

TBWG: Border Technology Working Group
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Summary of Discussion and Next Steps

- Very good discussion that highlighted a number of concerns/needs:
 - Identification of technologies and agencies that use technologies at or near the border;
 - Identification of priorities of these various agencies;
 - Need to ensure interoperability of technologies;
 - Need to develop a process for institutional cooperation and coordination to ensure decision-making related to the selection of technologies by individual agencies will result in interoperability.
- Discussion included possible work that TBWG could do in this area reviewed conducting pilot projects to demonstrate the value of ITS technologies at particular border crossings versus work that would establish a “border architecture” for ITS.
 - While pilots were not necessarily ruled out, the emerging consensus was that the focus of TBWG work ought to first and foremost be on the development of an architecture for the border.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Spencer/Transport Canada and Onder/FHWA to draft an *action plan* for work on a “border architecture” for ITS. Draft to be circulated to members of this working group.
 - Elements of the plan would cover:
 - A compendium of technologies currently in place at all border crossings. The compendium will include:
 - A description of the level of development of those technologies;
 - An identification of border stakeholders (public/private); and
 - Experiences with technologies.
 - A “scoping of work” for the development of a border architecture for ITS
 - Establishment of a *committee* (coordinated by TC/FHWA) comprised of representatives of border agencies to coordinate work on the development of a border architecture for ITS in a timely fashion, in recognition of the tight time pressures faced by many of the key border agencies.
 - Consideration of a *possible pilot project* that would demonstrate ITS technologies in view of the newly created border architecture.