

9 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT...

INTEGRATED BENEFITS ON THE GORDIE HOWE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PROJECT

The Community Benefits Plan is only one aspect of a host of integrated benefits the Gordie Howe International Bridge project will bring to the communities on both sides of the border. As a result of the incorporation of community voices into the overall Project Agreement, the host communities will experience significant improvements creating a network of benefits and incentives to be leveraged by the greater region. Here are just a few of the integrated project benefits:

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IMPROVED CONNECTIONS

The project will deliver much-needed transportation improvements for international travellers including commercial and passenger vehicles and pedestrians/cyclists. The project will provide increased capacity at the busiest commercial land-border crossing in North America along with seamless highway-to-highway connectivity and efficient border processing.

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AESTHETIC DESIGN

The Gordie Howe International Bridge will have a permanent influence on Windsor's and Detroit's skyline in its role as a new gateway symbol for Canada and the United States. As such, aesthetics have been considered for all aspects of the project. The distinct design for the cable-stayed bridge responds to its unique Windsor/Detroit context and it achieves a high level of aesthetic quality, at a distance and up close, by day and by night.

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LANDSCAPING

Native vegetation, including the restoration of a Carolinian landscape, will be used throughout the Canadian POE lands. The vegetation will support the protection and expansion of adjacent natural areas. Landscape plantings at the US POE will provide multiple benefits including stormwater management, slope stabilization and will enhance aesthetics. For the Michigan Interchange, trees and shrubs will be planted in groupings to achieve restoration compatible with the surrounding neighbourhood context.

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UTILITY RELOCATION AND REPLACEMENT

Existing utilities, such as telephone, cable, and electricity transmission lines are being relocated to make way for the bridge and Port of Entry facilities. This work includes the replacement of aging infrastructure with capacity for future growth. This work, while necessary for the project, provides a direct benefit to consumers through enhancements of utility infrastructure that service their homes.

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MINIMIZING IMPACTS

As part of the project, mitigation measures will be taken to lessen the effects of construction in accordance with commitments in the approved Federal Screening Report in Canada and the Environmental Impact Statement in the US. This includes noise, dust, traffic, vibration and environmental impacts.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is recognized throughout the design, construction and future operations of the project to ensure social, economic and ecological processes are maintained or enhanced. This includes maintaining safety and security, designing for durability, conserving resources, and protecting the natural environment.

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MULTI-USE PATH

As a result of public consultation, project requirements were revised to incorporate a 3.6 metre/12-foot-wide dedicated multi-use path to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists across the Gordie Howe International Bridge and connect into adjacent local road and trail networks.

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LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Approximately \$12 million (CDN) will be invested into local municipal road improvements on each side of the border in addition to the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy initiatives identified as part of the Community Benefits Plan.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The project team is committed to ensuring the communities have useful information and ample opportunity to be involved in the project. Public outreach and extensive communications will continue throughout design and construction. Staff are available to answer questions and concerns through the toll-free public inquiry line, 1-844-322-1773, via email to info@wdbridge.com, or in person at our Community Offices located in Sandwich and Southwest Detroit.

