

# Notice of Study Commencement

## Design Updates on Highway 69 Four-laning

### THE PROJECT

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Parsons Inc. ('Parsons') to undertake the Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study (the Project) for design updates on Highway 69. The Study Area is located within the District of Parry Sound, the Municipality of Killarney and Henvey Inlet First Nation.

### THE PROCESS

This Project is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000). Consultation will be ongoing throughout the project.

As part of the EA process, the Project Team will complete a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) addendum to the 2008 Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Report that will cover design updates to the northern 20-kilometres of Highway 69 within the original study limits, from 1.7km North of Highway 529 North Junction to 3.9km North of Highway 522. The TESR Addendum will address design updates to Highway 69, including an interchange modification, adjustments for wildlife crossings, and key changes in legislation and design standards since the 2008 Environmental Assessment. The TESR Addendum will be prepared to document the Environmental Assessment process, including consultation undertaken, existing conditions, design updates, the assessment and evaluation of alternatives, a description of the Recommended Plan, environmental impacts, mitigation measures, and commitments to future work. The TESR Addendum will be made available for a 30-day public review and comment period. Public notices regarding the Study will be published in the **Parry Sound Beacon**, **Parry Sound North Star**, and the **Anishinabek News** and distributed to the Project contact list.

### COMMENTS

There is an opportunity for public input throughout this Study. If you wish to submit comments, be added to the project contact list, or have questions regarding the Notice of Study Commencement, or contact one of the following project team members by **December 12, 2025**:

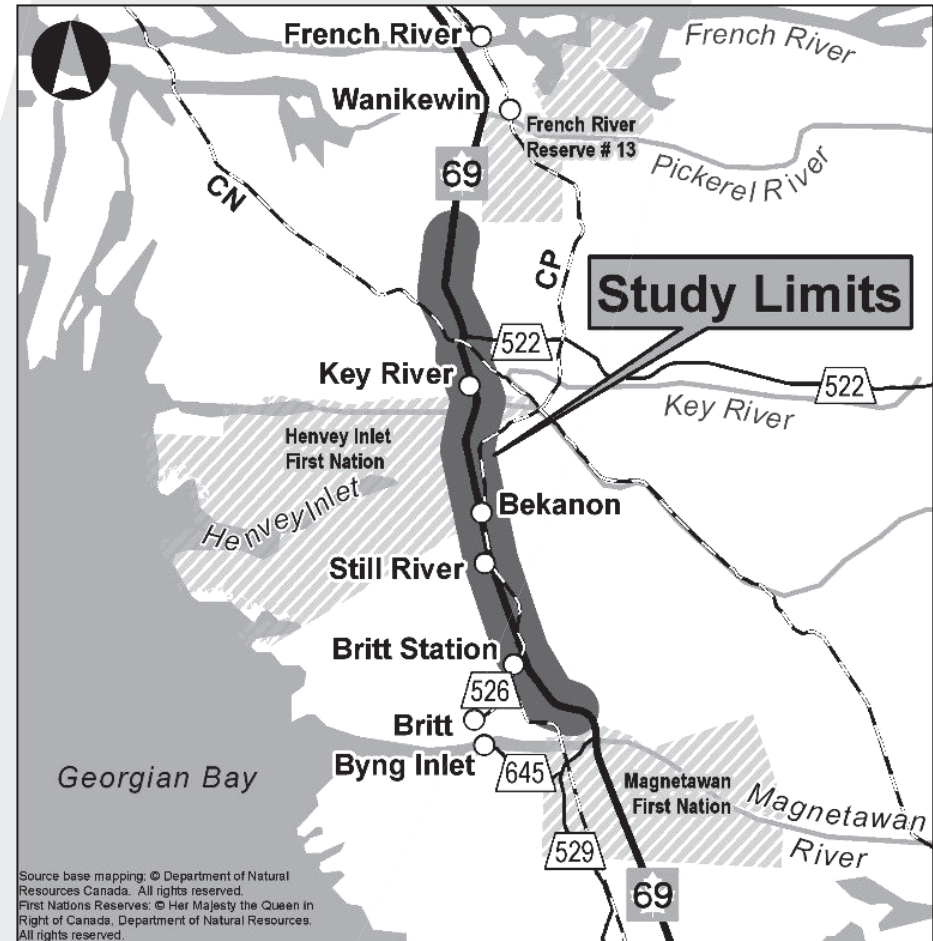
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Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the project team in meeting requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this Project or require communication support and project material in an alternate format, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.