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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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April 11th, 2006

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Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Transportation Context
3. Summary of Practical Alternatives
   a. Plazas and Crossings
   b. Routes
4. PIOH#3 Consultation Summary
5. Next Steps

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Key Milestones

Study Area Features, Opportunities & Constraints	April '05	Initial Public Outreach
Initial Set of Crossing Alternatives, Plaza Locations & Connecting Routes in Canada and the U.S.	June '05	PIOH1
Area of Continued Analysis	December '05	PIOH2
Specific Crossing, Plaza and Access Road Options	March '06	PIOH3
Results of Social, Economic, Environmental and Engineering Assessments	December '06	PIOH4
Preferred Crossing Location, Plaza Locations & Connecting Routes in Canada and the U.S.	Spring '07	PIOH5
Finalize Engineering and Mitigation Measures	Summer '07	PIOH6
Document Study and Submit for Approvals	End of '07	Public Review

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Practical Alternatives: Area of Continued Analysis (ACA)

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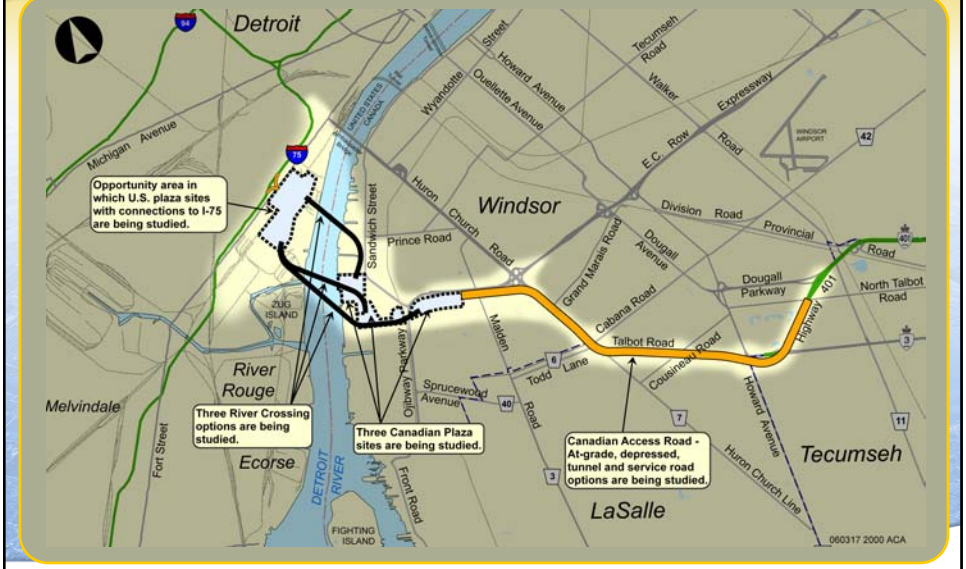
Crossing, Plaza & Route Alternatives



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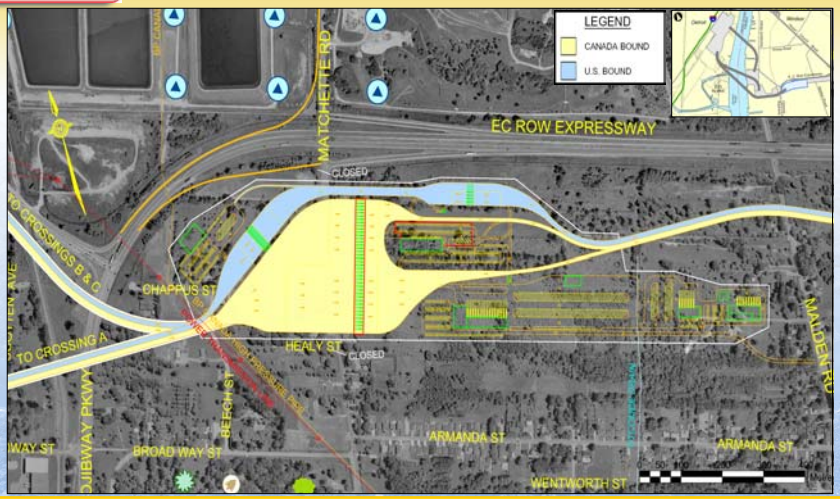
Inspection Plaza Alternative A



