



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

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

May 6 & 7, 2025

Hilton Québec, 1100 Rene Levesque East, Québec City

EBTC Conference Agenda

Navigating New Challenges - Canada / US Trade and Travel

8:00 a.m. *Registration – Coffee*

8:30 a.m. **Welcome / Opening Remarks: Sebastian Calleja (MTQ)**

Youssef Dehbi, Directeur général de la sécurité et du camionnage /
Executive director – Road safety and trucking MTQ

8:45 a.m. **Introductions and EBTC Overview – EBTC Co-Chairs - 30 years of EBTC**

Canada Co-Chair: Jim Doyle New Brunswick DTI

9:00 a.m. **Canada / US Trade Patterns and Trends**
Derek Harvey, Nova Scotia Public Works - Moderator

Examination of the greater regional economy - back to basics focus on trade flows
and mutual prosperity.

Carson Poe Office of the Secretary of Transportation USDOT
Saïd Allaf Institut de la statistique du Québec

10:00 a.m. *Break*

10:30 a.m. **State / Province / International Bridges Perspective**
Dave Pelletier Vermont Agency of Transportation - Moderator

Tariffs – effect on Canada / US trade

Quebec Chamber of Commerce
Sault Ste Marie International Bridge
Vermont Department of Economic Development

Mathieu Lavigne
Peter Petainen
Tim Tierney



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11:30 a.m. Passenger Vehicles entering Canada and the US – trends

Trend analysis of border crossing statistics for passenger vehicles and trucks.

Cascadia Corridor Melissa Fanucci - International Mobility & Trade Corridor (IMTC)
Eastern Corridor Susi Derrah- EBTC

12:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch

1:15 p.m. Industry Perspective
Sebastian Calleja MTQ – Moderator

Groupe Robert
North Country Chamber – Plattsburg NY
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)
Québec Port Authority

Patrick McBrearty
Garry Douglas
Ian Thompson
Patrick Robitaille

3:30 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Industry Perspective

Link Nova Scotia / Halifax Harbor Bridges Toll Removal

Derek Harvey

4:15 p.m. Summary of the day

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Day 2

8:00 a.m. *Coffee*

8:15 a.m. **EBTC Region Major Infrastructure Projects -
Jim Doyle NBDTI Moderator**

Gordie Howe International Bridge Project
Canada - CBSA EBTC Region projects
US – EBTC Region projects

Heather Grondin
Catherine Jolicoeur
Victoria Fix, Dave
Pelletier
Jim Doyle, Derek Harvey

Chignecto Isthmus – New Brunswick / Nova Scotia
Trade Corridor (Resiliency Project)

9:15 a.m. *Coffee*

9:30 a.m. **Regional Trade and Travel Corridors and Gateways
Dave Pelletier VAOT - Moderator**

Passenger Rail/ Rail Corridor Identification - Panel Discussion
FRA – Barbara Barr, Stephen O'Connor
Amtrak – Joe Barr, Arun Rao
Via Rail – Laurence LeFrancois
Michigan, New York, Vermont

Montreal Central Station - MTQ Serge Routhier

Freight Rail – CPKC Rob Nichols

11:00 a.m. **EV – Summary of progress to date
Debra Nelson NYSDOT – Moderator**

Status of EV / Alternative Fuel industry
Quebec – Arthur Billette
Vermont – Hilary DelRoss
New York – Debra Nelson

12:00 p.m. **Close Conference**