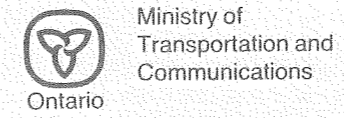


NEW PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY SOUTH OF LAKE SIMCOE

PLANNING STUDY

PROGRESS REPORT No. 1



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The Ministry of Transportation and Communications has initiated a study to determine the route for an east-west provincial highway, south of Lake Simcoe.

This pamphlet provides a brief outline of why and how this study is being carried out.

Subsequent pamphlets will be mailed to area residents in order to advise them of the times and locations where representatives of the Ministry will be available to review the project.

BACKGROUND

There is not a continuous east-west highway, north of Highway 7 and south of Lake Simcoe, that connects provincial highways west of Highway 400 with those east of Highway 12.

It is possible for a driver who knows the roadway system, to drive from Highway 400 to Highway 12 by using a combination of east-west and north-south Provincial, Regional, County and Township roads. Unfortunately the journey is circuitous and not all of the roads are paved. As a result, trips on the existing network are costly in terms of time, fuel and wear and tear on vehicles.

During 1976 the Ministry of Transportation and Communications investigated the feasibility of providing a continuous east-west highway which would provide the continuity of highway service that is not presently available.

In carrying out this investigation, the Ministry sought to identify a location for a route which would achieve the following:

- Improve local area service within the county of Simcoe and the Regional Municipalities of York and Durham.
- Improve area service between the Peterborough Area and the Lake Huron/Georgian Bay Area.

BACKGROUND – CONTINUED

- Provide a two lane provincial highway with a desirable right-of-way of approximately 120 feet to 150 feet.
- Maximize use of existing public investments by utilizing existing roads and road allowances wherever feasible. Existing access will be maintained.

Late in 1976 representatives of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications met with the Councils of the County of Simcoe and the Regions of York and Durham to discuss the question of a new highway south of Lake Simcoe, which would basically follow the Ravenshoe Road.

All three municipal councils endorsed the concept of the new highway and requested the Ministry to proceed with implementation.

