

U.S. Customs Commercial Bldg Renovation



Project Details



The Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority (PBA) is proceeding on a proposed renovation and expansion of the existing U.S. Customs Commercial Building located at the Peace Bridge Port of Entry. This project will modernize the existing 60+-year-old, 43,500 sq. ft. commercial inspection facility, while making it more energy-efficient. Construction work will commence in April 2014 and conclude in February 2016.

Peace Bridge Approach Widening Project

Project Details



The PBA has initiated construction of a bridge approach widening project that will facilitate smoother traffic movements and help alleviate congestion within the existing Peace Bridge U.S. Plaza. Details of this project include the construction of a 215,000 sq. ft. approach space for U.S.-bound vehicles, through the installation of a 500 ft. long by 60 ft. wide (at widest point) reinforced steel structure with concrete deck. This structure will improve NEXUS lane access for trusted travelers, and create added queuing space for passenger vehicles during special events and non-peak times. The widening project is intended to get commercial vehicles off of the actual bridge area more rapidly. It will also help facilitate future bridge redecking. Completion of the widening effort is expected by Fall 2014.



Commercial Pre-Inspection Pilot Project



Project Details



In January 2014, the PBA completed a \$1 million construction project consisting of a secure U.S. Customs and Border Protection pre-inspection pilot, inspection booths, offices, parking, and secure access within the current Canadian plaza area. A pilot test process is now being conducted to assess the concept and help determine if full implementation at the Peace Bridge could lead to reductions in overall U.S. plaza truck and auto congestion, better traffic circulation, and improved space flexibility.