

Greening Transportation at North American Land Ports of Entry

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Budget

C\$390,000 for 2013-2014

Strategic Priorities

- Low-Carbon Economy - Climate Change and Air Quality
- Greening the Economy in NA - Improved private sector environmental performance in North America

Objectives

Develop viable, integrated options for vehicle emissions reduction mechanisms and improved operations at selected ports of entry.



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Process

1. Create a steering committee comprised of relevant government officials (customs, transportation, commerce, and foreign affairs) and stakeholders (border associations, communities, industry, academia, NGOs) from both sides of the borders.
2. Conduct a review of transportation flows, wait times, associated emissions, and operations at POEs.
3. Identify mechanisms for emissions reduction at POEs.
4. Implement mechanisms, as feasible, and train POE officials on mechanisms and technologies to reduce emission at POEs.



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