
Fact Sheet

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BORDER TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP FOCUSES ON AREA OF FURTHER STUDY FOR NEW BORDER CROSSING

The governments of the United States, Michigan, Canada and Ontario are moving forward in a Border Transportation Partnership to implement a long-range transportation strategy addressing the various challenges at the Detroit-Windsor Gateway.

The partnership is considering the entire border transportation system - river crossing, plaza and connecting road – to achieve an end-to-end solution that will best meet current and future mobility needs, while minimizing impacts on the surrounding communities and environment to the greatest practical extent. Continued evaluation of the alternatives will identify a single preferred option by mid-2007.

Of the 15 initial river crossing illustrative alternatives (see map), eight were eliminated in early October. With today's Border Transportation Partnership announcement, an additional five have been eliminated due to either impacts on existing communities or because of serious limitations in terms of practicality. More details on the technical data supporting the elimination of these additional options will be presented to the public at the end of November.

In the U.S., the analysis area extends upriver from Zug Island to the vicinity of the Ambassador Bridge but excludes twinning the Ambassador Bridge. In Canada, the area extends from Broadway to the vicinity of Watkins Street. It is in these two areas where previously-defined plazas, crossings and roadway connectors will be replaced with those to be defined in cooperation with the communities and stakeholders. That analysis will be supported by a host of detailed information on community fabric, engineering and environmental issues.

Community and Environmental Impact

The next phase of the study will examine the opportunities and challenges of the various practical alternatives within the identified analysis area in more detail, as part of the ongoing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. The technical team will actively engage the community and stakeholders in this process.

Public meetings will be held on December 5th to 8th to present the technical assessment and rationale behind today's Border Transportation Partnership announcement. The U.S. dates and locations are:

Monday, December 5, 2005
5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(presentation at 6:30 p.m.)
River Rouge High School
1460 Coolidge Hwy.
River Rouge, MI

Tuesday, December 6, 2005
5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(presentation at 6:30 p.m.)
Old HQ site
next to Sam's Club
Northline Road at I-75
Southgate, MI

Wednesday, December 7, 2005
5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(presentation at 6:30 p.m.)
Southwestern High School
6921 Fort Street
Detroit, MI

Thursday, December 8, 2005
5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(presentation at 6:30 p.m.)
Butzel Family Center
7737 Kercheval
Detroit, MI

The Canadian dates are as follows:

Tuesday, November 29, 2005
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Canadian Club Room
Windsor Cleary Centre
201 Riverside Drive West
Windsor, Ontario

Wednesday November 30, 2005
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Gymnasium, Holy Cross
Elementary School
2555 Sandwich West Parkway
LaSalle, Ontario

Thursday December 1, 2005
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Novelletto Rosati Complex
3939 Carmichael Street
Sandwich, Ontario

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