

Agenda
Transportation Border Working Group Plenary Meeting
Niagara Falls, Ontario
October 23 – 25, 2006

DAY ONE, Monday, October 23
Canadiana Room

9:30 – 17:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Optional GSA/CBSA Project Status Meeting <i>Leads: Ralph Scalise, Project Coordinator, General Services Administration</i> <i>Claude B��land, Director General Infrastructure and Environmental Operations, Canada Border Services Agency</i></p>
12:30 – 14:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Trade and Traffic Data Information Exchange <i>-Presentation by BTS on border traffic trends and data collection activities in association with Border Delay</i> <i>Leader: Alicia Nolan, Northern Border Coordinator, Federal Highway Administration</i></p>
14:00 – 14:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Border Freight Scoping Study <i>Scott Smith, Operations Research Analyst, US Department of Transportation</i></p>
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break
15:00 – 17:00	<p style="text-align: center;">BIFA Training Course <i>- Discussion of the proposed agenda for the training course, as well as the selection of the date/location for the BIFA course.</i> <i>- Selection of proposed locations for a BIFA pilot project, to be used as an example of how to apply the BIFA for a specific project/environment during the training course.</i> <i>Leaders: Crystal Jones, Transportation Specialist, Federal Highway Administration</i> <i>Jonathan Sabeau, Policy Advisor, Transport Canada</i></p>
19:00 – 21:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Optional Evening Reception with Cash Bar <i>Huron Room</i></p>

DAY TWO, Tuesday, October 24, 2006
Canadiana Room

07:30 – 08:30	Registration/Breakfast
08:30 – 08:45	Call To Order, Welcome <i>Isabelle Trepanier, TBWG Co-Chair, Transport Canada</i> <i>Jill Hochman, TBWG Co-Chair, Federal Highway Administration</i>
08:45 - 09:45	Washington/Ottawa Updates: <i>Isabelle Trepanier, TBWG Co-Chair, Transport Canada</i> <i>Jill Hochman, TBWG Co-Chair, Federal Highway Administration</i> <i>Trent Frazier, Branch Chief, Customs and Border Protection</i> <i>Kathy Carroll, Senior Policy Advisor, Canada Border Services Agency</i> <i>Steve Beningo, International Transportation Specialist, RITA</i>
09:45 – 10:30	Private Public Partnerships for Transportation <i>Fred Werner, Innovative Finance Specialist, Federal Highway Administration</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 11:15	Overview of EBTC's Fall Workshop "Border Infrastructure Projects...Avoiding the potholes; Paving the road" <i>Walter Steeves, Managing Consultant, Eastern Border Transportation Coalition</i>
11:15 – 11:45	NYDOT Borders and Corridor Initiatives <i>Jerry Cioffi, Director, New York State Department of Transportation</i>
11:45 – 12:15	Canada's Asia - Pacific Gateway Strategy <i>Brian Bohunicky, Director General, Strategic Policy, Transport Canada</i>
12:15 – 13:45	Plated Lunch With Keynote Speaker Ron Rienas Peace Bridge Experience <i>Loretto Dining Room</i>
13:45 – 14:30	Working Group Updates: <i>Policy Subcommittee</i> <i>Trade and Traffic Data Subcommittee</i> <i>Compendium Subcommittee</i> <i>BIFA Subcommittee</i>

14:30 – 15:00	Status of Strategic Resource Assessments <i>Trent Frazier, Branch Chief, Customs and Border Protection</i>
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:00	SPP North American Competitiveness Council working groups for Border Crossings and Trade Capacity <i>Jason Conley, Senior Manager, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Department of Homeland Security</i> <i>Fred Eberhart, Office of Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation</i>
16:00 – 16:15	Presidential Permit Process <i>Pedro G. Erviti, Border Affairs Officer, U.S. State Department</i>
16:15 – 17:15	Open Mike/ U.S. Northern Border Pooled Fund Discussion
17:15 – 17:30	Action Items; Next Plenary Meeting; Closing Remarks <i>TBWG Co-Chairs</i>
18:30	Optional Winery Tour

DAY THREE, Wednesday, October 25, 2006
Canadiana Room

07:30 – 08:30	Breakfast
08:30 – 10:15	Policy Subcommittee Session <i>-Update on policy-assessment of cross-border worker access for border related ITS and infrastructure construction, operation, and maintenance.</i> <i>-U.S. FMCSA's cross-border commercial vehicle regulations project</i> <i>Leader: Hugh Conroy, Project Manager, WHATCOM Council of Governments</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:00	Border Implementation Plan/Compendium Subcommittee Session <i>- Update on on-line compendium</i> <i>- Discussion on format/scheduling of proposed regional workshops for border coordination</i> <i>Leaders: Paul Arvanitidis, Policy Advisor, Transport Canada</i> <i>Alicia Nolan, Northern Border Coordinator, Federal Highway Administration</i>
1:30 – 4:00	Optional Tour of the Niagara Falls Bridges