ORGANIZATION

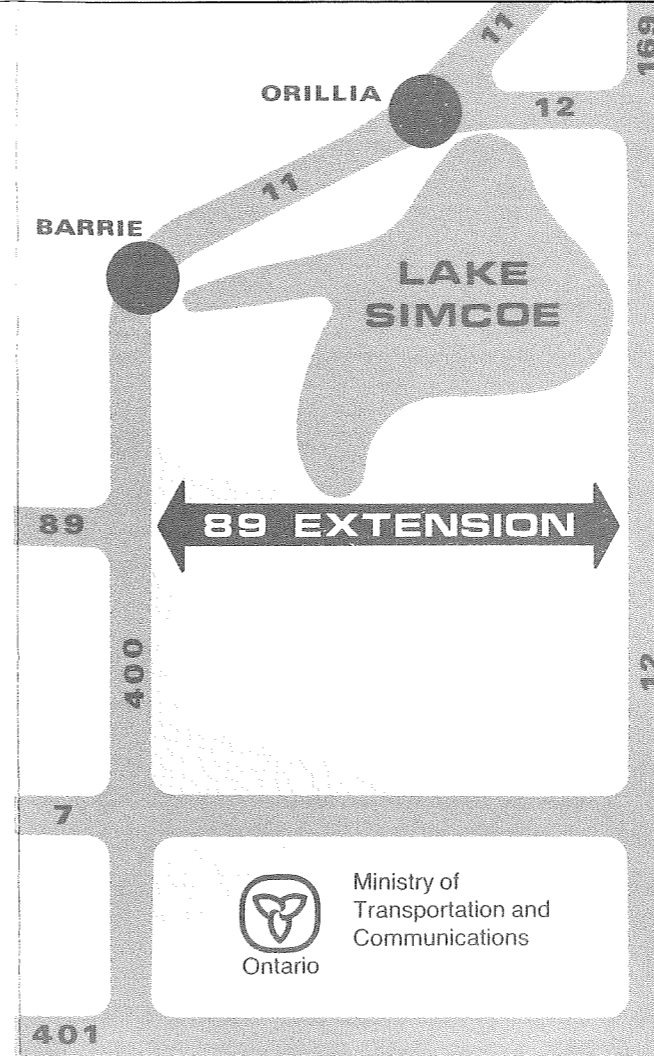
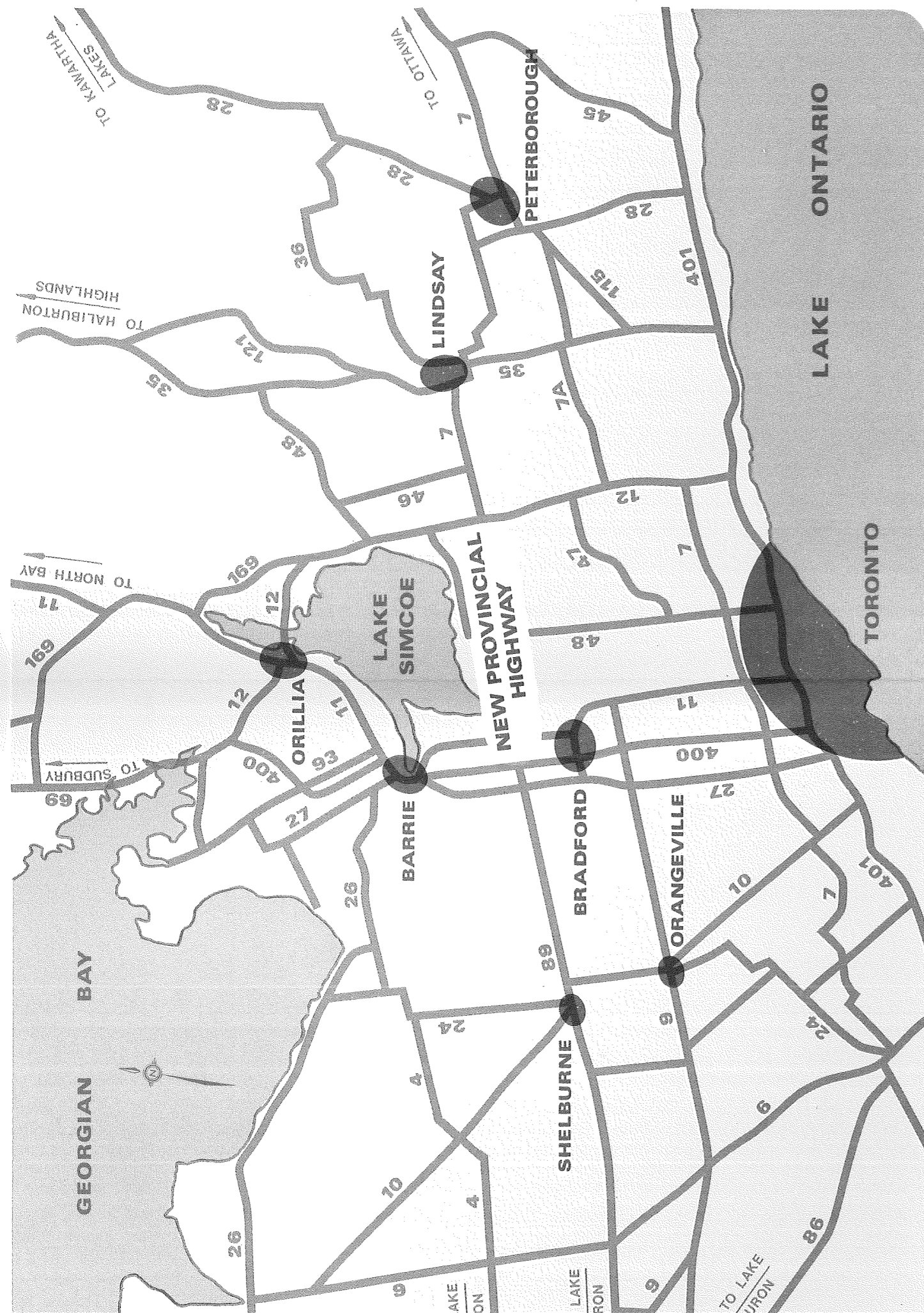
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- Stage 1 – Identification of Alternative Routes
- Stage 2 – Selection of Route
- Stage 3 – Preparation of Detailed Plans

During each of these three stages it is intended to hold meetings with all affected groups such as residents in the study area, municipal councils, provincial ministries and agencies and other interest groups.

