

Eastern Border Transportation Coalition Workshop

Burlington, Vermont

Pre-Arrival Readiness Evaluation (PARE)

Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority

May 2024

Government Mandate

- January 2021 - United States enacts law requiring CBP to plan for 100% non-intrusive inspection (NII) at all land ports of entry within 6 years..
- CBP is actively installing NII and identifying how to comply at each Port of Entry.
- \$350 million was approved for NII equipment in this year's CBP budget.
- Peace Bridge approached CBP on how to leverage an existing project partnership known as Pre-Arrival Readiness Evaluation (PARE) knowing the geographic constraints on the U.S. side of the Peace Bridge.



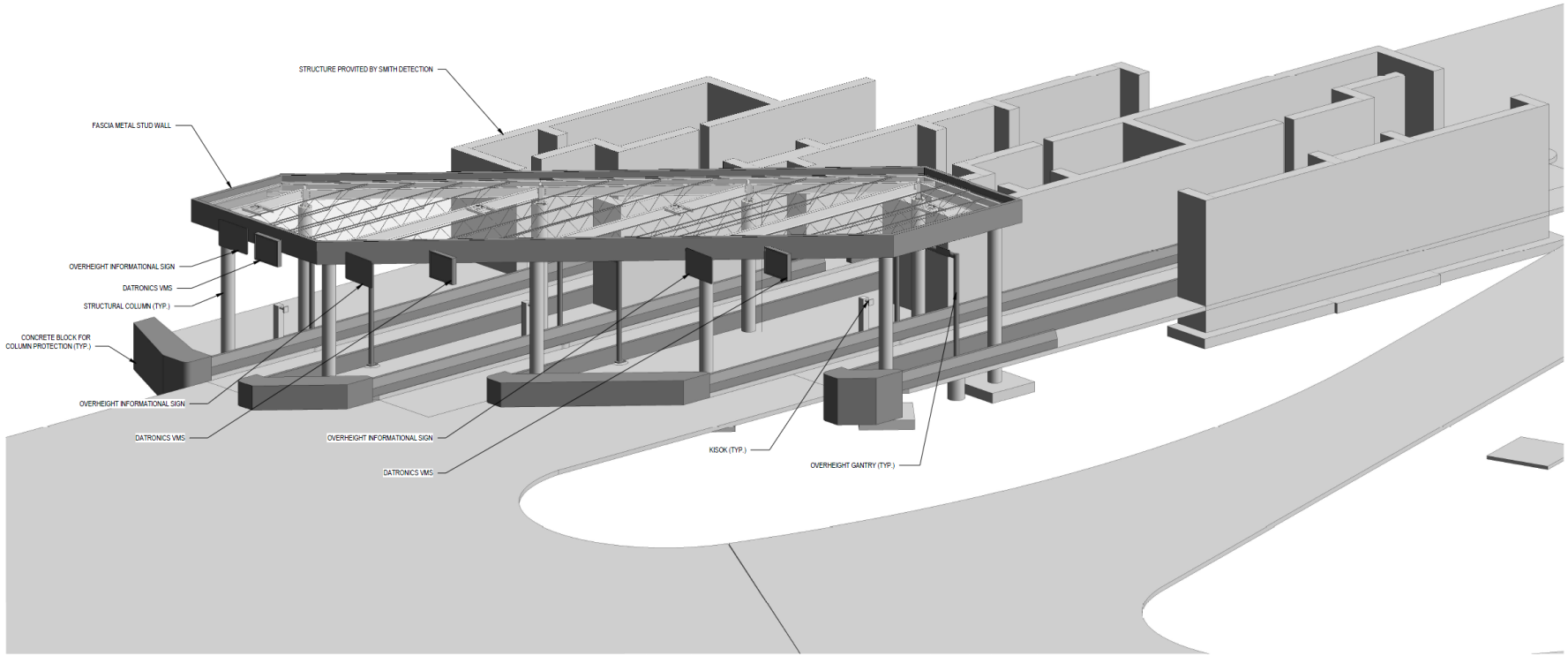




What It Is

- PBA/CBP partnership – CBP supplies equipment, PBA constructs the infrastructure to support it.
- The proposal includes CBP placing equipment on the Canadian side of the Peace Bridge facility. PBA will construct the staging area in Canada, before trucks can cross the bridge, to contain the following equipment:
 - *Multi-Energy Portal system*
 - *License Plate Readers*
 - *Radio-Frequency Identification Readers*
 - *QR Code Readers and intercoms*
 - *Traffic Signals/lights/signage*
 - *Ground Loop Sensors*





- STRUCTURE PROVIDED BY SMITH DETECTION
- FASCIA METAL STUD WALL
- OVERHEIGHT INFORMATIONAL SIGN
- DATRONICS VMS
- STRUCTURAL COLUMN (TYP.)
- CONCRETE BLOCK FOR COLUMN PROTECTION (TYP.)
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- KISOK (TYP.)
- OVERHEIGHT GANTRY (TYP.)

