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The Border Transportation Partnership, comprised of the governments of Canada, the U.S., Ontario, and Michigan, is committed to providing an end-to-end solution for additional border crossing capacity in southwest Ontario-southeast Michigan that will be publicly owned in both countries.

The State of Michigan will own the U.S. portion of the bridge and the U.S. highway interchange; the U.S. inspection plaza will be owned by the State of Michigan and leased to the U.S. Federal Government; the Government of Canada will own the Canadian portion of the bridge and Canadian inspection plaza; and the Province of Ontario will own the Canadian access road.

The preferred delivery mechanism for the bridge is a public-private partnership in the form of a long-term concession agreement which will seek to maximize private sector participation and financing to avoid the use of taxpayer dollars. The intent is for the bridge to be financially self-sustaining from a reasonable toll charged to its users. It is envisioned that the owners will form a joint venture to oversee the concession contract with the private sector. The governments of Canada and the United States are committed to private sector involvement for any combination of the design, financing, construction, operations, and/or maintenance of the bridge crossing. The Partnership will provide oversight of any private sector participation to ensure a safe, secure and efficient international border crossing.