

# Gordie Howe International Bridge

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## 9 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT... The Gordie Howe International Bridge

The Gordie Howe International Bridge project is the largest and most ambitious trade infrastructure project along the Canada-United States border. There are many things you should know about this once-in-a-generation undertaking. Here are just a few of them.

### 1 DIRECT CONNECTIONS

The Gordie Howe International Bridge is the only border crossing in Windsor-Detroit directly connected to both Ontario's  highway system and Michigan's interstate system. 

### 2 PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

The Gordie Howe International Bridge is publicly owned by Canada and Michigan. Stringent oversight is provided by WDBA.

### 3 COMMITTED FUNDING

The financing for the Gordie Howe International Bridge is secured as per the Crossing Agreement signed by Canada and Michigan.

### 4 CONSTRUCTION

Significant construction of the Gordie Howe International Bridge is starting in 2018.

### 5 PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES

\$350 million of preparatory activities are underway now in both Canada and the US.

### 6 PERMITS AND APPROVALS

All required permits and approvals have been received for the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. 

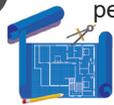
### 7 COMMUNITY BENEFITS

As a public project, Community Benefits are a requirement on the Gordie Howe International Bridge project and will be based on the principles of our I-CARE Framework. 

### 8 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Gordie Howe International Bridge is the result of thousands of hours of consultation with individuals, community groups, businesses, trade unions and other stakeholders on both sides of the border.

### 9 PROPOSALS

Right now an estimated 2,000 people from around the world are working on proposals to deliver the project. 

## ABOUT US

Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) is a not-for-profit Canadian Crown corporation which reports to Parliament through the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities. WDBA is responsible for the delivery of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project and will manage the procurement process for the design, build, financing, operation and maintenance of the new bridge between Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan through a public-private partnership (P3).

## PROGRESS UPDATE

On November 10, 2016, issued RFP to 3 teams of 41 companies



190 demolitions to date in US



560 workers to date at Canadian site



More than 25 km/15 miles of pipelines and cables relocated



4.6 km of exclusion fencing installed to protect wildlife



200 ideas submitted for possible community benefits to date



## AN AERIAL VIEW

Ongoing preparatory activities have significantly changed the landscape at the Canadian Port of Entry (POE) site since work began in 2015.

Watch the full flyover video from October 2017 on our YouTube channel.



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

WDBA invites you to attend its 2016-2017 Annual Public Meeting (APM). The purpose of the APM is to share information on our operations and activities for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, and to solicit feedback from the public.

Friday, November 24, 2017  
2:00 p.m.  
Capitol Theatre  
121 University Avenue West  
Windsor, Ontario  
Webcast: [www.wdbridge.com](http://www.wdbridge.com)



St. Joseph's Secondary School Construction Academy tour



Open Streets Detroit

## PEOPLE PROFILE

It takes a large and diverse team to deliver the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. WDBA employees are responsible for activities on both sides of the border. Karey Thatcher has worked for WDBA as an architectural project coordinator since February 2017. Born and raised in Windsor, Karey attended university in Windsor and Halifax, Nova Scotia.



### Q. What type of work are you doing on the Gordie Howe International Bridge project?

My days are never boring as there are many aspects to the position. The bridge is the centerpiece of the project but this crossing requires buildings to house the government agencies that protect the border and process goods. My role helps to ensure the two Ports of Entry are inviting and easily navigated by the travellers that will use them each day but still meet the functional needs of the agencies.

The buildings must complement the stature and aesthetic the new bridge is setting. During the bid process, it is important to ensure the proponents have technical information to conform with border agencies' requirements. It is one of my jobs to ensure this technical information is coordinated, accurate and clearly conveyed.

Q. What is the most rewarding part of working on the project? Knowing this project will become a landmark between the two countries is very rewarding. It is especially rewarding to know that this crossing could be one of the first experiences for a new-comer to Canada or the US. My goal is to ensure these buildings allow that experience to be pleasurable and memorable.

### Q. What do you wish other people knew about the project?

The Gordie Howe International Bridge project is more than just the bridge. Between the two Ports of Entry there is a combined total of 43,000m<sup>2</sup> (455,000 sq ft.) of floor space dedicated to traveller and cargo processing, border protection and bridge POE maintenance.