

# The Gordie Howe International Bridge: Project Update and Potential Impacts on Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan Economy

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# The Canada-US Relationship

## Friends, Partners, Allies

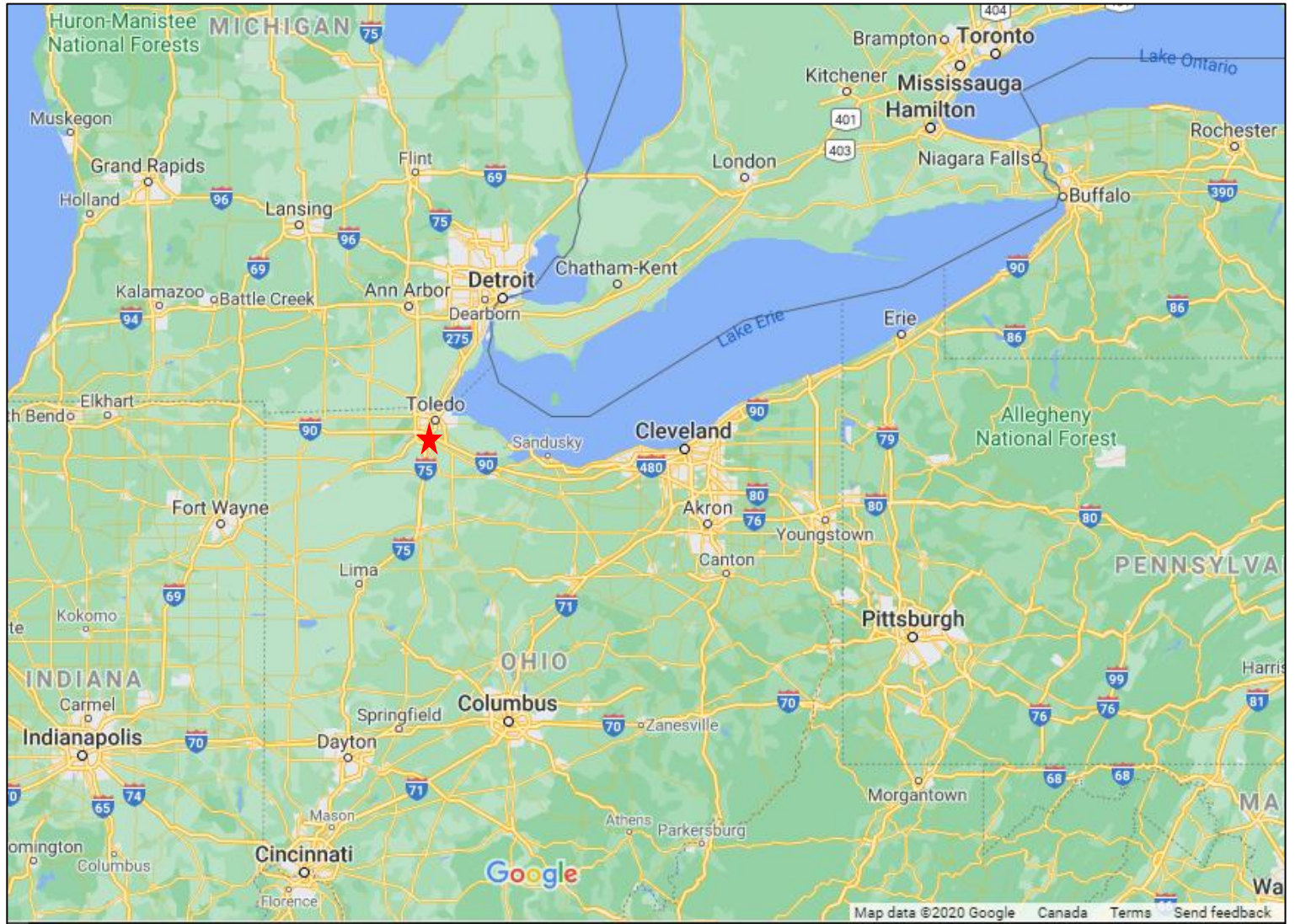
- \$2 bn goods & services trade and 400,000 people per day
- \$721 bn bilateral trade in 2019
- 9 million U.S. jobs depend on trade and investment with Canada
- Collaborative and reciprocal coordination on border travel
- Partners in USMCA.
- Highly integrated supply chains.



# Canada-Ohio Connections

## Trade and Investment

- 2019 Bilateral trade over \$32.5 bn.
- Vast majority of trade moves by truck.
- Ohio's exporters sell more to Canada than to next 8 foreign destinations, combined.
- Canada buys about 40% of Ohio's worldwide exports.
- 262 Canadian-owned companies have opened their doors in the Buckeye state.
- Canadian-owned companies provide about 25,000 jobs to Ohioans, and contribute to local and state tax base.



