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:

2021 Community Organization Investment Recipients Announced

The Gordie Howe International Bridge project announced eight recipients of the $100,000 (CDN) 2021 Community Organization Investment initiative that is part of the project's Community Benefits Plan. Four Windsor and four Detroit initiatives received funding:

Across the River to Freedom: Early Black History in Sandwich
- Organization: Essex County Black Historical Research Society

Women Can Summit Series
- Organization: Border City Athletics Club

A Bridge to Play McGivney: New Accessible Ramp
- Organization: The John McGivney Children’s Centre

Sandwich Community DiverCity BBQ
- Organization: Windsor Police Services

Community Recreation Service Center
- Organization: First Latin American Baptist Church

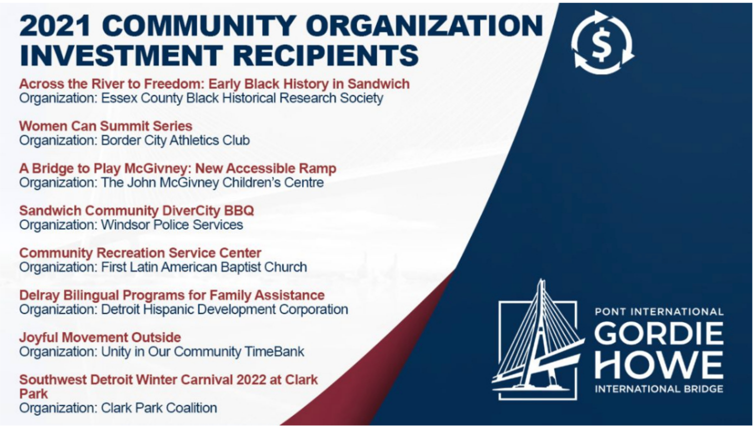
Delray Bilingual Programs for Family Assistance
- Organization: Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation

Joyful Movement Outside
- Organization: Unity in Our Community TimeBank

Southwest Detroit Winter Carnival 2022 at Clark Park
- Organization: Clark Park Coalition

Through the Community Organization Investment initiative, $100,000 (CDN) in funding will be available each year from 2020-2024. The call for applications is expected to open in late fall of each year and funding will be released to successful applicants the following July.

This initiative is one of over 25 that is being delivered as part of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy of the Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan. This strategy, along with the Workforce Development and Participation Strategy, work to provide lasting and meaningful opportunities and outcomes for the communities of Sandwich and Delray. For additional information, please click here.



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Virtual Meet A Machine Event

Meet A Machine took place virtually this year. How many giraffes would it take to reach the height of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project's tower crane? Watch our kid-friendly tower crane video below.

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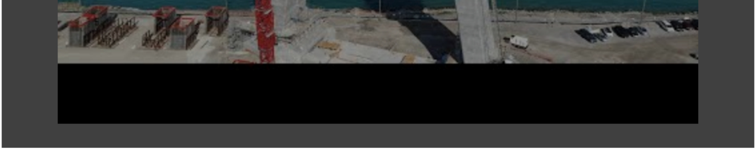
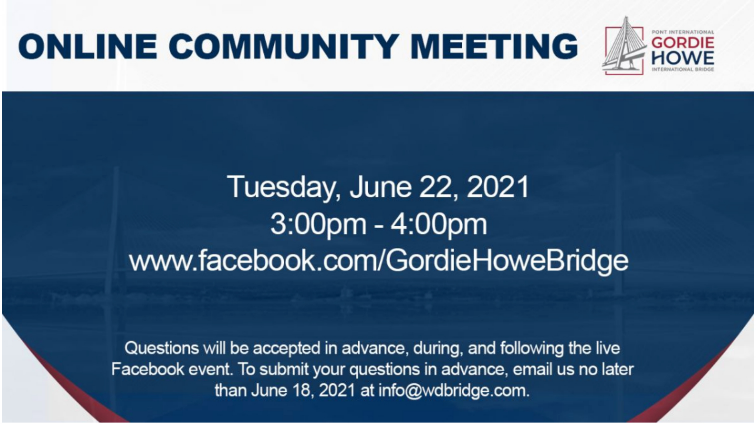


Virtual Community Meeting

Join us online for a Community Meeting, June 22, 2021, to hear the latest updates on design and construction progress on the Canadian and US project components, along with highlights from Community Benefits Plan implementation.



ONLINE COMMUNITY MEETING

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Tuesday, June 22, 2021
3:00pm - 4:00pm
www.facebook.com/GordieHoweBridge

Questions will be accepted in advance, during, and following the live Facebook event. To submit your questions in advance, email us no later than June 18, 2021 at info@wdbridge.com.

High Profile Tower Construction

The towers for the Gordie Howe International Bridge will pierce the Windsor-Detroit skyline. But do you know how they are built? Read our spotlight story that details the construction of the towers in Canada and the US.

Traffic Disruptions in Southwest Detroit

As construction of the Michigan Interchange continues, Bridging North America will temporarily close northbound I-75, and then southbound I-75 to support the reconstruction works for Springwells, Livernois, and Clark Bridges.

June 18, 2021

- Three left lanes on northbound I-75 will close between the Springwells exit-ramp and Clark Street, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

June 18 - 21, 2021

- Northbound I-75 will close between the Springwells exit-ramp and Clark Street.

