

**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION  
HIGHWAY 60 IMPROVEMENTS (G.W.P. 5006-05-00)  
CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN STUDY**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2 – June 24th and 25th, 2011  
INFORMATION PACKAGE**

**WELCOME**

Welcome to the second Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Highway 60 Improvements Study. This is the second of two rounds of PICs. After reviewing the display boards, please complete the attached comment sheet (or submit it by mail, fax or email) or speak to one of the project team members in attendance to discuss any questions you may have.

Please note that comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist the Ministry of Transportation in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in study documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public records.

**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

This study is reviewing proposed improvement alternatives to Highway 60 within the Town of Huntsville and the Township of Lake of Bays, within the District Municipality of Muskoka, in the following two sections:

- Section #1 Highway 60 / Highway 11 interchange to Muskoka Road 3 (including the interchange).
- Section #2 Muskoka Road 23 to Highway 35.

The study was initiated to proactively plan for the future transportation needs within the study limits by examining geometric and future capacity requirements to the Year 2031.

For evaluation purposes, Sections #1 and #2 within the study limits were broken down further into four sections, based on their different characteristics. The four sections are shown on the key plan below and are as follows:

- **Section 1A: Highway 60 / Highway 11 Interchange**
- **Section 1B: Highway 60 - Highway 11 to Muskoka Rd 3**
- **Section 2A: Highway 60 - Muskoka Rd 23 to Muskoka Rd 8**
- **Section 2B: Highway 60 - Muskoka Rd 8 to Highway 35**

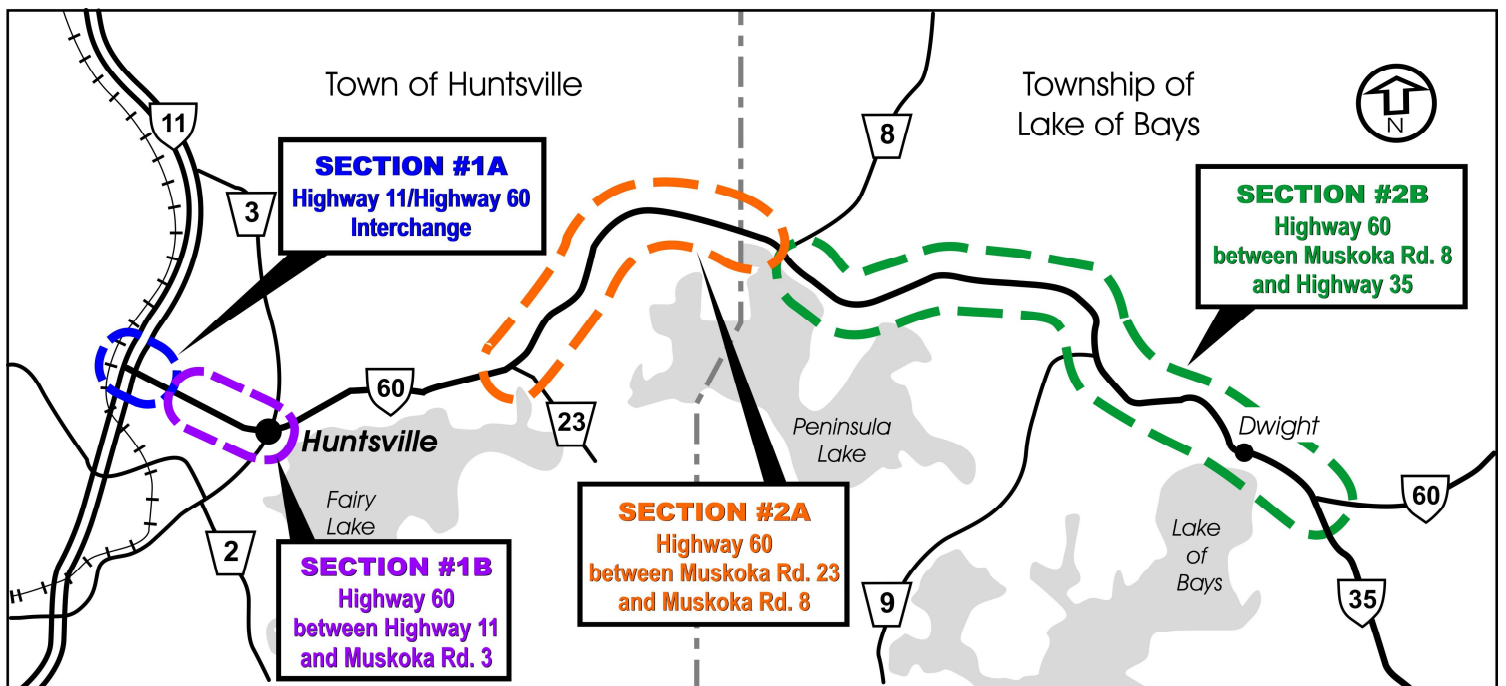
The preliminary design alternatives within each of these sections were developed and shown at PIC #1, which was held on May 13, 2010, and made available on the project website at [www.Highway60.ca](http://www.Highway60.ca) for review and comment.