# Windsor-Detroit Crossings

## Traffic Volume:

- 2.5 mn trucks/year carrying 25% of all US-Canada trade
- 6,000 commuters cross border to work every day

## Infrastructure:

### Detroit-Windsor Tunnel

- 2 lanes (11,000 vehicles/day)
- Primarily passenger vehicle traffic

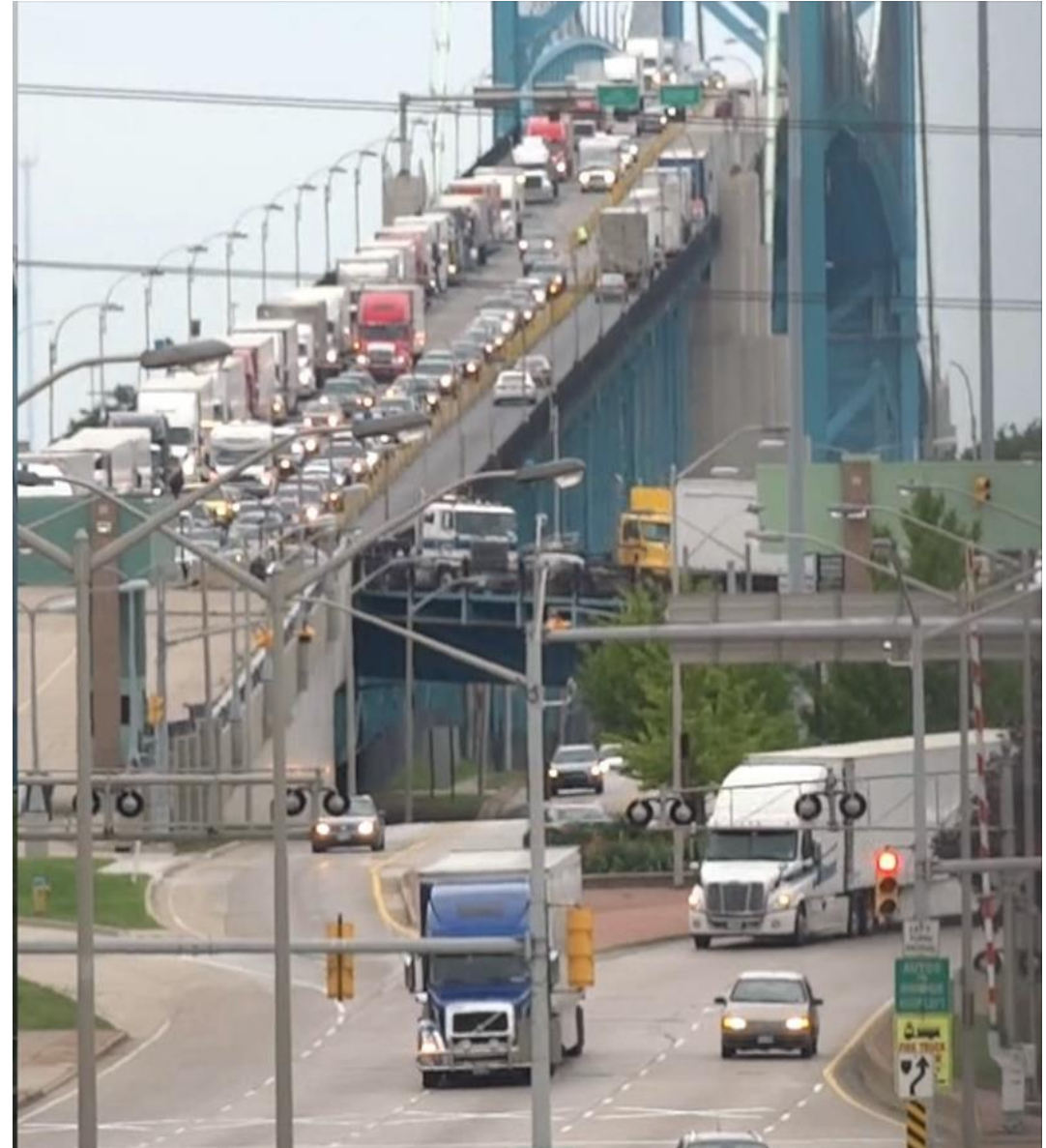
### CP Freight Rail Tunnel

### Detroit-Windsor Truck Ferry

- Trucks carrying hazardous materials

### Ambassador Bridge

- 4 lanes ( 19,000 vehicles/day)
- Customs plazas, designed in 1920s, congested & cannot be expanded
- In City of Windsor currently thousands of trucks per day travel 8 miles through 17 traffic lights on a city street before connecting to freeway.
- HazMat restricted.