Area:	Approx. 35 ha (85 acres)	**Land Uses Directly Affected:**	Residential; Industrial; Commercial.
Primary Inspection Lanes:	20 Passenger; 19 Commercial.	**Displacements:**	66 Residential Existing; 19Residential Under Construction
Other Major Functions:	Secondary Inspection (Passenger/Commercial); Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (VACIS); Agriculture Inspection; Toll Facilities.	**Utility Easements/ROWs:**	Power Transmission Line; BP Canada High Pressure Pipe
		Realignments/Closures:	Chappus St.; Beech Street; Healy St.; Matchette Rd.
Can Connect with:	Crossings A, B & C		

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Inspection Plaza Alternative A

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Inspection Plaza Alternative B

Area:	Approx. 35 ha (85 acres)	**Land Uses Directly Affected:**	Brighton Beach; OPG Parking; Transformer Station; Nemak; OjibwayNatural Area.
Primary Inspection Lanes:	20 Passenger; 19 Commercial.	**Displacements:**	12 Residential; 1 Manufacturing; 1 Utilities
Other Major Functions:	Secondary Inspection (Pass/Comm); Supplementary Inspection (VACIS); Agriculture Inspection; Toll Facilities.	**Existing Easements/ROWs:**	Power Transmission Line
Can Connect with:	Crossings B & C	**Realignments/Closures:**	Water St; Scott Ave; Cole Ave; Audrey Ave; Sandwich St; Chappus St.; Page St.; Wright St.; Broadway St.; Healy St.; Reed Ave.; Dupont St.

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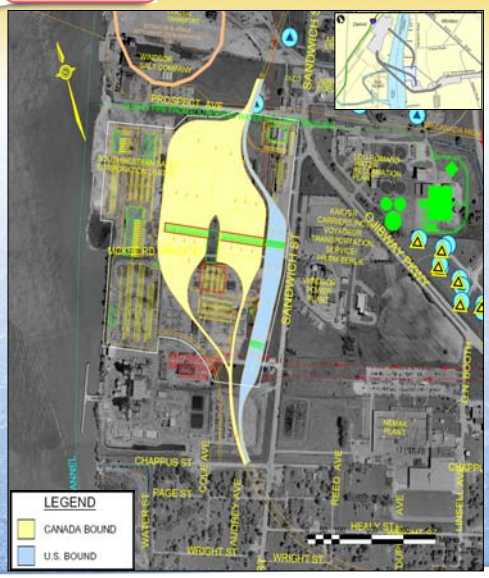
Inspection Plaza Alternative C



Area:	Approx. 35 ha (85 acres)
Primary Inspection Lanes:	20 Passenger; 19 Commercial.
Other Major Functions:	Secondary Inspection(Pass/Comm); Supplementary Vehicle Inspection (VACIS); Agriculture Inspection; Toll Facilities.
Land Uses Directly Affected:	Hydro One Transformer Station; Aggregate Operation; Windsor Salt; OPG Parking
Displacements:	Hydro One Transformer Station, Aggregate Operation; OPG Parking
Easements/ROWs Relocation:	Power Transmission Lines
Realignments/Closures:	Prospect Ave.; McKee St.; Euclid Ave.

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Inspection Plaza Alternative C

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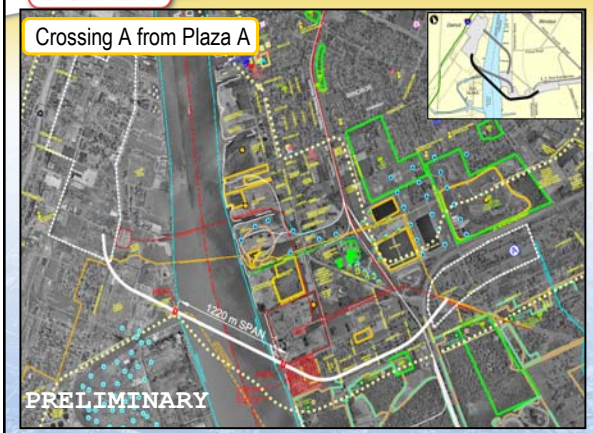
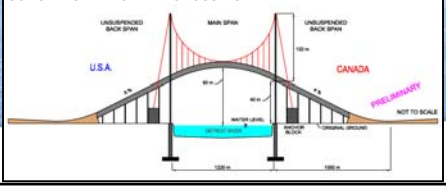
Crossing Alternative A



