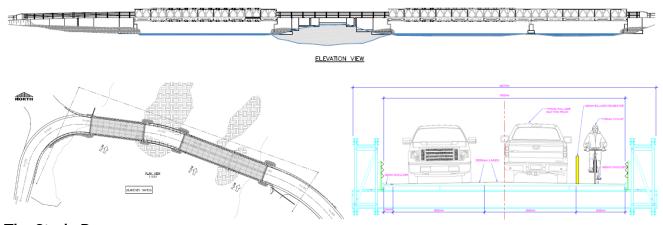


NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE BLAKENEY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The Project

The County of Lanark has completed the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the review of alternatives for the Blakeney Bridge, located in the hamlet of Blakeney, over the Mississippi River, approximately 8km downstream of Almonte. The preferred design is a two-lane modular bridge, widened to accommodate pedestrians, to be separated by flexible bollards in the summer months. The preferred configuration consists of 2 bridges supported by new abutments on the main island, with a pier on the small island for the east bridge.



The Study Process

The project was conducted in accordance with the planning and design processes for 'Schedule B' projects, as outlined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (2023), which is approved under the Environmental Assessment Act

The MCEA process includes consultation with agencies, stakeholders, Indigenous communities and public; an evaluation of alternative solutions to address the problem; alternative design concepts for the preferred solution; an assessment of potential environmental impacts; and identification of reasonable measures to mitigate any potential adverse impacts. A Notice of Study Commencement was published on Nov 16, 2022. Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 inviting public input on the alternative options (i.e. one-lane vs. two-lane structure) was held at the Almonte Community Centre on Dec 1, 2022. The second PIC was held on February 29, 2024, updating the public on the final design.

Project File Report

A project file report has been prepared to document the planning and decision-making process for this Study. By this notice, the report is being placed on the public record and will be available for a 30-day review period starting June 17, 2024, and ending July 17, 2024 to meet requirements of the MCEA process. An electronic copy of the project file report is available for viewing at: www.lanarkcounty.ca/blakeneybridge

To provide comments on the project, please email <u>blakeneybridge@lanarkcounty.ca</u>, or if you if you are interested in receiving further information on this project, please contact the following individual before 3:30pm July 17, 2024:

Sean Derouin, P.Eng., CET Public Works Manager County of Lanark 99 Christie Lake Road, Perth ON K7H 3C6 Telephone (613) 267-1353 Fax (613) 267-2793

Email: sderouin@lanarkcounty.ca

In the event there are outstanding issues, a request to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order imposing additional conditions or requiring an individual environmental assessment may be made on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests should include your full name and contact information.

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Director, 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
Minister.mecp@ontario.ca

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More information may be found at the County's website at: www.lanarkcounty.ca/blakeneybridge

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