I didn't know that!

THE NEED FOR A NEW BRIDGE AT DETROIT-WINDSOR

The Detroit-Windsor area, home to the Ambassador Bridge and Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, is one of the most heavily used border crossings in the world. Congestion at the current Detroit-Windsor border crossings costs businesses as much as US$16 billion each year.

To alleviate congestion and increase border security, construction of a second bridge connecting Detroit and Windsor is underway. The proposed bridge, the New International Trade Crossing, will have 6 through-lanes and will connect I-75 and I-94 in Michigan to the new Windsor-Essex Parkway in Ontario, which provides a direct route to Highway 401.

Canada will fund nearly the entire project, expected to cost $3.5 billion. Canada will use toll revenues from the bridge to pay back construction costs. Moreover, construction of the bridge will create 10,000 jobs, and full-time bridge operations will require up to 750 full-time employees in Michigan when the bridge is fully operational.

The risk of doing nothing is grave.

"The existing connection (the privately-owned Ambassador Bridge) carries 25% of all U.S.-Canada trade. Meaning, two million U.S. jobs directly depend on everything working right, every day and well into the future, at an 84-year-old bridge. For companies operating according to a just-in-time-delivery model, failure of the Ambassador Bridge would be catastrophic.

Which is why legislatures in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Alabama, unanimously in each case, passed resolutions calling on Michigan and Canada to proceed with a new bridge."

Roy Norton, Consul General,
Consulate General of Canada in Detroit

Cost of the NITC

Cost of the New International Trade Crossing by project component:
- NITC bridge: $949.1 million
- I-75 interchange: $385.9 million
- U.S. Customs plaza: $413.6 million
- Canadian Customs plaza: $387.6 million
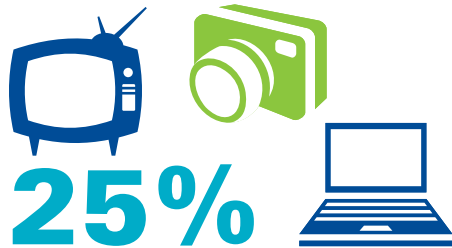- Windsor Essex Parkway: $1.4 billion*

Cost breakdown by agency:
- State of Michigan: Zero
- U.S. Federal Highway Administration: Zero
- U.S. General Services Administration: $263.6 million
- Canada: $2.337 billion**
- Private sector partner: $949.1 million
- Total: $3.536 billion

The Windsor-Essex Parkway is entirely a Canadian project and has a separate public-private partnership concession. It previously has been estimated at $1.67 billion, but was contracted for less.

** *Includes $550 million of U.S.-side costs that Canada has offered to cover.*

Source: MDOT

25%
of all merchandise currently traded between the United States and Canada crosses the the Ambassador bridge

The Bridge is responsible for
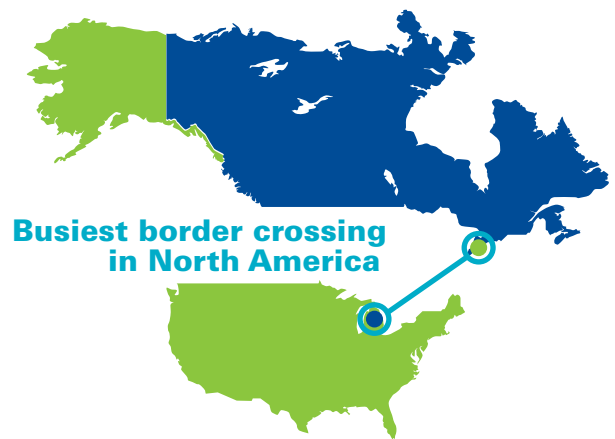# 60-70%
of commercial truck traffic in the region

150,000
jobs in the region

AND **$13 billion**
in annual production depend on the Detroit–Windsor international border crossing

Busiest border crossing in North America

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