

**Notice of Study Commencement
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
County Road 4 Widening From County Road 89 (Shore Acres Drive)
To Barrie City Limits (Lockhart Road)**

The Study

Following completion of the County of Simcoe’s Transportation Master Plan Update, the County of Simcoe (County) has identified the need to widen County Road 4, between County Road 89 (Shore Acres Drive) and Barrie city limits (Lockhart Road). The County is undertaking a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to consider options for the widening of County Road 4 to address increasing traffic demands and to support the growth and development of the County. The addition of a multi-use trail along the study corridor will be considered as part of the planning and design of the project. The approximate extent of the Study Area is shown on the map.



The Process

The Study will follow Schedule C of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process (Municipal Engineers Association, October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015), which is an approved process under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The study will evaluate alternative design concepts with consideration for the natural, cultural, technical and economic environment and recommend a preferred design in consultation with agencies, stakeholders, Indigenous communities and the public. At the conclusion of the Study, the process will be documented in an Environmental Study Report (ESR), prepared for public review.

Comments Invited

Consultation is important to this Study. The County would like to ensure that anyone interested in this study has the opportunity to provide input into the planning and design of the project. At this time, the County is inviting public input on local issues and the alternatives being considered. Information about this Study can be found at <https://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/trs/notices>. The website will be updated with project information as it becomes available throughout the study. To provide comment, request additional information concerning this Study or to be added to the Project Contact List to receive future project notices, please contact either of the following Project Team members:

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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.

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