Public information centres will be scheduled for the three stages of the project and it is anticipated that they will occur in late 1977, mid 1978 and late 1978, respectively. These information centres will be staffed by ministry representatives, who will review the plans and discuss the project with interested parties.

Local newspapers and pamphlets such as this one, will notify area residents of these information centres.



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PROGRESS REPORT No. 2



Ministry of
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Ontario

INFORMATION CENTRES

Representatives of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications will be in attendance at public information centres as follows:-

Tuesday,
December 13, 1977

HONOURABLE EARL ROWE SCHOOL
12th Line west of Hwy. 11

Wednesday,
December 14, 1977

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
York Rd. No. 12 north of York Rd. No. 32

Thursday,
December 15, 1977

UDORA COMMUNITY CENTRE
York Rd. No. 21 in Udora

The information centres will be open in the afternoon between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and in the evening between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on each of the three days.

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INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications is carrying out a study to determine the route for a new two lane east-west provincial highway, south of Lake Simcoe. This proposed highway has been identified as the Highway 89 Extension.

To ensure that all aspects of the new highway are fully investigated and understood by all interested parties, the Ministry has organized the study in a manner which will enable participation by anyone who wishes to be involved. For this reason the study is being carried out as follows:

- Stage 1 – Identification of Alternative Routes
- Stage 2 – Selection of Route
- Stage 3 – Preparation of Detailed Plans

The study is now in Stage 1, where a number of alternative routes for the new highway have been identified. It is intended to review these alternatives with all interested people and groups before any detailed analysis of the alternatives is carried out.

This brochure briefly indicates the alternative routes that have been identified and provides information on the times and locations where these alternatives can be reviewed and discussed in detail.

You are urged to attend one of the information centres to review plans of the alternative routes for the proposed highway and to discuss your interest in the project with a representative of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

The locations of the information centres are shown on the map below.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

During 1976 the Ministry of Transportation and Communications investigated the feasibility of providing a continuous east-west highway south of Lake Simcoe. Following the investigation, the Ministry met with the Councils of Simcoe and the Regions of York and Durham. All three municipalities endorsed the concept of the proposed new highway.

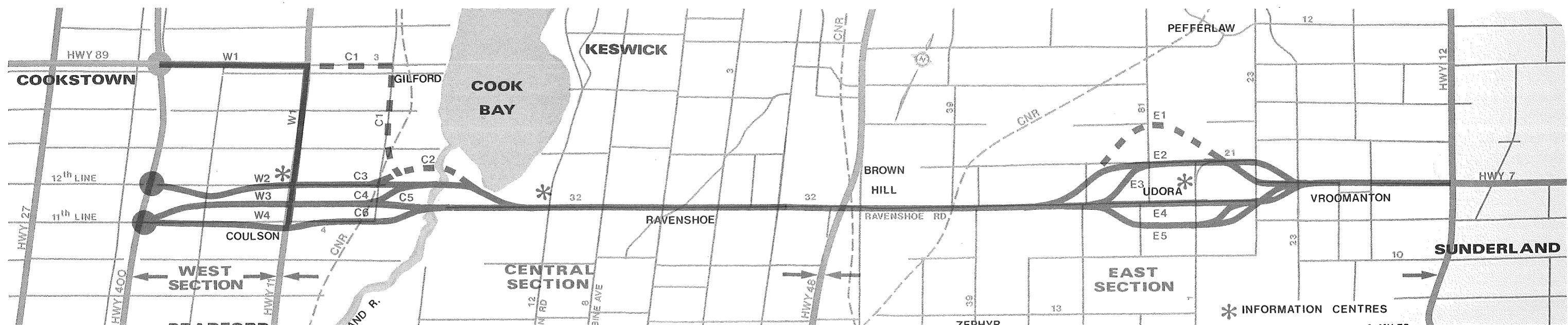
Since that time, the Ministry has investigated the proposed highway in more detail.