# Need for a New Crossing

**Redundancy** – critical for economic security reasons

**Capacity** – six vehicular lanes, ped-bike facility, long-term travel needs

**Border processing capabilities** – larger plaza area to improve processing on both sides of the border

**System connectivity** – Highway-to-Highway from I-75 to 401; Hike and Bikeways



# Once-in-a-Generation Undertaking

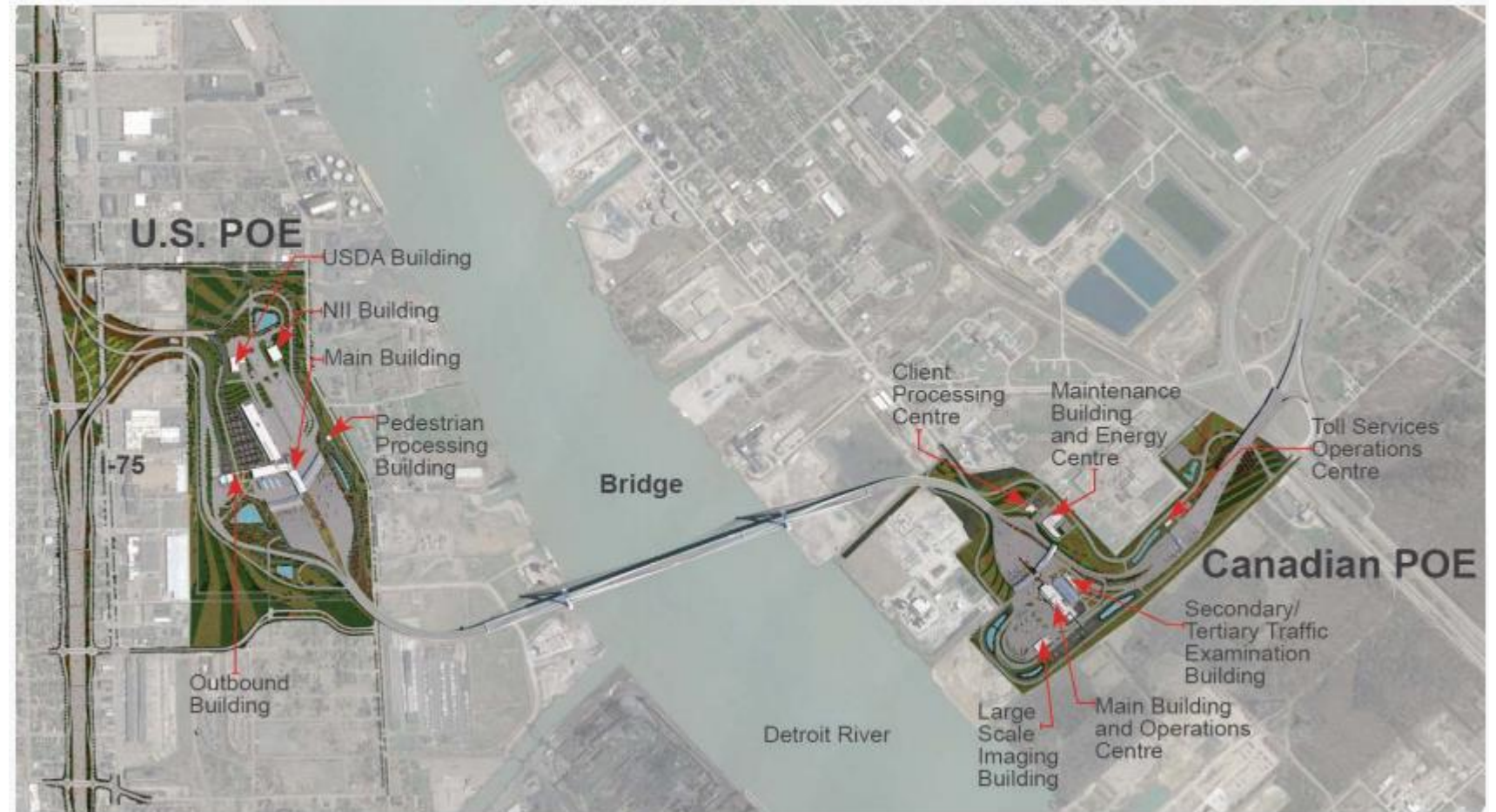
## Key Facts

- Publicly-owned by Canada and Michigan
- Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority
- \$C5.7 bn fixed price contract
- Public-Private Partnership with Bridging North America
- 2500 jobs estimated
- 74 month construction period
- 30 year operation period
- Open to traffic by end of 2024

