

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION

TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT

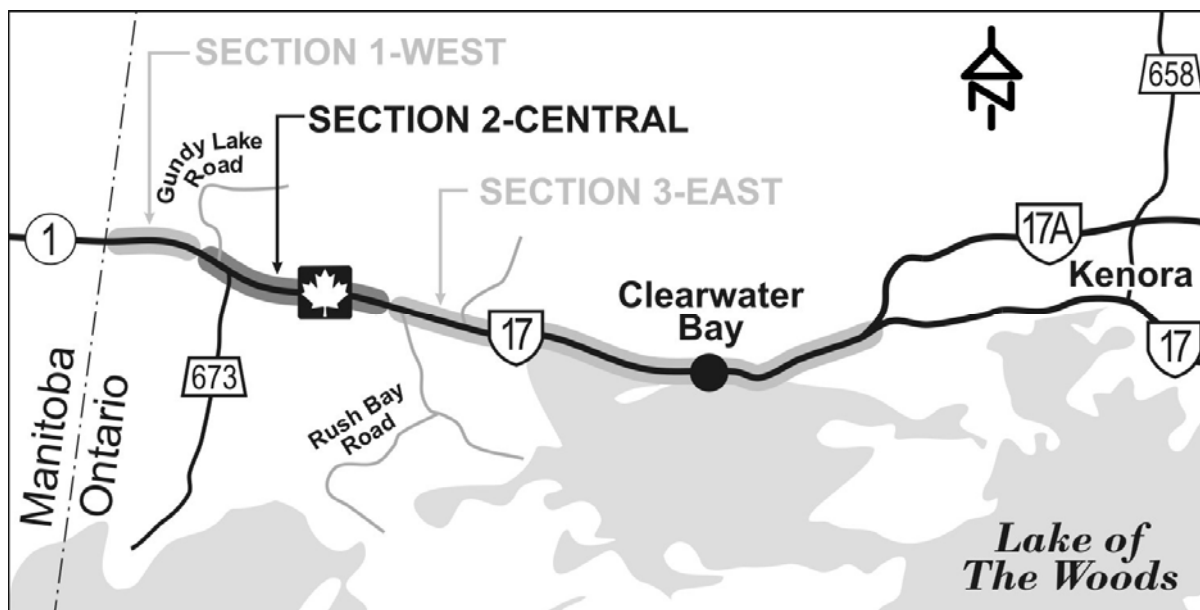
SECTION 2: Between Gundy Lake Road and Rush Bay Road

ROUTE PLANNING AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN STUDY

Four-Laning between the Manitoba / Ontario Border and Kenora

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is undertaking a study for the four-laning of Highway 17 within the District of Kenora. The study was divided into three sections, as shown below. The firm of McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC) is undertaking this project on behalf of MTO.



SECTION 2 - TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT

The study for Section 2, located between Gundy Lake Road and Rush Bay Road, has been completed. The study followed the *Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* process for Group 'B' projects.

The Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) for Section 2 has been completed and is available for a 30 day public review period, at the locations listed below:

Ministry of the Environment
Thunder Bay Regional Office, Suite 331
435 James Street South, 3rd Floor
Thunder Bay, Ontario

The City of Kenora
Municipal Office
1 Main Street S.
Kenora, Ontario

**The Kenora Public Library –
Kenora Branch**
24 Main Street
Kenora, Ontario

**The Kenora Public Library –
Keewatin Branch**
221 Main Street
Kenora, Ontario

The report will also be available on the study website at www.4lanehighway17kenora.ca.

Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by **December 10, 2009**. If, after consulting with the Ministry's consultants and staff, you have serious unresolved concerns, you have the right to request that the Minister of the Environment (12th Floor, 135 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1P5) make a Part II Order (i.e. "bump-up") request for this project, thereby requiring an individual environmental assessment. A copy of the Part II Order (i.e. "bump-up") request should be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and McCormick Rankin Corporation at the addresses below. If there are no outstanding concerns after **December 10, 2009**, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA and the project will proceed to the Detail Design stage.

SECTION 1 AND SECTION 3

A Transportation Environmental Study Report has also been prepared for Section 1, and is available for a 30 day public review period. Please refer to the separate newspaper notice for information regarding Section 1.

The study for Section 3 is currently underway and notices will be published at a later date.

COMMENTS

If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments, or if you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

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Please visit our project website at www.4lanehighway17kenora.ca for additional project details.

Information will be collected 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.