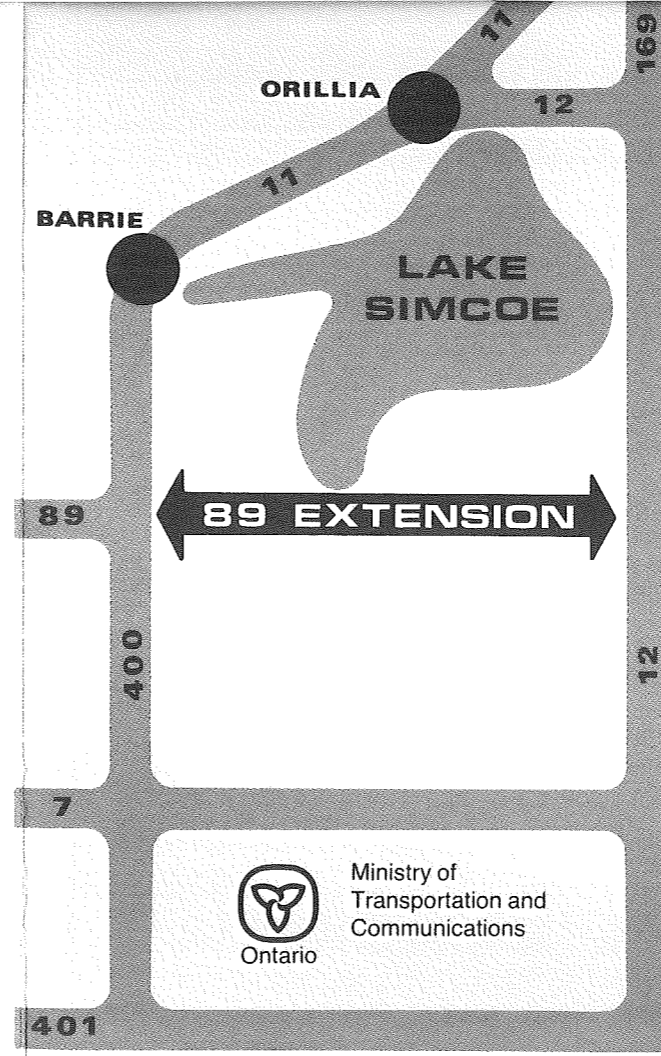
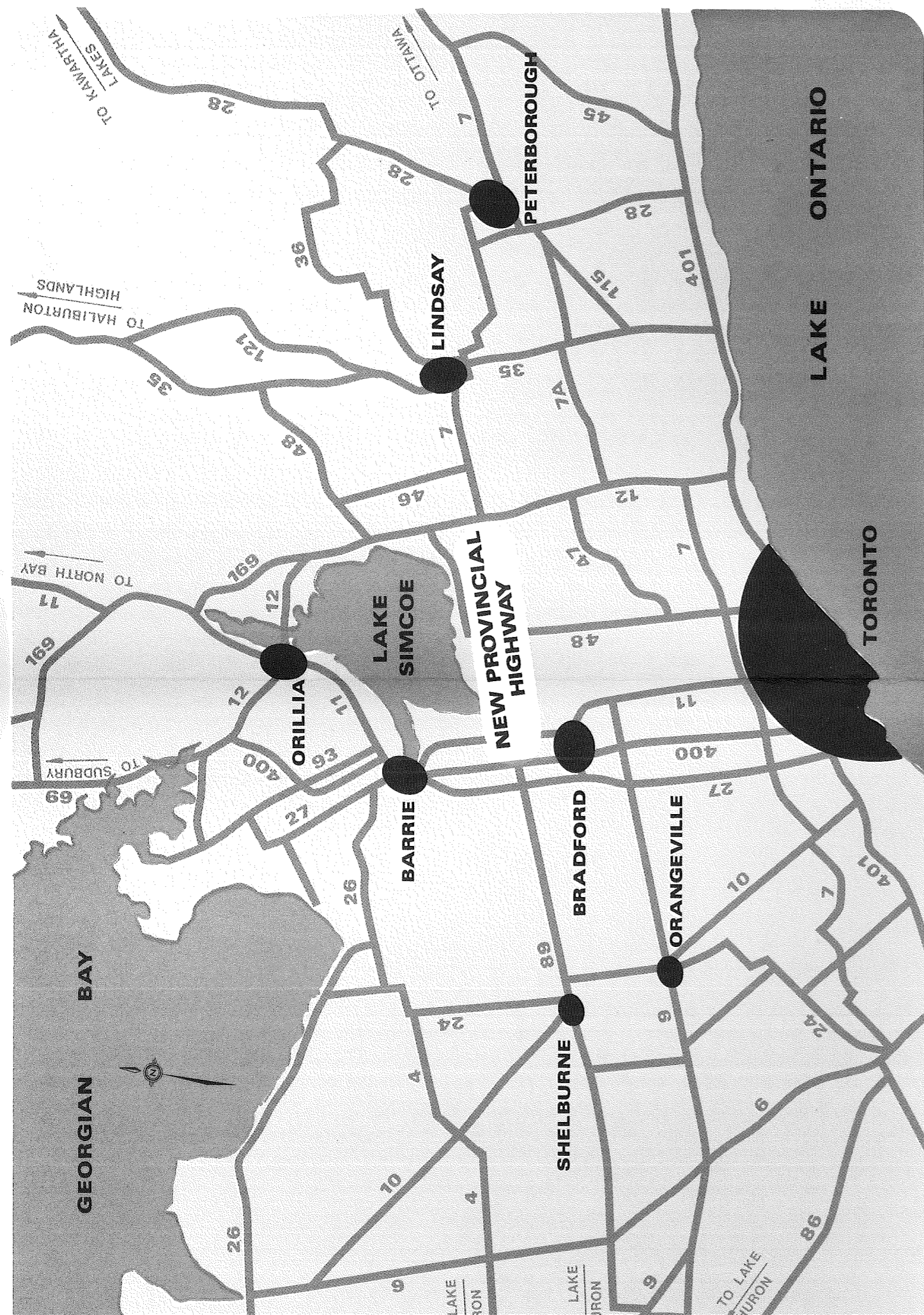
This proposed highway would basically follow Ravenshoe Road (York Road 32) with alternative routes in two areas. These are in the area between Highway 400 and Sutton Road (York Road 12) and in the area around Udora.

