

**NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF ONTARIO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**DETROIT RIVER INTERNATIONAL CROSSING STUDY**

The Canada-United States-Ontario-Michigan Border Transportation Partnership has completed the provincial Environmental Assessment for the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study. As required under section 6.2(1) of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act and according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment on September 17, 2004, the study team submitted its Environmental Assessment to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment on December 31, 2008 for review and approval.

Windsor-Detroit is the busiest commercial land border crossing in North America. Reliable roadway connections and border crossings are essential for the secure and efficient movement of people and goods in this strategic international corridor. Improvements are needed to provide alternatives in cases of major incidents, maintenance operations, congestion or other disruptions at any of the existing border crossings.

Through extensive technical studies and public consultation, the DRIC study team has identified The Windsor-Essex Parkway, along with a new customs plaza and international bridge in the Brighton Beach industrial area of west Windsor as the Recommended Plan. The DRIC study is a bi-national planning study being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act in Canada, and coordinated with the U.S. National Environmental Policy Act in the United States. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), in coordination with Transport Canada, has led the Environmental Assessment study in Canada, and retained URS Canada Inc. to assist in this undertaking.

The improvements recommended in this study include:

- A new six-lane freeway linking Highway 401 to a new inspection plaza and border crossing;
- 11 tunnels covering 1.8 km of the new freeway;
- A green corridor that provides more than 300 acres of parkland and 20 km of new recreational trails;
- A new four-lane service road;
- A new Canadian inspection plaza; and
- A new six lane bridge crossing the Detroit River.

As required under the Environmental Assessment Act, the Environmental Assessment will be available for public review and comment from Friday, January 9, 2009 to Friday, February 27, 2009.



The Environmental Assessment will be available for review during normal business hours at the following locations and can be downloaded from the study website at <http://www.partnershipborderstudy.com>

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Town of LaSalle**  
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LaSalle, Ontario  
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**Windsor Public Library  
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Windsor, Ontario  
Tel: (519) 255-6770

**LaSalle Public Library**  
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**Ontario Ministry of the Environment  
Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch**  
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Toronto, Ontario  
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**Ontario Ministry of the Environment  
Windsor Area Office**  
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**Ontario Ministry of the Environment West Region Office**  
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350 City Hall Square West  
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**URS Canada Inc.**  
75 Commerce Valley Drive East  
Markham, Ontario  
Tel: (905) 882-4401

Anyone wishing to provide comments on the environmental assessment must submit their comments in writing and/or by fax to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment by Friday, February 27, 2009. All comments must be submitted to:

**Catherine McLennon, Special Project Officer**  
**Ontario Ministry of the Environment**  
EA Project Coordination Section  
Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch  
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A copy of all comments will be forwarded to the proponent for its consideration. If you have any questions or need further information about this project, please contact:

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