CONCEPTUAL PROFILE – CROSSING A



	Connecting to PLAZA A
Main Span Length:	1220 m
Number of Lanes:	6
Distance to Touchdown:	1000 m
Maximum Height over River:	50 m
Approx Height over River at Shoreline:	40 m
Approx. Height of Towers:	160 m
Distance from River to Plaza:	1740 m

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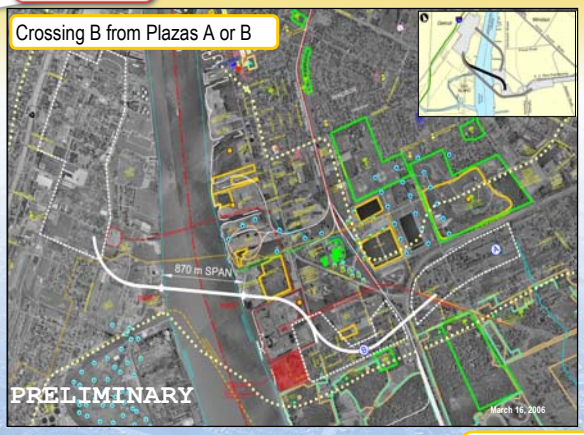
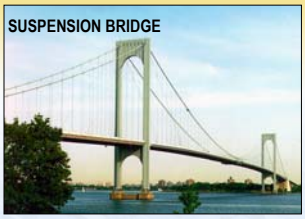
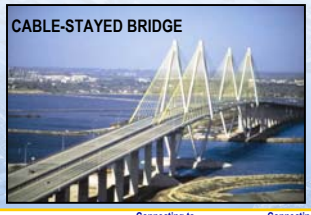
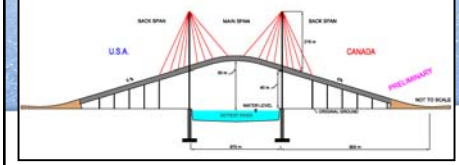
Crossing Alternative B







CONCEPTUAL PROFILE – CROSSING B AS CABLE-STAYED BRIDGE



	Connecting to PLAZA A	Connecting to PLAZA B
Main Span Length:	870 m	870 m
Number of Lanes:	6	6
Distance to Touchdown:	1120 m	975 m
Maximum Height Over River:	50 m	50 m
Height over River at Shoreline:	40 m	40 m
Height of Towers:	125–260 m	125–260 m
Distance from River to Plaza :	2120 m	760 m

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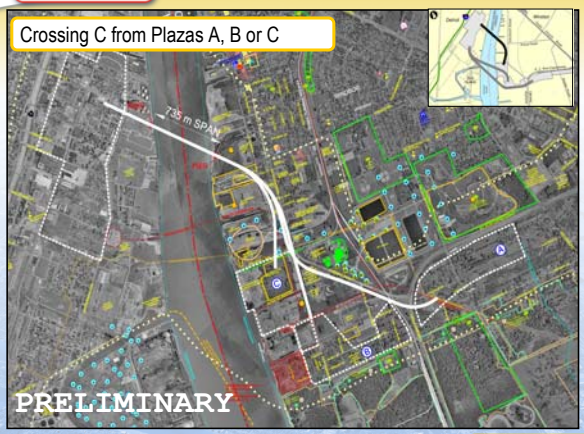
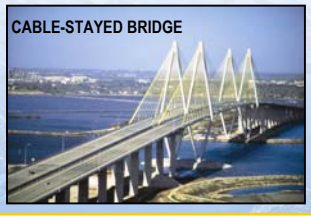
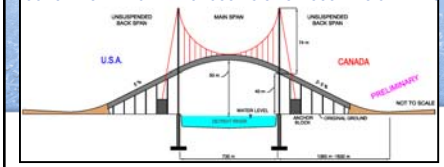
Crossing Alternative C





CONCEPTUAL PROFILE – CROSSING C AS A SUSPENSION BRIDGE



	Connecting to PLAZA A	Connecting to PLAZA B	Connecting to PLAZA C
Main Span Length:	735 m	735 m	735 m
Number of Lanes:	6	6	6
Distance to Touchdown:	1830 m	1920 m	1360 m
Maximum Height over River:	50 m	50 m	50 m
Height over River at Shoreline:	45 m (CAN)	45 m (CAN)	45 m (CAN)
Height of Towers:	115 – 225 m	115 – 225 m	115 – 225 m
Distance from River to Plaza:	2935 m	1955 m	1275 m