Following the consideration of comments received during and after PIC #1, additional alternatives in the Dwight area were identified and considered as part of the preliminary design phase. Design variations for the alternatives shown for Sections 2A and 2B at PIC #1 were also developed to minimize potential impacts to adjacent properties.

The project team has completed the analysis and evaluation of the alternatives considered and has identified the preferred preliminary design alternative.

**PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**

Design alternatives that were considered for each section, as well as the preliminary design preferred alternative, are located around the room and have been developed for your review and comment. Copies of these alternatives will also be made available on the project website.



The following is a brief summary of the proposed improvement alternatives that were considered and evaluated, and the preferred alternatives that were identified to address the future needs of Highway 60 within the study limits. The preferred alternative for each section is highlighted below:

### Section 1A: Highway 60 / Highway 11 Interchange

**Alternative 1A-1: Existing Interchange - Preferred Alternative**

Alternative 1A-2: Reconstructed Trumpet "B" Configuration  
Alternative 1A-3: Trumpet "A" Configuration  
Alternative 1A-4: Directional Ramp Configuration  
Alternative 1A-5: Diamond Configuration

### Section 1B: Highway 60 - Highway 11 to Muskoka Rd 3

Alternative 1B-1: Existing Highway  
**Alternative 1B-2: Widen Highway 60 to 4 lanes (Undivided) - Preferred Alternative**  
Alternative 1B-3: Widen Highway 60 to 4 lanes (Undivided); Relocate Centre Street intersection to the east  
Alternative 1B-4: Widen Highway 60 to 4 lanes (Undivided); Close Centre Street intersection

### Section 2A: Highway 60 - Muskoka Rd 23 to Muskoka Rd 8

Alternative 2A-1: Existing Highway  
Alternative 2A-2: Provide Passing Lanes; Improve Horizontal and Vertical Alignments  
Alternative 2A-3: Widen Highway 60 to 4 lanes (Undivided); Improve Horizontal and Vertical Alignments  
**Alternative 2A-4: Widen Highway 60 to 4 lanes (Undivided) Minimized Horizontal and Vertical Realignment - Preferred Alternative (New! This alternative was developed after PIC #1 to minimize impacts to adjacent properties)**

### Section 2B: Highway 60 - Muskoka Rd 8 to Highway 35

**Alternative 2B-1: Existing Highway - Preferred Interim Alternative**  
Alternative 2B-2: Provide Passing Lanes; Improve Horizontal and Vertical Alignments  
Alternative 2B-3: Widen Highway 60 to 4 lanes (Undivided); Improve Horizontal and Vertical Alignments  
**Alternative 2B-4: Widen Highway 60 to 4 lanes (Undivided) Minimized Horizontal and Vertical Realignment - Preferred Ultimate Alternative (New! This alternative was developed after PIC #1 to minimize impacts to adjacent properties)**

### Section 2B: Dwight Options

Dwight Option #1: Maintain 2 lanes  
**Dwight Option #2: Provide Centre Turning Lane through Dwight - Preferred Interim Alternative**  
**Dwight Option #3: Widen Highway 60 to 4 lanes (Undivided) - Preferred Ultimate Alternative**  
Dwight Option #4: New alignment north of Dwight - *Additional bypass options were developed and reviewed following PIC #1.*

### NEXT STEPS

- Review comments received during and after PIC #2.
- Incorporate any refinements and finalize the preliminary design alternative for the preferred alternatives.
- Prepare a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) and submit for 30-day public review period, which is anticipated in Fall of 2011. A public notice will be published in the *Huntsville Forester*, posted on the project website and mailed to those included on the study mailing list.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please use the attached comment sheet to provide us with your comments about the study and the preferred alternatives. Comments can be left in the comment box provided or forwarded to the project team by **Friday, July 22, 2011**. For further information about this study, please visit [www.Highway60.ca](http://www.Highway60.ca) or contact:

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**Thank you for attending!**