

Let's Get Windsor-Essex Moving Strategy

Background

- In September 2002, the Governments of Canada and Ontario announced a joint investment of \$300 million to improve the approaches to the Windsor border crossings.
- In March 2004, the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and the City of Windsor signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Let's Get Windsor-Essex Moving Strategy:
 - Phase 1 of the Let's Get Windsor-Essex Moving Strategy sets out an initial investment in six projects.
 - Phase 2 initiatives are to focus on the broader regional transportation needs that will complement the outcome of the DRIC Study
- In early 2006, MTO entered into respective agreements with the City of Windsor and County of Essex to allow MTO to manage and deliver the initiatives comprising the LGWEM strategy.

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The LGWEM Strategy includes:

- New road-rail grade separations at Walker Road and Howard Avenue.
- Implementation of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) at strategic locations in the Windsor Gateway.
- Improvements to the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel Plaza.
- Widening of important roadways such as Highway 401 and County Road 19.
- Improvements to the roadway leading to the Windsor Detroit Truck Ferry.

Current Status and Next Steps:

- Implementation of the individual projects is on schedule.
- The total investment to date is over \$20M.
- This year, construction will be underway for the new Walker Road Grade Separation as well as the widening of Highway 401 approaching Windsor.