


Twelve Months of Momentum for Gordie Howe International Bridge Project

During 2016, Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) made significant advances on both sides of the border towards the construction of the Gordie Howe International Bridge.

WINDSOR Early Works activities that are preparing the site of the Canadian Port of Entry (POE) are well underway.

The Canadian POE lands require remediation due to its soil conditions. Preparing the site now will ensure that the eventual private-sector partner will have a construction-ready site for the bridge and buildings.

Early Works **COMPLETED** during 2016

 22,000 m ² of seed and mulch placed as part of Broadway Drain enhancement	 More than 178,000 tonnes of fill to help soil consolidation placed	 Over 26,000 m ² of concrete poured for the perimeter access road (PAR)
 4.3 km of natural gas transmission line installed	 110 new utility poles placed	 3,000 m of storm sewers connected

COMMUNITY

More than **1,500** stakeholders attended over **50** events

WDBA continued stakeholder outreach activities including monthly Neighbour Meetings, quarterly Focus Group Meetings and community meetings and events.

In November 2016, WDBA entered into a strategic partnership with the University of Windsor and Michigan State University to undertake an economic opportunity study of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.

DETROIT

Soil conditions at the site of the US POE do not require the same preparatory work as needed on the Canadian side of the project.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), WDBA's partner, has concentrated on land acquisition, including survey work and preliminary site investigations, demolition and utility relocation.



MDOT is in possession of approximately **50** percent of land parcels for the US POE



PROCUREMENT

A significant milestone in the private-public partnership (P3) procurement process was also reached during the past year with the issuance of the Request for Proposals (RFP) to the three Proponent teams selected through the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) stage of the P3 procurement process.

A preferred proponent will be selected following a rigorous evaluation of the RFP submissions. Subject to reaching Financial Close and to appropriate approvals, this team will become WDBA's private-sector partner to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. It is anticipated that the RFP stage including Financial Close will be 18 months in duration.

