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Peggy Young-Lovelace  
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Dear Ms. Young-Lovelace:

**Regarding: Notice of Study Commencement  
Highway 6 rehabilitation from Hwy 17 southerly to Tudhope Street  
(Espanola), and the rehabilitation of the Spanish River Bridge and  
Highway 17 rehabilitation from 3.5 km West of Hwy 6 easterly to  
15.3 km east of Hwy 6 (Spencer Lane) and the rehabilitation of the  
Spanish River Bridge.  
GWP 5251-10-00**

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) has initiated a Detail Design study, including a Class Environmental Assessment (EA), for the rehabilitation of the following:

- Highway 6 from Hwy 17 southerly to Tudhope Street (Espanola)
- Highway 6, Spanish River Bridge
- Highway 17 from 3.5 km West of Hwy 6 easterly to 15.3 km east of Hwy 6 (Spencer Lane)
- Highway 17, Spanish River Bridge

The study areas are located in Merritt, Shakespeare, Baldwin and Nairn Townships in the electoral riding of Algoma-Manitoulin and are shown on the attached map.

Subject to the final outcome of the study, MTO is proposing to undertake the following in order to improve the condition and ride quality along these sections of existing Highway 6 and Highway 17:

- Resurfacing throughout;
- Treatment of frost heaves and distortion areas;
- Culvert replacement;
- Drainage improvements as required; and
- Guide rail replacement/adjustment as required.

The proposed bridge rehabilitation work includes concrete repairs to the bridge decks and substructure elements (such as abutments and piers). New expansion joints, waterproofing, and asphalt paving are also proposed for both sites.

The study is following the Class EA planning process for Group 'C' Projects under MTO's *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) (Class EA). The Class EA planning process includes public and agency consultation, an assessment of the potential effects of the proposed improvements, and the identification of measures required to mitigate any adverse effects. The process and results will be documented in an Environmental Screening Document (ESD).

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have about this project. Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the Project Team in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. 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.

Please feel free to contact me at 705-497-5218 or [Lynda.Franklin-Allard@ontario.ca](mailto:Lynda.Franklin-Allard@ontario.ca) for further information, or to be added to the Project Contact List. You may also contact the Project Manager for further information.

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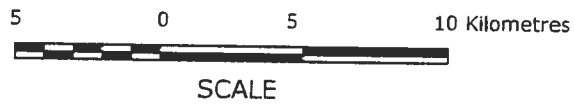
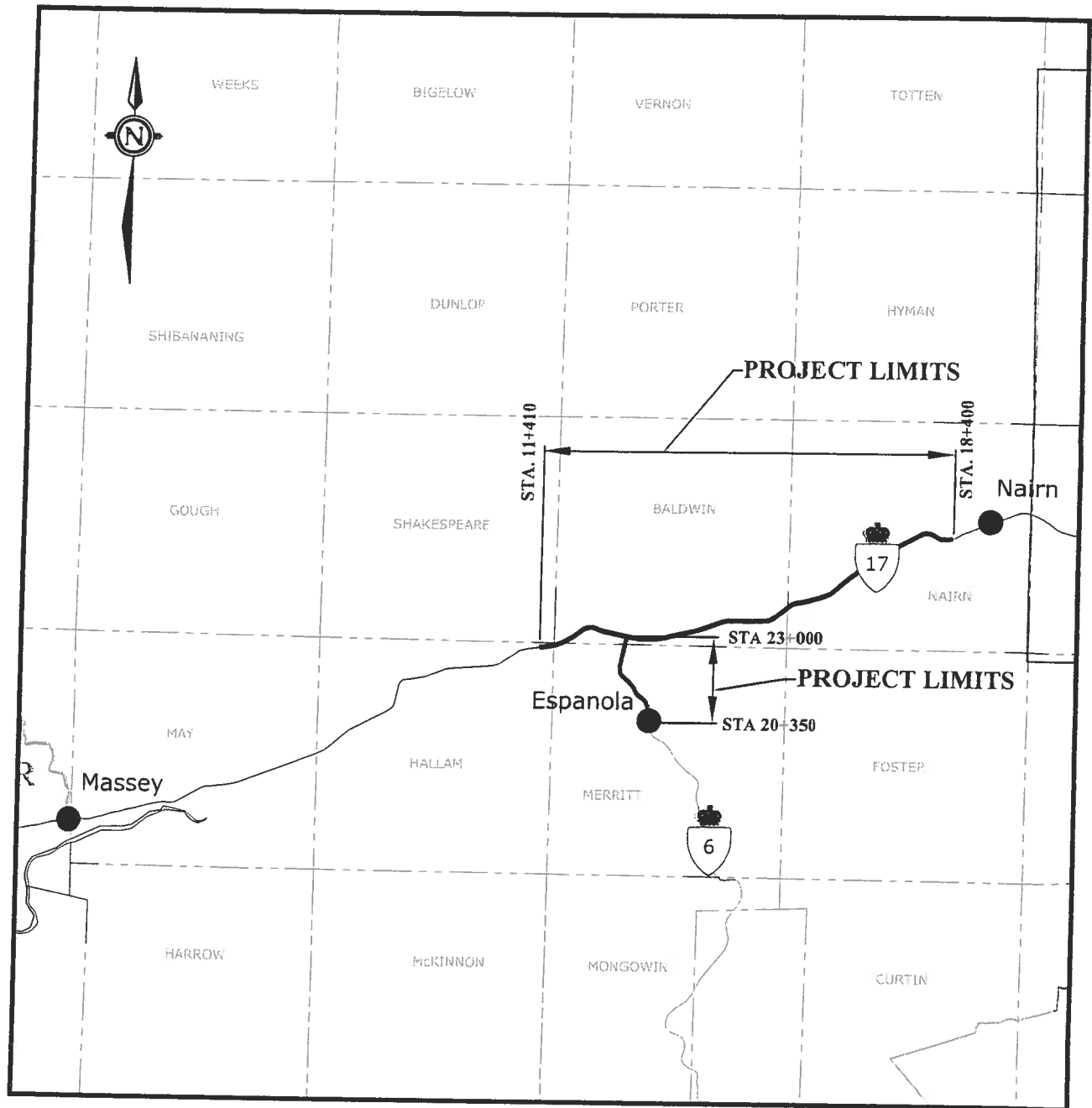
Sincerely,



Lynda Franklin-Allard  
Environmental Planner

Encl.

cc: David Cross, Senior Project Manager, MTO



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LOCATION MAP PLAN

HIGHWAY 6 & HIGHWAY 17 REHABILITATION  
Sudbury Area