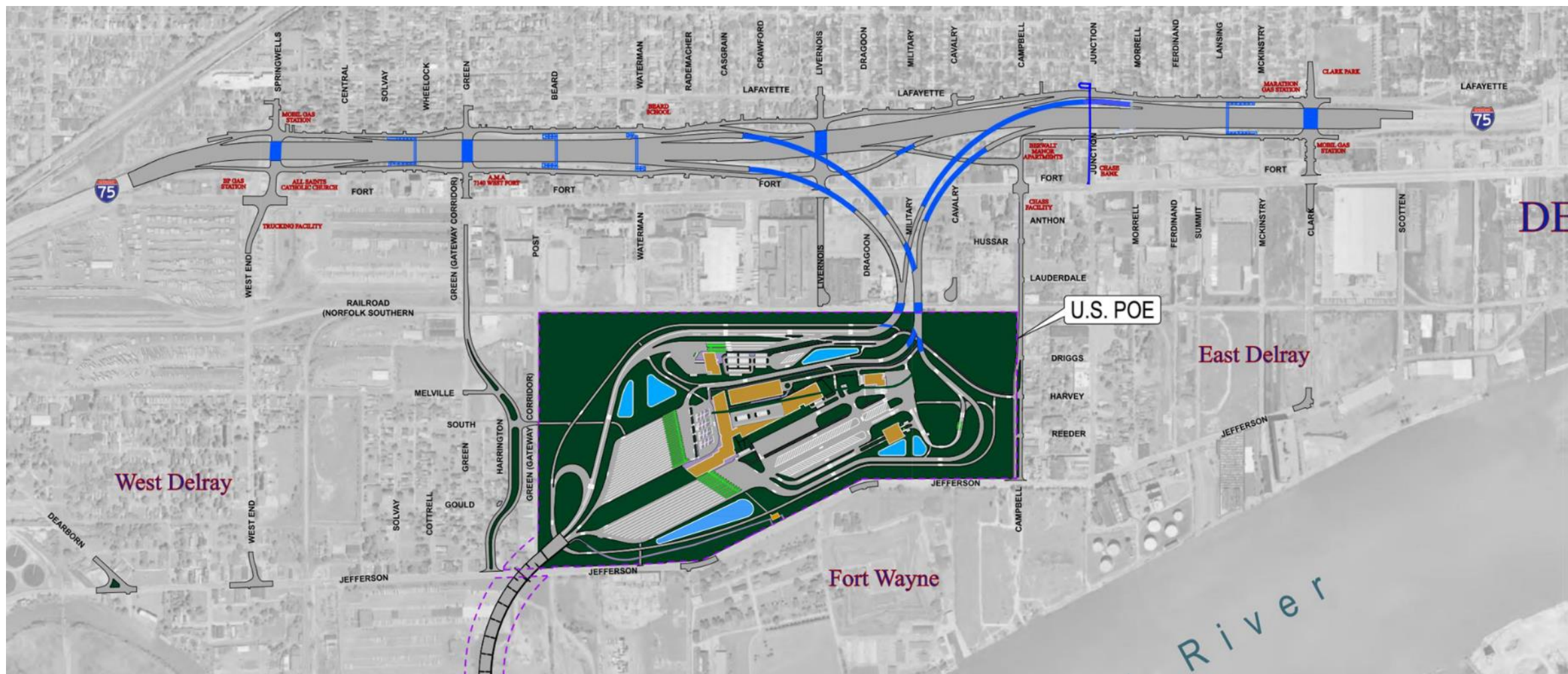


# Four Project Components

- Michigan Interchange
- US Port of Entry
- The Bridge
- Canadian Port of Entry



# I-75 Interchange



- 4 new primary connecting ramps to/from POE
- 4 bridges crossing railway
- 4 new road bridges over I-75

- 5 new pedestrian bridges over I-75
- Reconfiguration of service drives
- Widened roads at key intersections

# U.S. Port of Entry

- 167 acres
- 36 primary inspection booths
- 326,335 sq ft of building space
- 100 foot surrounding buffer with vegetation & public path



# The Bridge

- Cable-Stayed design
- 6 vehicle traffic lanes
- 1.5 miles long with a clear span of .53 miles
- No piers in the water
- 138 feet between the bridge deck and the Detroit River
- 772 feet tall main towers
- 123 feet wide, including 11.8 foot wide multi-use path
- Multi-use path will be toll free



# Canadian Port of Entry

- 132 acres
- 24 inspection booths
- 133,881 sq ft of building space
- 16 toll booths
- 24 landscaped acres



# Community Benefits

## **Workforce Development and Participation Strategy**

- Local hiring and contracting

## **Neighborhood Infrastructure Strategy**

- \$20 million investment focused on local priorities



# Key Contacts

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