Between Highway 400 and Sutton Road there are a number of Township, County and Provincial Roads that can be considered to connect Highway 400 with the Ravenshoe Road east of the Holland River. Consideration of these existing roads also includes alternative crossing locations of the Holland River. Some of the alternatives considered in this section would require the construction of a new interchange at Highway 400.

In the vicinity of Udora three basic alternatives have been identified: through Udora, north of Udora on York Road 21, and south of Udora.

The alternatives shown on the map with a broken line, (C1, C2 and E1) are routes which have been identified as desirable from some specific view point but can not be considered as feasible alternatives without more detailed assessment.

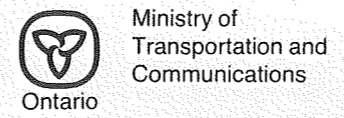




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PROGRESS REPORT No.3



Ministry of
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INFORMATION CENTRES

Representatives of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications will be in attendance at public information centres as follows:-

Tuesday,
April 25, 1978

HONOURABLE EARL ROWE SCHOOL
12th Line west of Hwy. 11

Wednesday,
April 26, 1978

UDORA COMMUNITY CENTRE
York Rd. No. 21 in Udora

Thursday,
April 27, 1978

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, KESWICK
York Rd. No. 12 north of York Rd. No. 32

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INTRODUCTION

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To ensure that all aspects of the new highway are fully investigated and understood by all interested parties, the Ministry has organized the study in a manner that will enable participation by anyone who wishes to be involved. For this reason the study is being carried out as follows:

- Stage 1 – Identification of Alternative Routes
- Stage 2 – Selection of Route
- Stage 3 – Preparation of Detailed Plans

Stage 1 of the study was completed in December 1977, when a series of public information centres were held to enable area residents to assist in the identification of route alternatives. Approximately 500 people attended these information centres.