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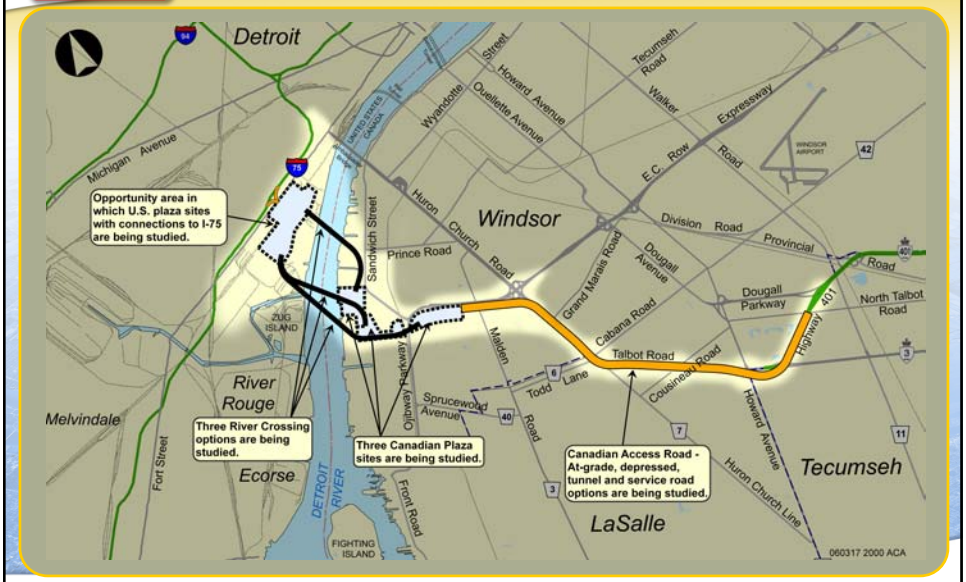
Crossing, Plaza & Route Alternatives



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Access Route Alternatives

1a

One-way service roads on either side of 6-lane freeway at grade.

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Access Route Alternatives

1b

One-way service roads either side of 6-lane freeway depressed.

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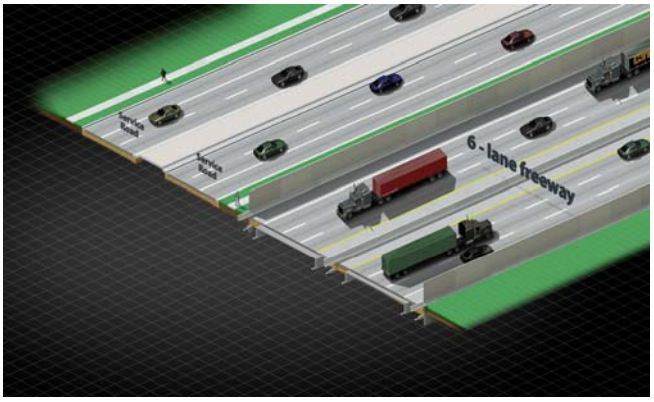
Access Route Alternatives



2a

Six-lane freeway at grade, along side Huron Church/Highway 3.

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Access Route Alternatives

2b

Six-lane freeway depressed, parallel to Huron Church/Highway 3.

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Access Route Alternatives

3

Cut and cover tunnel below rebuilt Huron Church Road/Highway 3 Corridor.

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PIOH 3

Public Information Open House Sessions:

Tuesday March 28, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Ciociaro Club

Thursday March 30, 2006
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Novelletto Rosati Complex

- Notices placed in local newspapers:

Tuesday March 14th	Wednesday March 15th	Saturday March 18th
Windsor Star*	Essex Free Press	Windsor Star
Amherstburg Echo	LaSalle Post	
Kingsville Reporter	Leamington Post	
Harrow News	Le Rempart	

- Notices sent to those on the project contact lists (1,200 ± individuals), as well as residents and businesses within 500m of the access road and plaza alternatives (7,500 ± addresses in the area of the ACA).
- Notices posted on electronic bulletin boards, in addition to public service announcements.
- Information is posted on the project website at www.partnershipborderstudy.com.

