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## DHS Update

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Eastern Border Transportation Coalition  
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# Overview

Northern Border Strategy & Threat Analysis

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# DHS Northern Border Strategy

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- The December 2016 Northern Border Security Review Act required DHS to develop a Northern Border Threat Analysis, submitted in August 2017.
- DHS then updated the Northern Border Strategy, published in June 2018.
- The NBS encompasses the complex network of DHS activities with multi-sectoral partners and stakeholders along the air, land and maritime borders between Canada and the United States, including Alaska, and maritime borders

Read the Public Strategy Here:

<https://www.dhs.gov/publication/northern-border-strategy>

# Northern Border Strategy

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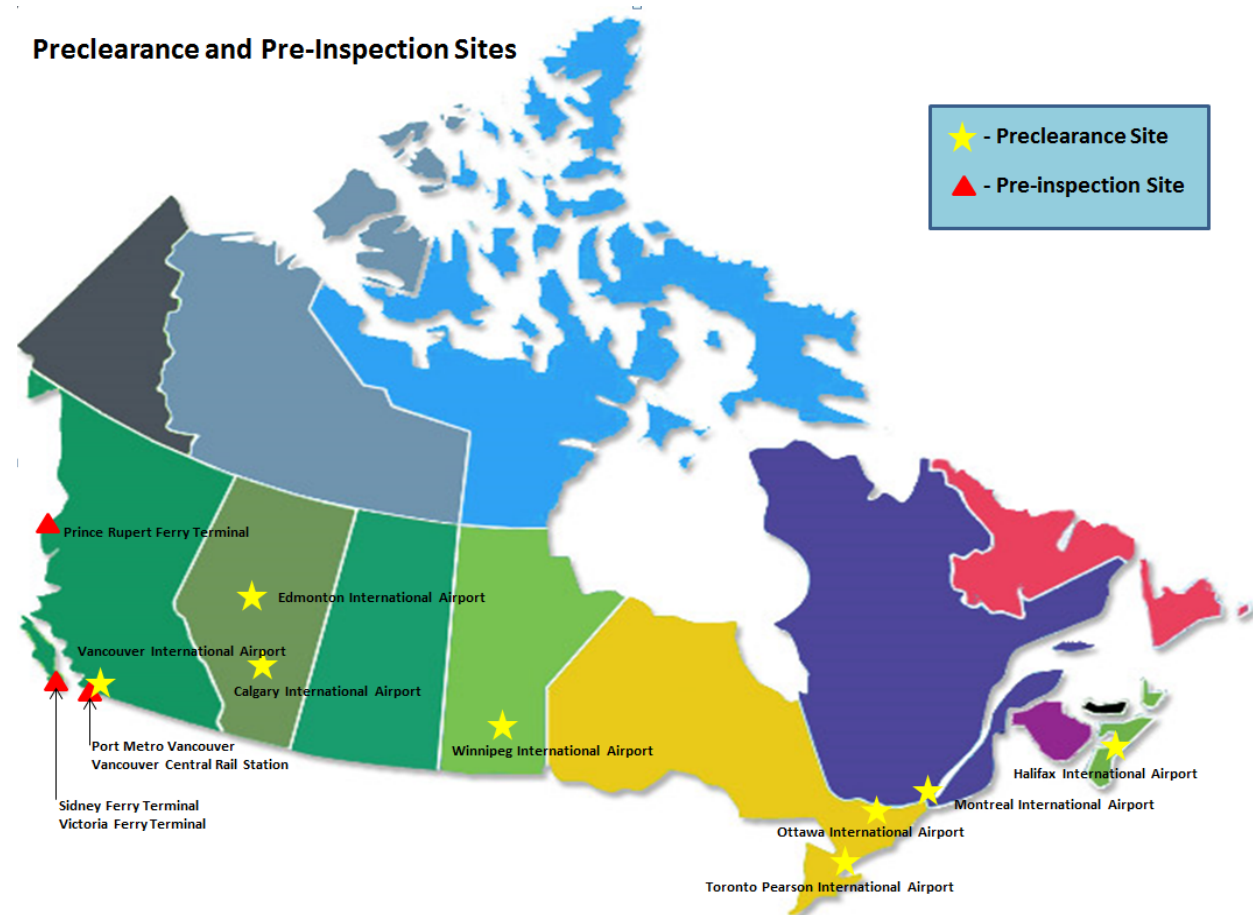
The Strategy articulates three main goals:

1. Enhance Border Security Operations
2. Facilitate and Safeguard Lawful Trade and Travel
3. Promote Cross-Border Resilience

➤ DHS is in the process of developing an internal implementation plan. The plan will enable DHS to prioritize Departmental resources and achieve the specified outcomes over five years, beginning in FY 2020.

# Preclearance

- Current passenger preclearance enables one country's border officers to carry out immigration, customs, and agriculture inspections in the territory of another country
- Canada represents the largest preclearance operation for the U.S. anywhere in the world.
- Currently, there are preclearance operations at eight Canadian airports
- Strong market demand for expansion in all modes



# Benefits of Preclearance

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- Proven Economic and Security Benefits
  - Provides smoother and more efficient passenger transfers to connecting flights, and avoids the costly return of inadmissible passengers to Canada
  - Provides domestic-style arrivals to non-international airports/ those with limited to no federal inspection facilities (e.g. only pre-cleared flights can land at Ronald Reagan Airport)
  - Supports an extended border for the U.S. and Canada
  - Mitigates terrorists, terrorist instruments and national security threats

# Land/Rail/Marine/Air Preclearance Agreement

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March 2015: LRMA signed by DHS Secretary and Public Safety Canada Minister

March 2016: Joint Statement of Intent to expand U.S. passenger preclearance to four new sites (Billy Bishop & Jean Lesage airports, Montreal rail station & Rocky Mountaineer rail).

LRMA is a fully **reciprocal** agreement that:

- Allows for expansion to new modes of transportation beyond air, such as marine and rail
- Provides Inspecting Country officers with comparable authorities to Host Country officers
- Permits existing immigration pre-inspection locations to transition to preclearance
- Enables Canada to establish preclearance in the U.S., and permits the establishment of new U.S. locations in Canada
- Permits facility operators to request expansion of services at existing sites and services at new sites through cost recovery
- Creates shared jurisdictional framework for officers operating in the other country
- Enables exploration of co-location of officers at small and remote ports of entry along the shared land border, utilizing the shared jurisdictional framework

# Preclearance- Next Steps

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- Canada to complete regulations in air, and then non-air, mode.
- LRMA anticipated to enter into force early 2019 following ratification by Canada and exchange of diplomatic notes.
- Canada is conducting a rail cargo pilot in the U.S.; exploration of the feasibility of other possible pilots is underway.
- Officials reached agreement on cost recovery services at Canadian locations and shared with relevant stakeholders, who will be negotiating MOUs with CBP for their specific facility.
- Until the LRMA is ratified, the existing 2001 Air Preclearance Agreement continues to apply at the eight Canadian airports.



# Gordie Howe International Bridge

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About 2.5 million trucks cross the Detroit-Windsor border each year. In 2015, this represented over C\$136 (US\$106) billion in bilateral trade.

- New six-lane international bridge across the Detroit River.
- New border inspection plazas in the U.S. and Canada.
- A new interchange to Michigan's Interstate 75.

