

## Progress to Date and Next Steps

Windsor-Detroit-Bridge Authority (WDBA) has invested over \$350 million to date in readying the Canadian and US lands required for construction of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. Much of this work has been completed by local companies and workers. More than 575 workers from over 50 companies have received environmental and, health and safety training allowing them to work on the Canadian site. In Michigan, 22 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) have been contracted to complete work at the US Port of Entry. Significant progress has been made in an effort to turn over a construction ready site to the Preferred Proponent – Bridging North America.

### Canadian Port of Entry

Work is well underway to prepare the Canadian Port of Entry site for construction of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project later this year. Take a look at some of the Canadian progress highlights achieved to date:

- 3 km (1.8 miles) of new access road for adjacent businesses and properties completed
- Over 1 million tonnes of fill - equivalent to 34 shiploads - have been placed to grade and sculpt the site.
- More than 27 km (almost 16 miles) of cabling has been relocated.
- Over 902 tonnes of waste material has been collected.
- 3 transmission towers have been constructed as part of the hydro transmission and distribution activities.
- Construction of 2 new stormwater management ponds and rehabilitation of the Broadway Drain is complete.
- Over 6 km (over 3.5 miles) of gas lines have been installed to meet current and future needs.
- To date, more than 4.6 km (almost 3 miles) of exclusion fence has been erected to limit access to the site by species at risk, other wildlife and people.

### US Port of Entry

Below are some highlights of progress achieved to date to prepare the US project site:

- 93 percent of properties required for US project components have been acquired/under control and required resident and business relocations have been completed.
- 255 buildings have been demolished on properties under MDOT's control.
- Over 30,000 ft (almost 6 miles) of electric cables have been installed.
- Over 6,640 cubic yards of debris has been removed from vacant parcels of land.
- Over 4,600 trees have been removed from lands already acquired for the project.
- Construction of eight new sewer crossings on a portion of I-75 has been completed.
- Over 1,600 ft (over half a mile) of pipes and box culverts have been installed.
- Over 7,700 ft (over 1.5 miles) of gas lines have been installed to meet current and future needs.

### Next Steps

#### Early Works

To take advantage of the summer 2018 construction season, an Early Work Agreement will be signed between Bridging North America and Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority. It is anticipated that Bridging North America will begin Early Work construction in July.

## **Financial Close**

Between now and September, partnership details will be negotiated as part of the contract with Bridging North America and once finalized, both parties will be legally bound and obligated to their commitments. The Project Agreement will be executed between Bridging North America and WDBA by the end of September 2018. Major construction will begin shortly after.

Over the coming months, Bridging North America also aims to:

- establish project offices in the communities of Windsor and Detroit
- invite suitable companies to submit proposals to provide supplies and equipment
- begin recruitment efforts to fill a variety of project-related roles.

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