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Public Input Received at PIOH #3 Sessions

Common Themes - Plazas and Crossings

- Locate a crossing outside of Windsor; Amherstburg, LaSalle, Fighting Island; eastern areas
- Locate a crossing as far south from Sandwich as possible
- Minimize air and noise impacts
- Preserve natural areas (Ojibway, Black Oak)
- Keep plazas away from residential areas

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Public Input Received at PIOH #3 Sessions

Common Themes - Routes

- Illustrative Alternatives Evaluation Process; Consideration of Other Alternatives; Travel Demand;
- Consider Tunnel Options;
- Impacts of Alternatives to the Area Communities; Protecting Community Features;
- Safety; Emergency Access;
- Air Quality and Noise Impacts.

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What's Next? - Additional Analysis

Acoustical and Vibration

Consult with Agencies and Stakeholders

Conduct Practical Routes Noise Assessment

Develop Noise Mitigation Strategies

Air Quality

Consult with Agencies and Stakeholders

Conduct Practical Routes Air Quality Assessment

Present Results of Air Quality Assessment

Natural Heritage

Field Surveys – i.e. fisheries, migratory birds, and vegetation

Conduct Effects Assessment

Consult with Agencies and Stakeholders

Develop Mitigation Strategies

Social

Individual Household Interviews

Consultation with Residential Community Associations/Groups

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What's Next? – Additional Analysis

Archaeological

Prepare Stage One Documentary Survey

Consult with Agencies and Stakeholders

Conduct Stage Two Field Surveys at specific locations

Develop Mitigation Strategies

Built Heritage

Conduct Built Heritage Inventory

Consult with Agencies and Stakeholders

Develop Mitigation Strategies

Waste and Waste Management

Field Surveys – i.e. sites

Consult with Agencies and Stakeholders

Develop Waste Management Strategies

Economic

Individual Business Interviews

Consultation with Business Associations/Groups

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What's Next? - Additional Analysis

Technical

Conduct Geotechnical Surveys

Develop Preliminary Geometric Design

Consult with Municipalities, Agencies, and Stakeholders

Develop Geometric Design Mitigation Strategies

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Evaluation Factors

Factors	Performance Measures	
Changes to Air Quality	• Effect on concentration of particulate matter • Effect on concentration of gaseous pollutants	
Protection of Community and Neighborhood Characteristics	• Displacement of Residences and Social Features • Direct Impacts on Existing Businesses • Disruption to Residents and Social Features • Noise and Vibration Impacts • Community and Neighbourhood Impacts	• Traffic Impacts • Municipal Impacts • Displacement of Businesses • Disruption of Businesses • Other Effects on Businesses
Maintain Consistency with Existing and Planned Land Use	• Impacts to Land Use (existing and planned) • Impacts to Development Plans • Impacts to Contaminated Sites/Disposal Sites	
Protect Cultural Resources	• Impacts to Built Heritage Features • Impacts to Cultural Landscape Units	• Impacts to Parklands • Impact to Archaeological Features
Protect the Natural Environment	• Impacts to Ecological Landscapes • Communities/Ecosystems • Population/Species	• Surface Water/Groundwater Recharge Areas • Other Natural Resources
Improve Regional Mobility	• Assessment of Highway Network Effectiveness • Assessment of Continuous/ongoing River Crossing Capacity • Operational Considerations of Crossing System (River Crossing and Plaza)	
Minimize Cost	• Primary Construction Cost • Assessment of Constructability	

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Next Steps

Consultation with Municipalities, Agencies, First Nations Interest Groups and U.S. Project Team	**Ongoing**
Obtain Comments on Crossing, Plaza and Access Road Options	**March - April '06**
PIOH3 Meeting at Ciociaro Club	March 28
PIOH3 Meeting at Novelletto Rosati Complex	March 30
Workshop at Ciociaro Club *(Please Register to Attend)*	April 11
Workshop at Novelletto Rosati Complex *(Please Register to Attend)*	April 12
Assess Options	**Spring/Summer '06**
Meetings to be scheduled for May, June and August	
Other meetings upon request	
Present Results of Assessment	**Nov./Dec. '06**
PIOH 4 and Workshops	To be Scheduled
Present Selection of Technically and Environmentally Preferred Alternative	**Spring '07**
PIOH5 and Workshops	