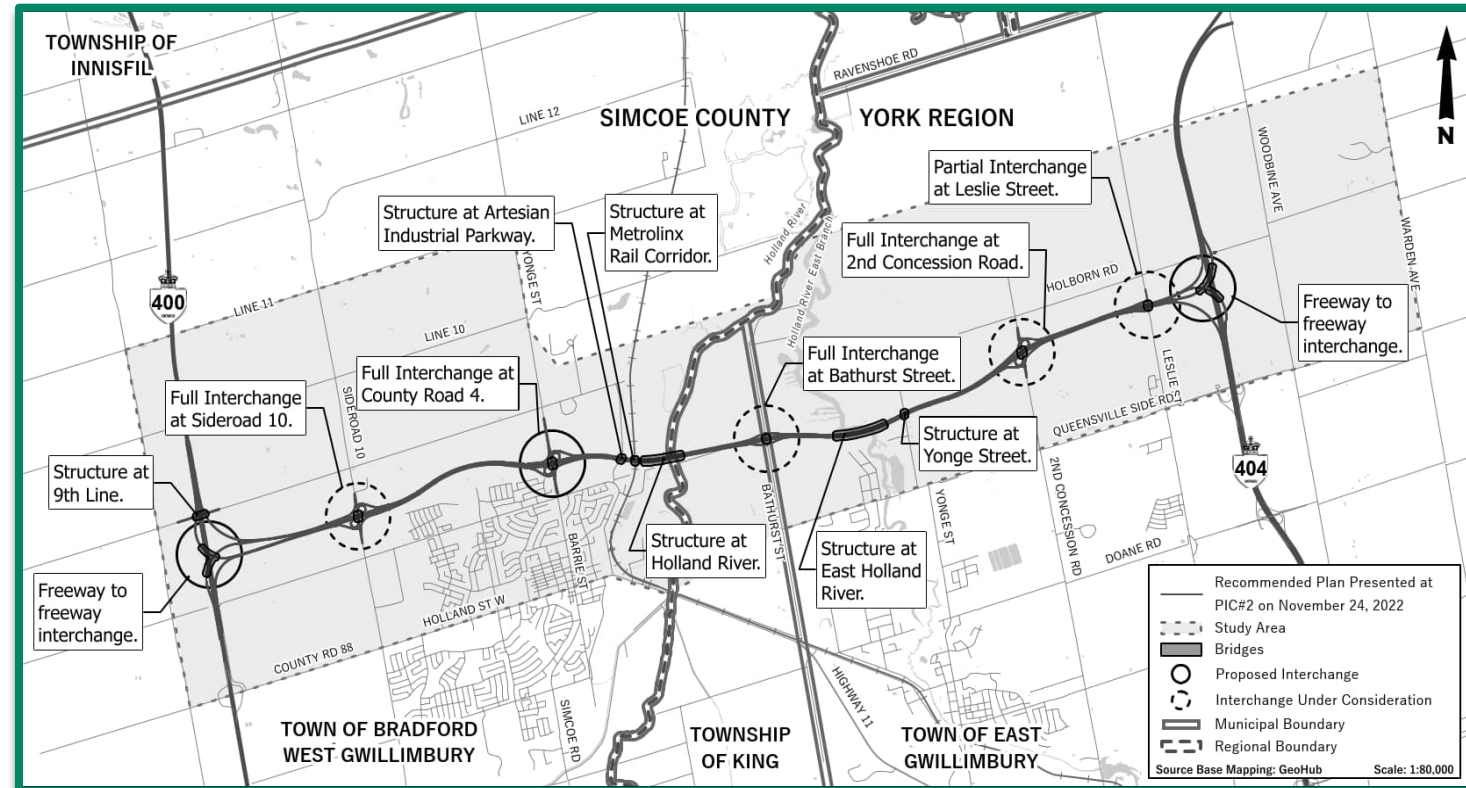


Bradford Bypass Project Overview

The Bradford Bypass is a new 16.3-km controlled access freeway which will extend from Highway 400 between 8th Line and 9th Line in Bradford West Gwillimbury and connect to Highway 404 between Queensville Sideroad and Holborn Road in East Gwillimbury.

