



Holiday Greetings

On behalf of the staff of Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA), we would like to wish you happy holidays. We appreciate your ongoing interest and involvement in the Gordie Howe International Bridge project and look forward to updating you with more project news in 2019.



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9 Things to Know

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Our Progress During 2018

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- 1 PRIVATE-SECTOR PARTNER**
Following a rigorous procurement process, Bridging North America was selected as the successful private-sector partner to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.
 - 2 DESIGN**
Bridging North America selected a cable-stayed design for the Gordie Howe International Bridge. The bridge will be white in colour accompanied by artistic lighting that will highlight the elegant design of the bridge.
 - 3 OWNER'S ENGINEER**
Parsons Inc. was selected as WDBA's Owner's Engineer. Parsons will support WDBA through design review, providing technical advice and monitoring and overseeing the construction activities of Bridging North America through inspections, compliance reviews and audits.
 - 4 COMMUNITY BENEFITS**
A robust Community Benefits Plan is being developed that includes two key components – a Workforce Development and Participation Strategy aimed at Windsor area and Detroit area residents and businesses and Indigenous Peoples as well as a Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy aimed at providing supplementary betterments to communities adjacent to the project.
 - 5 PROPERTY**
97% of properties required for the US project site are in MDOT control and 80% of required residents and business relocations have been completed.
 - 6 DEMOLITION**
263 buildings have been demolished on properties under MDOT's control.
 - 7 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**
More than 220 meetings and events with stakeholders, businesses and residents were held throughout the year.
 - 8 START OF CONSTRUCTION**
WDBA marked the official start of construction on the Gordie Howe International Bridge project on October 5, 2018.
 - 9 COST AND CONSTRUCTION TIMELINES ANNOUNCED**
The \$5.7 billion project includes the Canadian and US Ports of Entry, the bridge and the Michigan Interchange. The project will be constructed over 74 months and open to traffic by the end of 2024.
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9 Things to Know About Our Progress During 2018, Prepared by Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority, December 2018

Holiday Hours

Please be advised that WDBA offices will be closed December 24-26, 2018, and December 31, 2018 to January 2, 2019. If project related questions or concerns arise please leave us a message at 1-844-322-1773 or email us at info@wdbridge.com and we will reconnect with you following the holidays.

Best wishes for a safe and happy new year,

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