June 25, 2021

- Three left lanes on Southbound I-75 will close between the Clark exit-ramp and Springwells/ southbound I-75 entrance-ramp, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

June 25 - 28, 2021

- Southbound I-75 will close between the Clark exit-ramp and Springwells/ southbound I-75 entrance-ramp.
- The Vernor Highway on-ramp to southbound I-75 will close.
- All lanes of the Ambassador Bridge on-ramp at southbound I-75 will close.

I-75 Traffic Between I-275 and I-75 Interchange and I-94 and I-75 Interchange Detour:

- Northbound Traffic: Northbound I-75 Traffic will be detoured around the project via northbound I-275 to eastbound I-96 for the northbound motorists.
- Southbound I-75 traffic will be detoured around the project via westbound I-96 to

southbound I-275 for the southbound motorists.

Local-Bound Traffic Detour:

- Northbound Traffic: Traffic will be reduced to one lane and exit at northbound I-75/Springwells Street exit ramp, continue south on Springwells Street, east on Fort Street, north on Clark Street, then rejoin northbound I-75 through Clark/northbound I-75 on-ramp.
- Southbound Traffic: Traffic will be reduced to one lane and forced to exit at Clark Street southbound I-75 exit ramp, continue on southbound I-75 Service Drive, north on Clark Street, west on Vernor Highway, south on Junction Street, east on Fort Street, south on Green Street, west on Jefferson Avenue, north on Dearborn Street then rejoin southbound I-75 through Dearborn/southbound I-75 on-ramp.
- Southbound Traffic Alternative Detour: Traffic will be reduced to one lane and forced to exit at Clark Street southbound I-75 exit ramp, continue on southbound I-75 Service Drive, north on Clark Street, east on Vernor Highway, south on the southbound I-75 Service Drive, south on West Grand Boulevard, west on Fort Street, south on Green Street, southwest on Jefferson Avenue, and north on Dearborn Street to the Dearborn on-ramp to southbound I-75.

Vernor Highway On-Ramp to Southbound I-75 Detour:
Vernor Highway on-ramp to southbound I-75 freeway: Southbound motorists from southbound I-75 Service Drive will be detoured to continue on southbound I-75 Service Drive, south on West Grand Boulevard, west on Fort Street, south on Green Street, west on Jefferson Avenue, north on Dearborn Street then take Dearborn on-ramp to southbound I-75.

Ambassador Bridge Ramp to Southbound I-75 Detour:
Traffic from the Ambassador Bridge to southbound I-75 will be detoured to I-96 westbound, take the exit 191 to Michigan Avenue, west on Michigan Avenue, south on the southbound I-75 Service Drive, south on West Grand Boulevard, west on Fort Street, south on Green Street, southwest on Jefferson Avenue, and north on Dearborn Street to the Dearborn on-ramp to southbound I-75.

Big Picture View of I-75 Service Drive Closures:
From a big picture standpoint, closing the Northbound Service Drive from Waterman to Clark is critical for the ramp and service drive reconstruction, as well as the future opening of the Livernois, Clark and Springwells bridges. The Livernois, Clark and Springwells bridges are expected to open in fall of 2021.

Long-term Service Drive closures will be in place as follows:

- Waterman to Dragoon Service Drive closure until summer of 2022.
- Dragoon to Clark Service Drive closure until winter of 2022.

Springwells Street:

- Northbound Springwells Street will close daily between southbound I-75 Service Drive and Olivet Street as needed.
- Southbound Springwells Street will close daily between southbound I-75 Service Drive and Olivet Street as needed.
- Eastbound Olivet Street will close daily between 125’ West of Springwells Street to

Springwells Street as needed.

- Westbound Olivet Street will close daily between 125’ West of Springwells Street to Springwells Street as needed.

Northbound I-75 Service Drive between Waterman Street and Dragoon Street:

- Livernois exit-ramp at Northbound I-75 will close over a long-term period, starting at 7 a.m. on June 15, 2021.
- The Northbound I-75 Service Drive will close between Waterman Street and Dragoon Street over a long-term period starting at 7 a.m. on June 15, 2021, to August 1, 2022.

Northbound I-75 Service Drive Detour:
Northbound I-75 Service Drive traffic at Waterman Street heading to Northbound I-75 Service Drive will be detoured South on Waterman Southbound, East on Fort Street, North on Clark Street Northbound, then to Northbound I-75 Service Drive or Clark on-ramp to I-75.

Livernois Exit-Ramp at Northbound I-75 Detour:
Northbound I-75 traffic heading to Clark Street will be detoured to take Springwells exit-ramp, South on Springwells Southbound, East on Fort Street, then to Clark Street.

West End Street:
West End street will remain closed between Fort Street and Melville Street until July 9, 2021. Local traffic and business traffic will have access to West End street between Norfolk Southern Railroad to Melville Street.

West End Street and Fort Street Detours:

- Local motorists traveling northbound on West End Street will be detoured east on Melville Street, north on Green Street and west on Fort Street.
- Motorists on West Jefferson Avenue will be detoured north on Green Street and West on Fort Street.
- Motorists on Fort Street will be detoured south on Green Street and west on West Jefferson Avenue. This detour will be utilized by Historic Fort Wayne Traffic to access West Jefferson Avenue.
- Detroit Truck Ferry traffic will be detoured west on Fort Street, south on Dearborn Street and east on West Jefferson Avenue.

For a full listing of road closures visit: GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com/en/road-closures.

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