ISOMETRIC VIEW

How It Will Work

- Information collected from CBP equipment in Canada will be processed/adjudicated by CBP at a CBP-operated command center located within an existing CBP building on the US. plaza.
- The image adjudication decision will be reported by the CBP Officer in the command center to the CBP officer at the primary inspection booth, where the commercial vehicle first reports to CBP.
- The x-ray image analysis and other review will occur in the United States while the vehicle is in transit over the bridge.
- CBP Officers will not be stationed in Canada and any further inspection of the vehicle and occupants will take place in the U.S. as necessary.

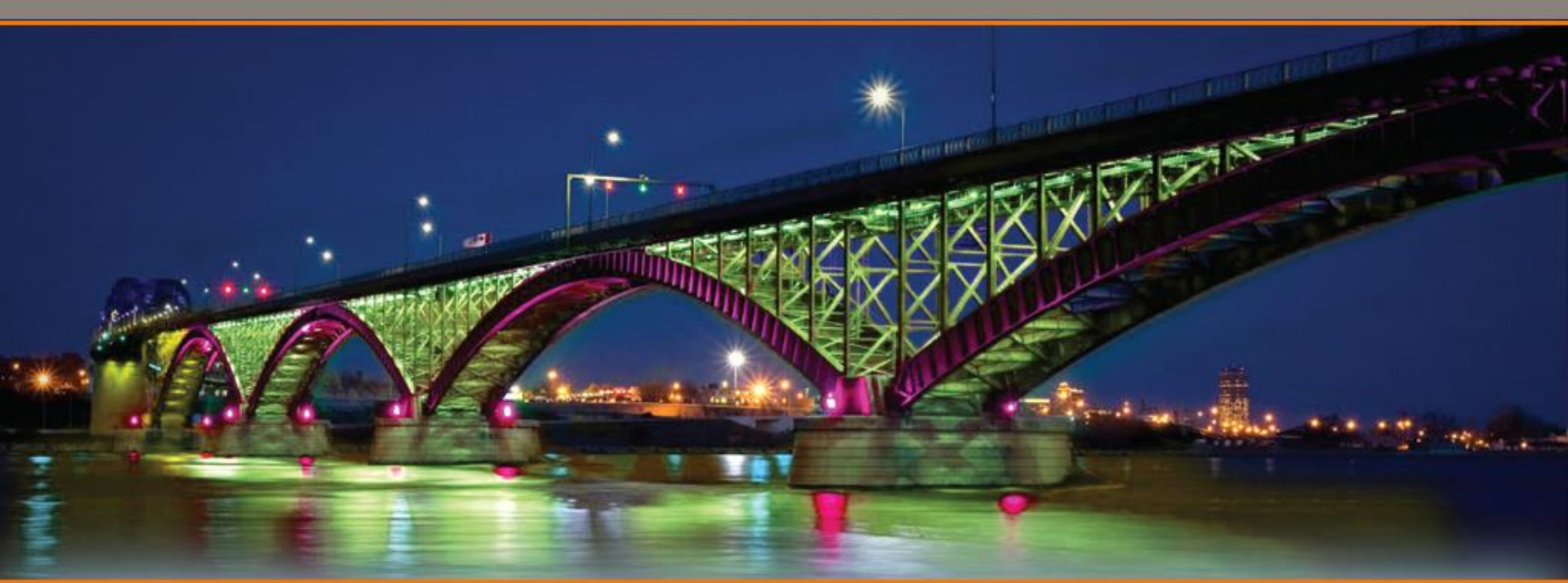


Future Phase

- PBA will pre-build the infrastructure needed for future CBP project enhancements including the installation of facial identify verification to allow CBP to make an admissibility determination in transit simultaneously with the cargo adjudication.
- Installation will be subject to the approval of the Government of Canada. PBA has made application.

Current Status

- CBP has contracted for the delivery of equipment in 2024.
- National Trade Corridor Fund (NTCF) application has been approved (\$5 million) by Canada.
- International Bridges and Tunnels Act (IBTA) permit has been approved by Canada.
- Project is out for bid and scheduled to be complete before the end of 2024.



Questions & Answers
