undertaken prior to utility relocations. Construction is then planned to proceed with two main grading contracts.

Contract 1:

From north of the Shawanaga River northerly to north of Highway 529, a length of approximately 11.8 km. At the end of this contract, the new four-lane divided Highway 69 will be fully open from approximately 1.5 km north of the Site 9 Road to Highway 529. The south end, from north of the Shawanaga River to north of Site 9 Road, will remain undivided and generally be operating with two-way traffic on the future northbound lanes. In the future this will tie in to the contract south of the Shawanaga River.

Contract 2:

From north of Highway 529 northerly to 4.8 km north of the Harris River, a length of approximately 14.6 km. At the end of this contract, the new four-lane divided Highway 69 will be fully open from Highway 529 to 2.1 km north of the Harris River. The northern 2.7 km will remain undivided and generally be operating with two-way traffic on the future northbound lanes. In the future this will tie in to the contract to the north.

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CONSTRUCTION STAGING PRINCIPLES

The staging of construction under these contracts will follow a number of principles:

- Two lanes, one northbound and one southbound, will be provided at all times for Highway 69 traffic. There may be short term closures for specific activities such as blasting. It is expected that there will only be minor impacts on Highway 69 traffic as the staging will generally result in constructing the new highway away from traffic with only minimal impacts to construct the connections to and from the existing Highway.
- Local access will be maintained at all times, although some out-of-the-way travel may be expected to allow construction in some areas.
- Signing will be provided informing drivers of upcoming changes to the road network.
- Construction traffic will be separated from public traffic where possible. Hauling on routes carrying Highway 69 traffic will be minimized.

For details regarding the staging of the individual contracts please approach the representatives from the Ministry of Transportation or MMM Group Limited.

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Following the current consultation with the public, comments will be reviewed and considered as the detailed design is completed.

Design, property acquisition and construction drawings are being completed for this section in preparation for construction.

A separate Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared for each contract, and filed with the Ministry of the Environment and made available for public review prior to the tendering of each Contract.