Following the completion of Stage 1, a number of refinements and additions were made to the alternative routes. These changes have been incorporated into the routes shown on the map below.

The study is now in Stage 2, Selection of Route.

EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

As the first step in Stage 2 of the study, the routes that are indicated with a solid line on the map below, were analyzed. This analysis was carried out considering a number of factors:

- Traffic
- Noise
- Property
- Staging
- Agriculture
- Cost
- Environment
- Aesthetics

The results of the analysis were used by representatives of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and other interested Provincial Agencies, to carry out an evaluation of the alternative routes.

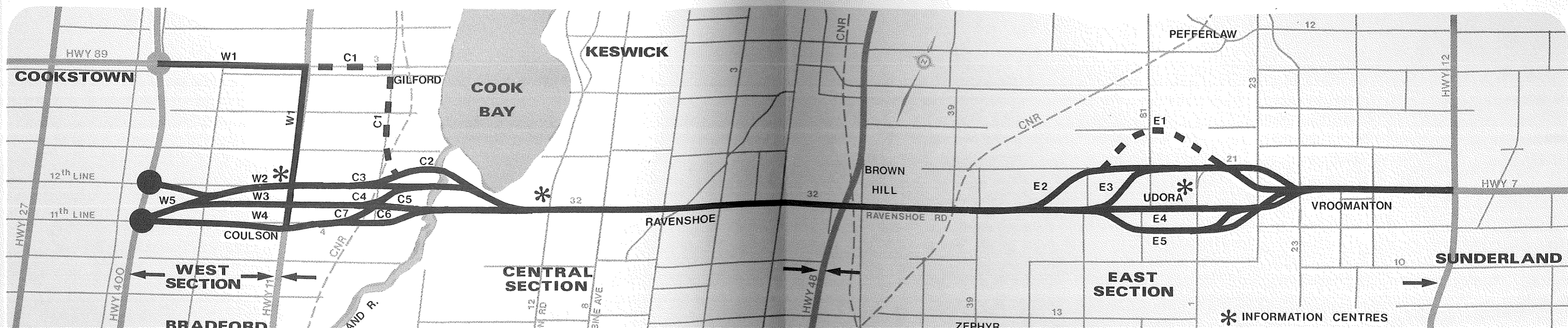
The Ministry now wishes to provide all interested parties, including area residents and municipal councils, with the opportunity to review the analysis and the results of the technical evaluations *before* a route selection is made.

