

## Bridging North America Selected to Deliver Gordie Howe International Bridge Project

Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) announced today that Bridging North America has been selected as the Preferred Proponent to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.



Bridging North America was selected following a rigorous evaluation of the proposals submitted by the three Proponent teams invited to participate in the Request for Proposals (RFP) stage of the public-private partnership (P3) procurement process. The criteria evaluated included: project schedule management, the design and build approach, durability of the infrastructure, community benefits, operation, maintenance and rehabilitation plans, measures to ensure compliance with architectural criteria, and the robustness of the financing plan.

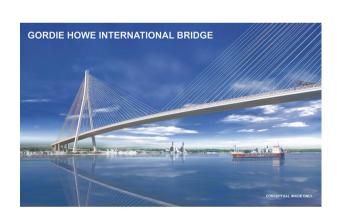
The entire process was overseen by a Fairness Monitor who provided an independent opinion confirming the fairness, openness and transparency of the process.

The project contract cost and timeline will be announced once Financial Close has been reached by the end of September 2018.

The new Gordie Howe International Bridge will provide for redundancy at the busiest trade corridor between Canada and the United States with improved border processing and highway-to-highway international connectivity. It also addresses future needs and will provide six lanes to meet the anticipated growth in traffic over the years to come.

## Bridge Design

Bridging North America has selected a cable-stayed bridge design for the Gordie Howe International Bridge. With a main span of 853 meters, this will be the longest cable-stayed bridge in North America with towers reviling the height of the Renaissance Centre. This bridge will be a landmark structure for this region and across North America.



Read more about today's announcement and watch the live video  $\underline{\text{here}}$ .

Don't forget if you're posting online about today's announcement use our hashtags #GordieHoweBridge and #HoweBridge2018.

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