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Windsor-Detroit Crossing Study Moves Forward

Lansing, February 15, 2005 - - A study to recommend a location for a new Detroit River crossing between Detroit and Windsor has entered the next phase.

This phase will include completion of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and making technical studies available for public review and comment by early 2007. A formal recommendation will be made in 2007 regarding the location of a new or expanded crossing. The environmental impact studies are being conducted to meet requirements of the U.S. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (OEAA), and Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA).

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), in coordination with the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, is leading the U.S. program. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is leading the Canadian program in coordination with Transport Canada.

"We are pleased that the process is moving toward a decision point. Beginning in March, local community representatives and their elected leaders will help MDOT identify and assess various alternatives," said State Transportation Director Gloria J. Jeff.

"This project is critical because international trade is essential to the economic and employment security of Michigan and the United States," Jeff said.

To add your name to a project update list, contact Mohammed Alghurabi, MDOT senior project manager, at 517-373-7674. Updates on study progress and consultation activities will be provided throughout the study phase and can be found on the Web at www.partnershipborderstudy.com.