

Another Milestone for The Windsor-Essex Parkway

McGuinty Government Pleased with Federal Approval of DRIC Study

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Ontario today welcomed Canada's approval of the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) Environmental Assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

Ontario will continue to make significant progress on this major infrastructure initiative, including:

- starting preliminary work (initial construction) including a noise barrier and bridges in south Windsor
- furthering the process to identify a team to design, build, finance and maintain the Parkway by issuing the request for proposals (RFP) document to short-listed teams
- acquiring remaining necessary property
- implementing environmental mitigation strategies
- working with Canada, the U.S. and Michigan on the coordinated implementation of the new end-to-end border transportation system.

QUOTES

"This project – and the most extensive transportation environmental assessment ever undertaken in our province's history – is a once in a generation undertaking. Every person who participated in a community meeting, sent an email or letter, played a part in the creation of the Windsor-Essex Parkway. This project will bring jobs into Windsor immediately and position Windsor for future economic growth."

— Dwight Duncan, MPP – Windsor-Tecumseh

"Today's announcement means that we're closer to seeing 12,000 project-related jobs created. The Windsor-Essex Parkway is good news for our community, for the province and for Canada."

— Sandra Pupatello, MPP – Windsor-West

"Thanks to the input of our communities and the hard work of the team, we are now ready to move forward on this historic project - the Windsor-Essex Parkway."

— Bruce Crozier, MPP – Essex

QUICK FACTS

- The Windsor-Essex Parkway will be owned by the Ontario government and jointly funded by Canada and Ontario. It will be designed, built, financed and maintained by a private sector partner.
- Approval under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* was received in August, 2009.
- The new border transportation system will provide freeway to freeway access from Ontario's Highway 401, by way of The Windsor-Essex Parkway, to the interstate system in Michigan. The plan includes new Canada and U.S inspection plazas and a new, six-lane bridge.

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