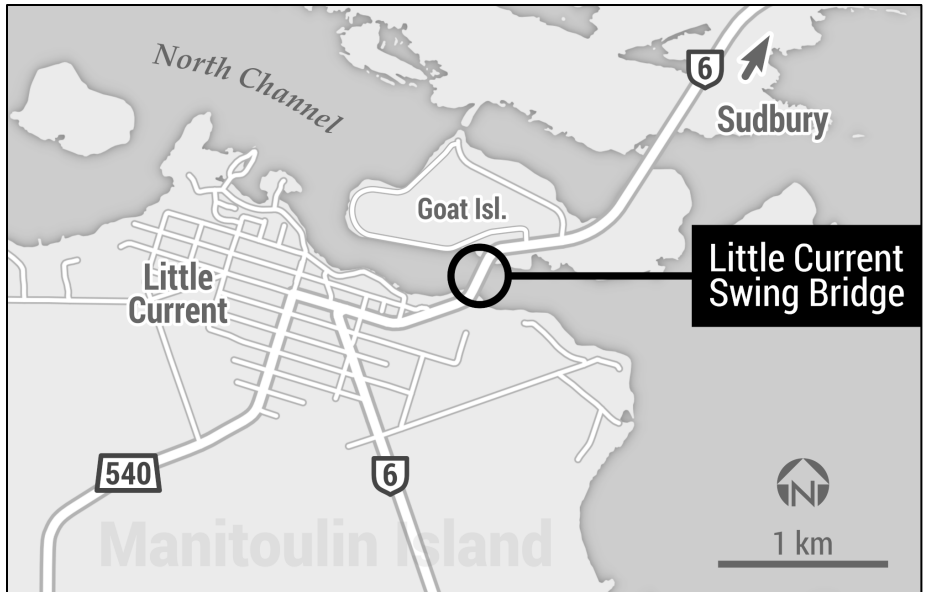


NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION
PLANNING, PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge Study, GWP 5268-14-00

THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has undertaken a Planning, Preliminary Design, and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the replacement of the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge located in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in Northeastern Ontario. The bridge provides the only year-round highway access between the community of Little Current and Manitoulin Island and mainland areas of Northern Ontario. The existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life. The purpose of this study was to identify a Recommended Plan that addresses current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing.



THE RECOMMENDED PLAN

Based on the findings of this Class EA Study, the Recommended Plan includes the replacement of the Little Current Swing Bridge with a new, through-truss swing bridge situated on a new alignment located approximately 80 m west of the existing bridge. The new bridge will consist of two, 3.75 m wide, vehicular travel lanes (i.e., one lane in each direction), and 1.5 m shoulders. In addition, a 1.5 m wide sidewalk will be provided along the west side of the new bridge. New connections to Highway 6 will also be required as part of the Recommended Plan. The Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism has provided consent for the removal of the existing bridge, following construction of the new bridge. A plan to appropriately commemorate the existing bridge will also be confirmed following this Class EA Study.

THE PROCESS

This study was completed in accordance with the Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) for a Group 'A' project. A summary of the study process, including the identification and evaluation of alternatives, the Recommended Plan, anticipated environmental impacts, proposed mitigation measures, and consultation activities carried out as part of this study, has been documented within a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR), a copy of which is available for public review between **January 25, 2023, and February 24, 2023** at the following locations:

Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Town Office
14 Water Street East
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Mon – Fri: 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Township of Burpee Mills Municipal Office
8 Bailey Line Road,
Evansville, ON P0P 1E0
Mon – Fri: 8:30AM to 4:00PM

Gore Bay Municipal Office
15 Water Street,
Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0
Mon – Fri: 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Township of Assiginack Municipal Office
156 Arthur Street,
Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0
Mon – Fri: 8:30AM to 4:00PM

Municipality of Central Manitoulin Municipal Office
6020 ON-542,
Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0
Mon – Fri: 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Municipality of Billings
15 Old Mill Road, P.O. Box 34
Kagawong, ON P0P 1J0
Mon – Thurs: 8:30AM to 4:00PM
Fri: 8:30AM to 12:00PM

The TESR is also available for review on the study website (www.swingbridgestudy.ca).

This Notice issued January 25, 2023.

COMMENTS

Interested persons may provide written comments to our study team by **February 24, 2023**. All comments and concerns can be sent directly to either of the following study team members:

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REQUESTS TO THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND PARKS

In addition, a request may be made to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester's contact information and full name.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing or by email to the following as well as to the project contacts above:

**Minister of the Environment,
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777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
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