

## Canada–U.S. Transportation Border Working Group

### Summary of Spring Plenary

March 3-4, 2015 – Portland, Maine

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarizes the spring plenary meeting of the Canada–U.S. Transportation Border Working Group (TBWG), which took place on March 3-4, 2015, in Portland, Maine. The mission of the TBWG is to facilitate the safe, secure, efficient, and environmentally responsible movement of people and goods across the Canada-U.S. border. The TBWG is co-chaired by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration and Transport Canada. The TBWG brings together multiple transportation and border agencies, and other organizations, to coordinate transportation planning, policy implementation, and the deployment of technology to enhance border infrastructure and operations. As such, this forum fosters ongoing communication, information sharing, and the exchange of best practices to improve the transportation and safety and security systems that connect our two countries.

The March 2015 plenary included presentations and discussions from four committees, in addition to presentations on a variety of other topics. Action items and next steps for each committee include the following:

- **Border Infrastructure:** The team developing the *Border Infrastructure Investment Plan* (BIIP) will reach out to TBWG members for input on the BIIP 3.0 and developing the approach to performance measures.
- **Technology:** Research and implementation on border wait time systems and other intelligent transportation systems will continue. The Federal Highway Administration announced additional funding for border wait time projects and will ask TBWG members to participate in pilot projects.
- **Trade and Traffic Data:** The Ontario Ministry of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration will host a series of workshops for stakeholders to discuss the border surveys that Ontario has already completed and potential future analyses. Christopher Dingman welcomes input from TBWG members to improve his NEXUS analysis.
- **Policy:** The Steering Committee will discuss ways to improve the structure of future plenary meetings based on suggestions offered by participants. The committee will also update the TBWG Action Plan.

More information on the TBWG is available online at [U.S.-Canada Transportation Border Working Group](#).