

Statement of the Border Transportation Partnership on
Governance of the New/Expanded Detroit River International Crossing
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The Border Transportation Partnership, composed of the Federal Highway Administration, the Michigan Department of Transportation, Transport Canada, and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, is committed to providing additional border crossing capacity in Southwest Ontario-Southeast Michigan that is subject to appropriate public oversight in both countries. Just how that will be accomplished is still under discussion between the four partners. At this point, the Partnership is evaluating a variety of governance models. Alternatives include, but are not limited to:

- Government ownership with traditional capital procurement through a competitive bidding process.
- A concession agreement in which the private sector designs, builds, finances, and operates the facility under a long-term lease arrangement with the governments.
- Other options that may be appropriate and developed by the partners.

In order to benefit from alternative financing and procurement opportunities, the bi-national Partnership is examining possible forms of private sector collaboration and/or the possible establishment of a public entity, such as an authority.