

New information from Gordie Howe International Bridge project team

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Good afternoon,

Here are a few things we wanted you to know about:

Underground Railroad Commemorative Artwork to be Included at the Gordie Howe International Bridge

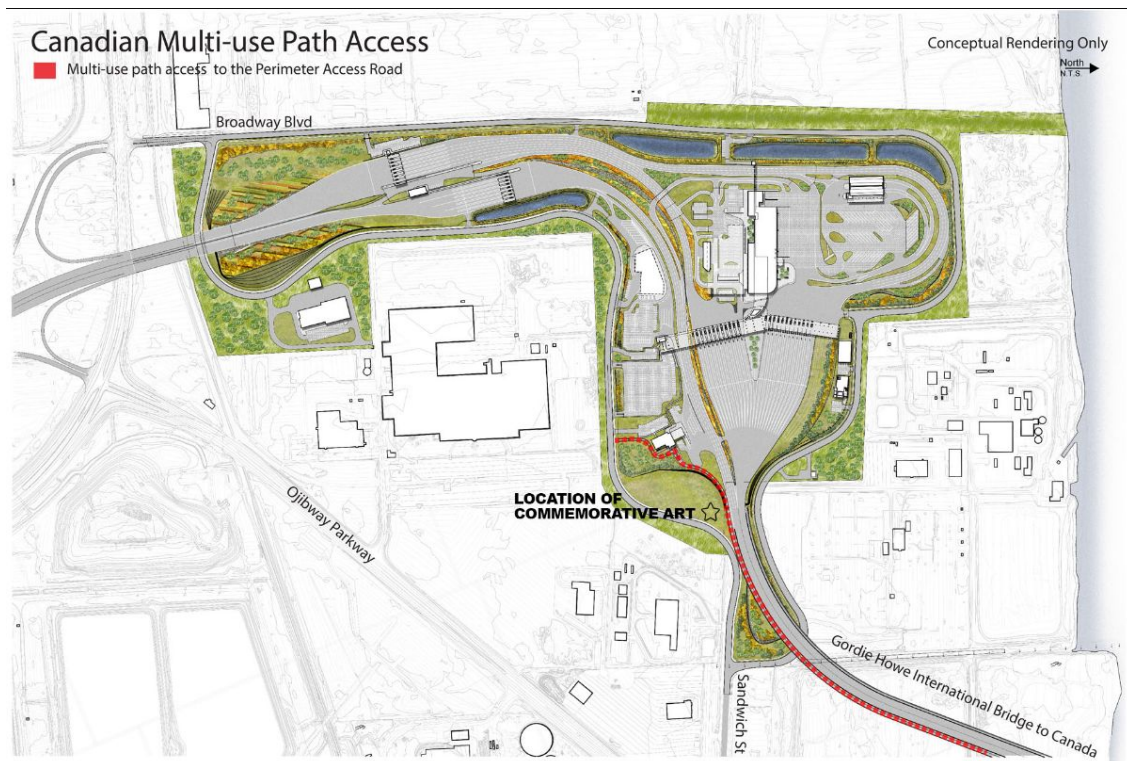
The location of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project is deeply rooted with rich cultural history. The Underground Railroad that saw thousands escaping from slavery crossing the Detroit River to gain freedom in the community of Sandwich in Windsor, Ontario, is an integral part of that cultural history. The area remains home to descendants of those who made this journey.

A new art commission commemorating the location as a destination point on the Underground Railroad will be installed at the Canadian Port of Entry, in an accessible area, where people can gather to reflect on the sacrifices made in the quest for freedom. Read more [here](#).

This month, the project team will launch a request for qualifications for professional Canadian artists of the Black, African and Caribbean diaspora living and working in Canada interested in the commission. Details on the process are available on the project [website](#).

Artist selection is anticipated to be complete in summer 2023. The final art concept will be unveiled in late 2023, with installation coinciding with the opening of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.

WDBA appreciates the assistance of the [Detroit River Project](#) and the [Essex County Black Historical Research Society](#) in the development of this commission.



Public Information Meetings This Month

Join us for Gordie Howe International Bridge Public Information Meetings. We will be at El Kiosko Banquet Hall in Detroit on March 22, 2023, and at Mackenzie Hall in Windsor on March 23, 2023. Hear the latest updates on Community Benefits and construction progress on Canadian and US project components. Presentations will take place at 3:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. followed by a question and answer session.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS



Wednesday, March 22, 2023
 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 El Kiosko Banquet Hall
 7271 Dix Street
 Detroit

Thursday, March 23, 2023
 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Mackenzie Hall
 3277 Sandwich Street
 Windsor

Questions will be accepted in advance, during, and following the event.
 To submit your questions in advance, email us no later than March 20,
 2023, at info@wdbridge.com.

Canadian Bridge Stay Cable Installation

You watched our video showing the start of stay cable installation for the Gordie Howe International Bridge on the US side of the project. Check out this new video of the stay

cable installation on the Canadian side. A new gallery is available on the project website [here](#).



US Photo Galleries

New photos from the US Port of Entry, bridge site, and Michigan Interchange have been posted on the project [website](#). Tell us what you think.





Community Newsletter Now Available

The February community newsletter is now available on the project website. Read about the start of stay cable installation, public art, community involvement and more [here](#).



The Gordie Howe International Bridge project between Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan will help move goods and people more efficiently at this important trade gateway. Managed by Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) and working in collaboration with the State of Michigan, the project is being delivered through a public-private partnership (P3) which will see Bridging North America design, build, finance, operate and maintain the bridge.

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START OF CABLE INSTALLATION

In January, Bridging North America started stay cables installation on the Gordie Howe International Bridge. This is an integral part of the bridge's cable-stayed design and signals significant progress as the team works towards the bridge's completion. In total, 216 stay cables – 108 pairs from each tower – will support the weight of the bridge.

Last summer, crews began installing structural steel anchor boxes into the bridge towers. The anchor boxes will secure the stay cables that connect the towers to the bridge deck and road deck. Seventy boxes will be installed in the two bridge towers, with 35 on each side.

A stay cable includes a number of rope-like metal strands housed in a pipe. Each stay cable on the Gordie Howe International Bridge will have between 38 and 122 strands inside depending on the location. Once complete, more than 16,000 strands will be used to connect the bridge towers to the deck.

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