



Michigan Advance Construction Start

Yesterday, Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) announced that another significant milestone in the Gordie Howe International Bridge project has been reached with the start of Michigan advance construction.

The groundbreaking ceremony, held at the US Port of Entry site, saw delegates from all levels of government and key project representatives celebrating the start of advance work in Michigan, in preparation for full construction to start later this year.

Beginning in July 2018, Bridging North America, the Preferred Proponent selected to deliver the Gordie Howe International Bridge project, will begin advance construction at the US project sites, including at the bridge piers, on the lands that will become the US Port of Entry and at the Michigan Interchange. Bridging North America is able to undertake this work through a separate agreement.

In parallel to this work, Bridging North America and WDBA will continue to work toward finalizing the public-private partnership procurement process to reach Financial Close by the end of September. Once financial close is reached, Bridging North America will officially become WDBA's private-sector partner.

During the event officials had the following to say...

*"Today's milestone is an important step in the building of one of Canada's top infrastructure priorities. Along with the recent announcement of the Preferred Proponent, the reveal of the bridge design, and the advance construction that has been happening on the Canadian side, it is clear that progress is well underway towards full construction starting this Fall."*  
- The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

*"This is an exciting day for Detroit, Windsor, Michigan, Ontario, the United States, and Canada. After more than seven years of hard work, today we broke ground on what will be a thriving legacy named for a legend. Gordie Howe represented the best of Canada and the United States. And, thanks to the hard work of many people on both sides of the border, now this bridge to the future will represent our prosperous partnership for generations to come."*  
- Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan

*"Today is a testament to the hard work and dedication by WDBA and our project partners. Michigan advance construction sends a loud and clear message that we are at the ready and the Gordie Howe International Bridge project is moving ahead. Building of this critical piece of infrastructure is essential to the continued prosperity of Canada and the United States."*  
- Dwight Duncan, Chair, WDBA Board of Directors

*"Breaking ground on the Gordie Howe International Bridge marks a transformational moment for Detroit and Michigan. The bridge project will play a pivotal role in restoring Detroit to its role as the economic engine that powers our state. This bridge will create thousands of Michigan jobs in both the short and long term."*  
- State Rep. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit)

Watch the [live event](#) and learn more about [Michigan advance construction activities](#).

Public Information Meetings

You are invited to attend WDBA's upcoming Public Information Meetings on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, in Windsor, Ontario and Thursday, July 26, 2018, in Detroit, Michigan. Join us to learn more about preliminary plans for advance construction, introduce project representatives and provide an update on activities currently underway. Meetings will be open-house format with presentations taking place at 3:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. each day.

Wednesday, July 25, 2018  
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Mackenzie Hall, Court Auditorium  
3277 Sandwich Street  
Windsor, ON

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Thursday, July 26, 2018  
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Historic Fort Wayne  
6325 W. Jefferson Avenue  
Detroit, MI

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