

## Initial Construction

As a component of The Windsor-Essex Parkway, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is proceeding with the detail design of two bridges and a noise barrier. One bridge is located where Highway 3 will pass over the proposed Windsor-Essex Parkway and the other will provide a future off-ramp from Highway 401 westbound to Highway 3 and the realigned Howard Avenue. The initial construction will also include approximately two kilometres of noise barrier, five metres high, adjacent to the Southwood Lakes community, from Howard Avenue to North Talbot Road. The detail design for the remaining components of The Windsor-Essex Parkway will be addressed in future design stages, dependent upon Environmental Assessment (EA) approval.



### The Process

In order to proceed with construction of the two bridges and noise barrier, approval under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* is required. A Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared and made available for a 30 day public review in the near future. Notices announcing the availability of the DCR will be published in local newspapers.

### The Work

Subject to EA approval, the two bridges and noise barrier will be built in advance of the other works associated with the construction of The Windsor-Essex Parkway. The noise barrier will help provide effective noise mitigation for the adjacent community. Property is available for this initial construction and there will be minimal impact to the travelling public.

Pending EA approval, construction will begin in fall of 2009 and take approximately one year to complete. This work represents an important part of The Windsor-Essex Parkway. In accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Report, a draft consultation plan specific for the initial construction is available for public review.

For more information about The Windsor-Essex Parkway visit [www.weparkway.ca](http://www.weparkway.ca).