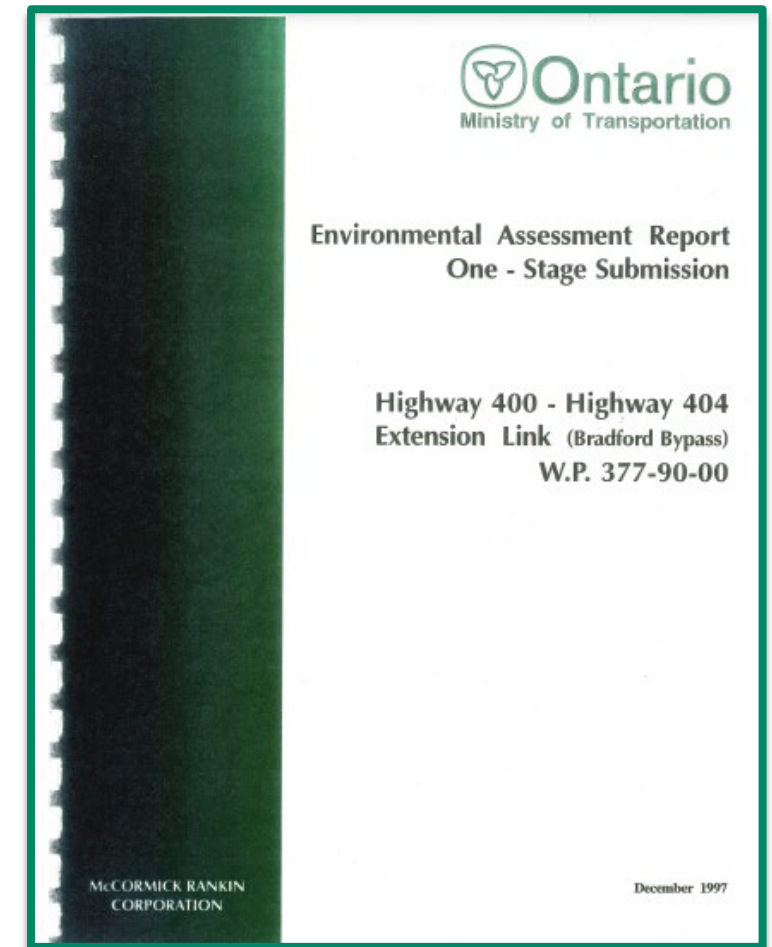
This new corridor is needed to address current and future transportation needs. The population of Simcoe County is expected to increase to 416,000 by 2031, with the Regional Municipality of York anticipated to grow to 1.79 million by 2041.

Once constructed this northern freeway connection between Highway 400 and Highway 404, motorists and truck drivers are expected to experience significant travel time savings compared to existing routes along local roads.



Ontario Reg. 697/21: Bradford Bypass Project

- This Study has been following the streamlined assessment process as set out in Ontario Regulation 697/21 (October 7, 2021), including:
 - Consultation and engagement
 - Generation and evaluation of alternatives
 - Field investigations, preliminary impact assessment and development of mitigation
 - Preparation of Environmental Conditions Report and Environmental Impact Assessment Report
- The final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) was published on November 16, 2023.
- The ministry will continue to engage and consult with Indigenous communities, Regulatory Agencies, Local and Regional Municipalities and other concerned stakeholders during subsequent design phases.





Current Status and Next Steps

- Construction of the Bradford Bypass started in 2022 with an Early Works contract awarded to build a new bridge at Simcoe County Road 4. Construction of the new bridge is underway, and the bridge is expected to be open to traffic by fall 2024.
- The Preliminary Design and Assessment of Environmental Impacts phase of the Bradford Bypass project has now concluded, and the final Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) was published.
- The province is continuing to move forward with construction of the Bradford Bypass in phases, starting with the West Section – from Highway 400 to County Road 4 (approximately 6.5 km).
- At end of 2023, the government initiated procurement activities for this phase and additional information and consultation opportunities will be provided in the future.