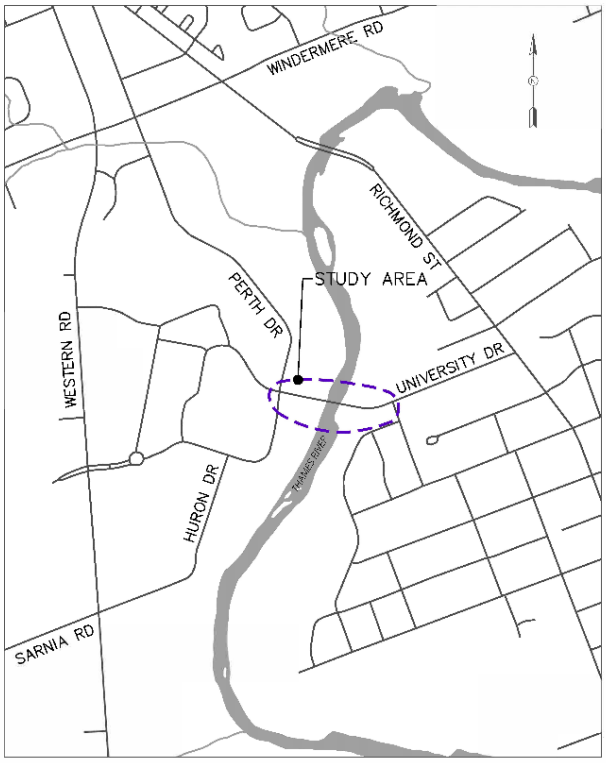
Notice of Study Completion
University Drive Bridge, Western University
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA)

Introduction

Western University retained Entuitive and BT Engineering Inc. to complete the Environmental Assessment (EA) and design for the rehabilitation/ replacement of the University Drive Bridge over the North Branch of the Thames River in the City of London. The existing bridge is near the end of its service life for vehicular traffic. The Recommended Plan, presented at PIC No. 2, included retention of the existing bridge for active transportation plus construction of a new concrete arch bridge for vehicular traffic.



Study Process

The University Drive Bridge rehabilitation / replacement followed the process for a Schedule C project under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) (2015). The study considered all reasonable alternatives with acceptable effects on the natural, social and cultural environments, and proactively consulted with the public, stakeholders and Indigenous Peoples. The last step in the process is publishing the Environmental Assessment findings and the recommended plan in an Environmental Study Report (ESR) for public review.

30-Day Public Review Period of the ESR

The ESR will be available online at: at the University's website at www.uwo.ca/fm/projects/capital_projects/ud_bridge.html.

It will also be available at the following locations:

- Western University, Support Services Building, 2nd Floor, Rm. 2301

The ESR will be available from September 23, 2026, until October 23, 2026 during business hours.

Outstanding Issues After ESR Review

After reviewing the ESR if there are still 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 to both the Minister and Director should include your full name and contact information.

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Requests to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks should also be sent by mail or by email to the consultant EA Project Manager and University Project Manager (contact information at the end of this notice).

Please visit Ontario.ca for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act at:

https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order

If there are any other outstanding concern(s), they should be directed to the Consultant Project Manager or the University's Project Coordinator listed at the end of this notice, no later than October 23, 2026.

There is an opportunity at any time during the EA process for interested persons to provide comments. All information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (2009). With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

If you require additional information or wish to provide comments during the Class EA process, please contact us anytime at: westernubridge@uwo.ca

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