



Canada-United States Transportation Border Working Group

## **Border Infrastructure Coordination Sub-Committee (BICSC) Teleconference**

**2007-09-05  
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

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### **Participants:**

Allan Wilson (TC) – Vice-Chair  
Isabelle Trépanier (TC)  
John Reed (NYSDoT)  
Brian Kirch (NYSDoT)  
Michael Avery (FHWA)  
Ron Kerr (Idaho DoT)

Alicia Nolan (FHWA) – Vice-Chair  
Roger Petzold (FHWA)  
Walter Steeves (EBTC)  
Gordon Rogers (WCOG)  
Don Melcher (FHWA)  
Simon Leung (BC Dot)

### **1. Welcome & Opening Remarks (Co-Chairs)**

- The BICSC co-chairs (A. Wilson & A. Nolan) welcomed members to the teleconference and noted that this would be the last BICSC meeting before the TBWG Plenary in Montréal.

### **2. Review of 2007-05-16 Chicago Record of Discussion (All)**

- BICSC members reviewed the 2007-05-16 Chicago meeting minutes. No additional comments were noted. The BICSC Co-Chair noted that the approved minutes would be posted to the TBWG website (specifically the BICSC section).

### **3. Update on Regional Workshop(s):**

#### **- 2007-08-29 MDQ – NYSDoT Montréal Workshop**

- John Reed (NYSDoT) provided a verbal summary of the 2007-08-29 MDQ-NYSDoT Regional Workshop. Mr. Reed noted that the event was well attended by all of the relevant border-related stakeholders and provided a relaxed atmosphere for information exchange, clarification of concerns / issues, and question and answer sessions.
- Other topics reviewed at the workshop included federal funding programs (Canada & U.S.), the U.S. Presidential Permit process, and recent TBWG activities. Participants also noted the usefulness of the video clips utilized during the review of individual crossings. Mr. Reed also noted that a record of discussion would soon be distributed via e-mail.
- It was also noted that this record of discussion should be shared with the TBWG members in the western provinces / states as they prepare to hold a similar workshop (2008 – date to be determined).



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### **4. Online Border Infrastructure Compendium (OBIC) – (Co-Chairs)**

#### **- Update on addition of new crossings**

- Allan Wilson (TC) provided an update on the expansion of the OBIC to include all Canada-U.S. land border crossings. Mr. Wilson noted that the OBIC now contains 120 entries (including port names and port ID numbers) and that he was preparing a series of draft e-mails for each province and state in which additional crossing data would be requested. The e-mail recipients would be requested to review the OBIC entries for each crossing located in their jurisdiction, to provide any outstanding data, and to note any errors. Once the outstanding data is collected for the 120 border crossings, requests would then be made for updated border infrastructure project information.

#### **- Proposed OBIC revisions**

- Alicia Nolan (FHWA) reviewed the concept of engaging a consultant to review the existing OBIC and recommend improvements to its structure and functionality (e.g., data entry methods, comparability of data, format of reports, etc.). Ms. Nolan noted that possible funding might be available via the Northern Border Pool Fund (approx. 25K) and sought feedback from BICSC members.
- Isabelle Trépanier (TC) suggested that the OBIC proposal be further expanded for additional discussion by BICSC members at their next meeting in Montréal. She also noted that any proposed OBIC revisions would have to be discussed at / supported by the entire TBWG at the October Plenary. BICSC members endorsed these suggestions.
- Alicia Nolan and Allan Wilson agreed to prepare a brief discussion paper on the OBIC revision proposal for use by both the BICSC and the TBWG Plenary.

### **5. Date of Next Meeting (All)**

- The next meeting of the BICSC would be held in Montréal on 2007-10-24 (Wednesday) from 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. prior to the opening of the TBWG Plenary.

### **6. Other Business (All)**

- The BICSC Co-Chairs noted that a record of discussion would be distributed for information and comment prior to the next BICSC meeting in Montréal.
- There being no other business, the teleconference was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

## **Adjournment**