

**Memorandum to the Council of
Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami**

Subject: Highway 11 Pilot Project – Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) Notice of Completion

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Attachment: None

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Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-133 as presented.

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1. Executive Summary

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO), in partnership with AECOM Canada Ltd., has completed the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) for the Highway 11 Pilot Project – GWP 5151-21-00, which proposes a 2+1 roadway model along a 13.8 km segment from Sand Dam Road to Ellsmere Road. The design features alternating passing lanes, median barriers, pavement rehabilitation, and supporting infrastructure improvements.

Although the Municipality of Temagami did not receive the invitation to participate in the November 21, 2024 Public Information Centre (PIC) until after the consultation period had closed, the current public review period provides a renewed opportunity for Council and the public to provide comments.

The TESR is available for public review from June 4 to July 4, 2025 and can be accessed online and in-person at designated locations. Notice of this review period has been posted to the Municipality's website and shared through social media. Comments can be submitted directly via the project website: <https://highway11pilot.ca>

2. Background

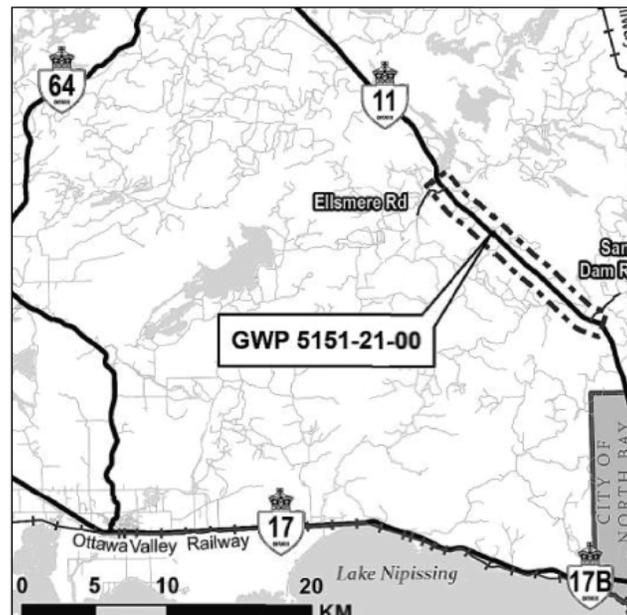
Council previously received Memo 2025-M-005 in January 2025 outlining the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) initiative, led by AECOM Canada Ltd., to introduce a 2+1 roadway model along Highway 11. The Municipality of Temagami is within the study area for:

- GWP 5151-21-00: Highway 11 from Sand Dam Road to Ellsmere Road (approx. 13.8 km)

The 2+1 configuration includes alternating passing lanes every 2–5 km, a median barrier system, and improvements to road safety and infrastructure integrity. Although the Municipality did not have the opportunity to participate in the November 2024 PIC due to late notification, the TESR phase presents a renewed opportunity to provide comments.

3. Project Location

The following map illustrates the limits of the Highway 11 Pilot Project – GWP 5151-21-00, extending from Sand Dam Road to Ellsmere Road, as outlined in the TESR.



(Source: AECOM Canada Ltd. / MTO TESR)

4. Project Summary

Key components of the project include:

- Conversion to a 2+1 lane roadway with alternating passing lanes
- Pavement rehabilitation and treatment of frost heaves
- New fully paved shoulders and median barriers
- Installation of turnaround facilities
- Replacement of the Little Sturgeon River culvert
- Evaluation of environmental impacts, Indigenous rights, and construction feasibility

The project is being carried out under the MTO Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process for Group 'B' projects (2000).

5. TESR Review Period and Public Engagement

The Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) is available for public review from June 4 to July 4, 2025. The TESR may be accessed through the following methods:

- Online Access:
 - View the full TESR and supporting materials: <https://highway11pilot.ca/documents-links/>
 - Submit comments or feedback directly online: <https://highway11pilot.ca>
- In-Person Viewing - Hard copies of the TESR will be available at the following locations:
 - Temagami Municipal Office – 7 Lakeshore Drive, Temagami
 - City of Temiskaming Shores – 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury
 - MTO Northeast Region Office – 447 McKeown Avenue, North Bay

The Notice of Completion and TESR have been posted on the Municipality’s website and shared across official social media channels. Council members and residents are encouraged to review the report and submit any comments prior to the end of the review period on July 4, 2025.

Members of the public may also submit written comments during the review period. If there are concerns regarding potential adverse effects on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights, individuals may request that the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks consider elevating the project to a higher level of environmental assessment.

6. Conclusion

This initiative represents a significant regional infrastructure project with potential impacts to Temagami’s transportation access and safety. With the release of the TESR, Council and residents have a formal opportunity to review the proposed design and provide input before July 4, 2025.