

The Study

STUDY PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to identify and designate property for a future four-lane, divided, controlled access Highway 11/17 between Kakabeka Falls and Shabaqua Corners.

ISSUE

Highway 11/17 is a significant component of the provincial and Trans-Canada highway systems, serving long distance, regional, and local traffic.

The *transportation problem* is that the existing two-lane undivided highway does not meet the long-term safety and operational needs of the provincial and Trans-Canada highway systems.

The *transportation opportunity* is to identify alternatives to improve safety and operations on Highway 11/17, which is consistent with the provincial mandate to provide a transportation system that supports the Province's economic, social and environmental objectives.

BENEFITS

Four-lane divided highways improve highway safety by separating traffic in opposite directions by a wide median, and by providing safe passing opportunities.

DESIGNATION

At the completion of this study, the Ministry will be able to designate (protect) the future highway corridor. Designating a future four-lane highway now will assist the Ministry, local municipalities, utilities, the resource management industry, and private land owners with planning and development within the study area.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