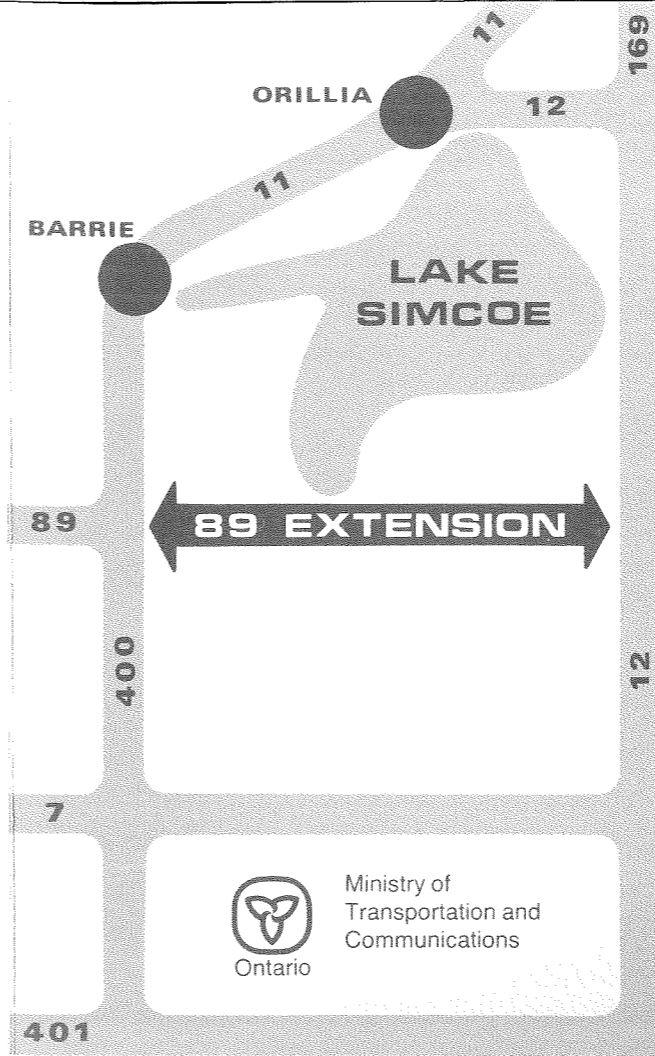
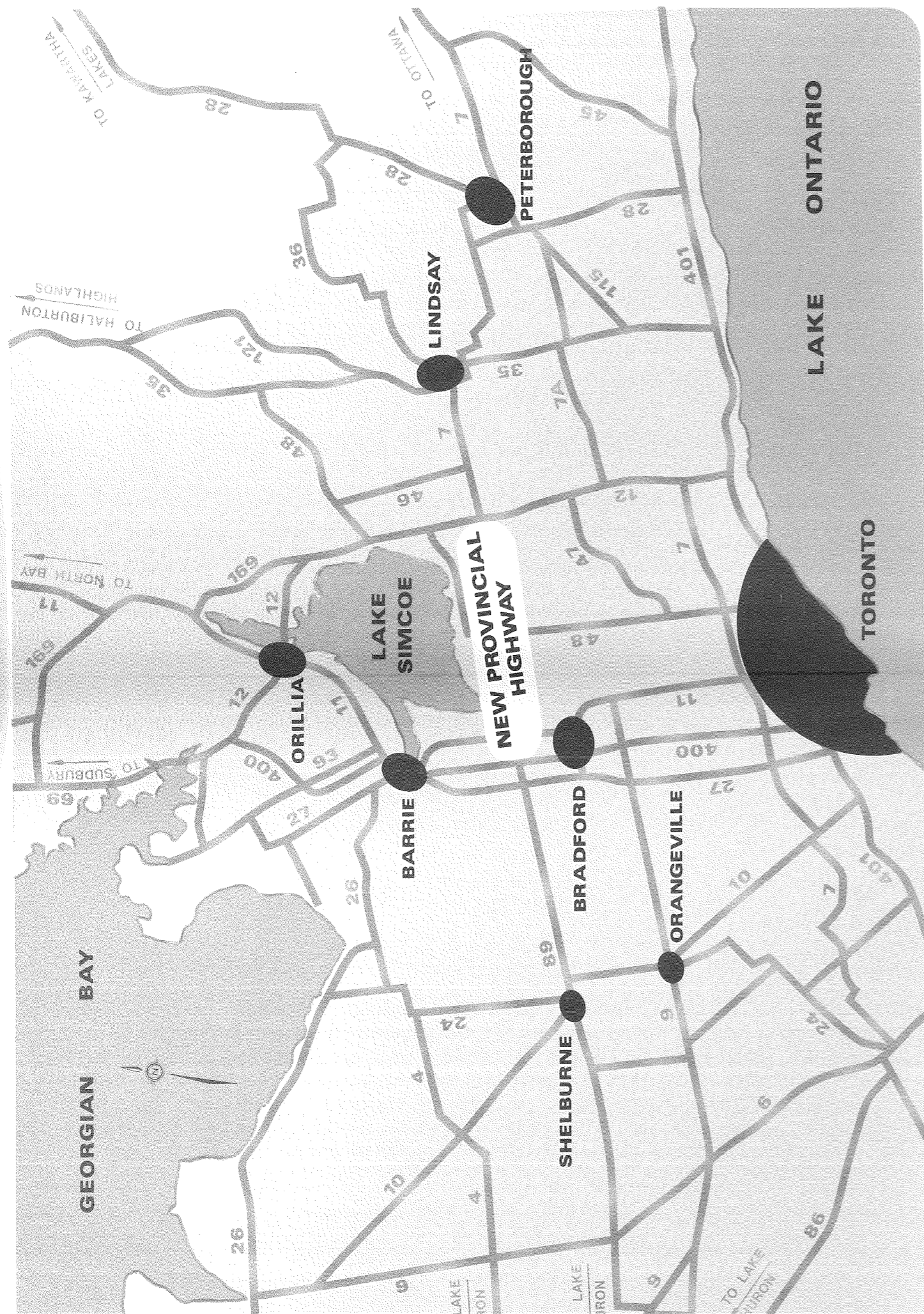
In this regard, a series of public information centres have been arranged. The places and times of these centres are indicated on the back of this brochure.

