



Eastern Border Transportation Coalition <http://ebtc.info>

Michigan, New York, Vermont, Maine, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia

May 8, 2024

Burlington, Vermont

EBTC Conference Agenda

Resilient Corridors for Cross Border Trade and Travel

7:30 a.m. Registration – Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. **Welcome / Opening Remarks:** Joe Flynn, Secretary
Vermont Agency of Transportation

8:40 a.m. **Introductions and EBTC Overview – EBTC Co-Chairs**
US Co-Chair: Sara Moore Michigan DOT
Canada Co-Chair: Jim Doyle New Brunswick DTI

8:50 a.m. **Champlain Region Border Projects**

Moderator: Dave Pelletier: Vermont Agency of Transportation

Cross Border Coordination	Leah Pickett	Cambridge Systematics
Project Development	Sebastian Calleja	Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable (MTMD)
	Dave Pelletier	Vermont Agency of Transportation
	John Maurer	General Services Administration
	Catherine Jolicoeur	Canada Border Services Agency
	Paul Anderson	US Customs and Border Protection

10:00 a.m. *Break*

10:15 a.m. **EBTC Region Major Infrastructure Projects**

Moderator: Derek Harvey: Nova Scotia Department of Public Works

Gordie Howe International Bridge Project	Heather Grondin
Madawaska / Edmundston Bridge	Andrew Lathe
Canada - CBSA EBTC Region projects	Catherine Jolicoeur
US – GSA / CBP EBTC Region projects	Paul Anderson, John Maurer
Chignecto Isthmus – New Brunswick / Nova Scotia	Jim Doyle, Derek Harvey
Trade Corridor (Resiliency Project)	

11:45 a.m. Buffet Lunch **US Canada Diplomatic perspectives**
Canadian Counsel General Bernadette Jordan - Boston



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1:00 p.m. **Industry and Operator Perspectives**

Moderator: Jim Doyle: New Brunswick Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure

Port of New York / New Jersey	Stephan Pezdek
Port Saint John – New Brunswick	Shannon Blanchard
Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association	Chris McKee
North Country Chamber – Plattsburg NY	Garry Douglas
Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority	Ron Rienas
Ferries: Bay Ferries, The Cat	Derek Harvey

2:30 p.m. **Regional Trade and Travel Corridors and Gateways**

Moderator: Sara Moore: Michigan Department of Transportation

Passenger Rail/ Rail Corridor Identification - Panel Discussion

Federal Railroad Administration	Barbara Barr
Amtrak	Joseph Barr
Michigan Department of Transportation	Sara Moore
New York State Department of Transportation	Victoria Fix
Vermont Agency of Transportation	Dan Delabruere

Preclearance – Cannons Crossing Pilot – Panel Discussion

Canada Border Services Agency	Isabella Pearson
Customs and Border Protection	John Stone

3:30 p.m. *Break*

3:45 p.m. **It's Electrifying! Powering Up our Travel Corridors – Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Debra Nelson: New York State Department of Transportation

Vermont Agency of Transportation	Patrick Murphy
Joint Office of Energy & Transportation	Mike Scarpino
Federal Highway Administration	Jacqueline DeMent
Transport Canada	Melissa Dawn Newhook

4:30 Wrap up