Following the information centres, the Ministry will assess the comments received from the public. These comments will be combined with the technical evaluations of the routes to select a preferred location for the highway. A public announcement regarding the selected route will then be made by the Ministry.

Subsequently the Ministry will submit to the Government of Ontario, an Environmental Assessment Report, as required under the Environmental Assessment Act, before starting Stage 3 of the study, i.e. Preparation of Detailed Plans.

So that the Ministry is aware of your comments before a route location is selected, you are urged to attend one of the information centres to examine the results of the analysis and to discuss the project with a representative of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications. The locations of the information centres are shown on the map below.





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- Stage 1 — Identification of Alternative Routes
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- Stage 3 — Preparation of Detailed Plans

Stage 1 of the study was completed in December 1977, when a series of public information centres was held to enable area residents to assist in the identification of route alternatives. Approximately 500 people attended these information centres. As a result of these information centres, a number of refinements and additions were made to the alternative routes.

The alternatives were then analysed by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and later evaluated by technical representatives of both the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and other provincial agencies. A second series of public information centres was then held in April 1978. Approximately 350 people attended these information centres to review the analysis and the results of the technical evaluation. Many of the people in attendance at the information centres provided both verbal and written comments on the relative advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives.

Stage 2, Selection of the Route has now been completed.

SELECTION OF ROUTE

The Selected route for the proposed Highway 89 Extension is shown on the map below.

This selection was made following an assessment of the results of a technical evaluation and after reviewing comments received from area residents, interest groups and municipal councils. The technical evaluation examined the following factors:

- Traffic
- Noise
- Property
- Staging
- Agriculture
- Cost
- Environment
- Aesthetics

The highway will be constructed in a number of sections. In this regard, the first section will be the Holland River crossing, linking Highway 11 to York Regional Road #12 (Sutton Rd.). The second section will be from Highway 48 to Highway 12 and the third Section to be constructed will provide the link between Highway 11 and Highway 400.

FUTURE STEPS

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications is now preparing an Environmental Assessment document for submission to the Government of Ontario for review, as required under the 1975 Environmental Assessment Act.

In addition this Act permits any organizations or individuals to review both the Environmental Assessment document and the Government review, and to submit comments through the Ministry of the Environment to the Government. The public may also request that a hearing be held provided that it is supported by valid reasons. The Environmental Assessment document and any comments received from public and private groups and individuals will be studied by the Minister of the Environment who will decide whether or not the Environmental Assessment should be approved, modified or rejected, or whether a hearing before the Environmental Assessment Board should be held to make these decisions.

Following approval or modification of this Environmental Assessment by the Government, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications will be proceeding with the preparation of more detailed plans to establish the extent of right of way required from each property along the selected route.

Before the detailed plans are finalized, a further series of public information centres will be arranged for interested parties. These meetings will be scheduled in 1979, after the review of the Environmental Assessment document has been completed and before any property negotiations are started.

