

The Canadian Automotive Partnership Council's response to today's Border Transportation Partnership announcement

Windsor, ON – November 14, 2005 – The Chair of the Canadian Automotive Partnership Council's (CAPC) Trade Infrastructure Working Group commends the Border Transportation Partnership for its progress towards narrowing the scope for a new border crossing at the Windsor-Detroit gateway.

"We are encouraged that the Border Transportation Partnership has further reduced the list of alternative border options and is moving forward to identify the location for a new border crossing. However, we can't lose sight of the need for continuous ongoing improvements at the border crossings," said Steven Landry, Chair of CAPC's Infrastructure Working Group and President and CEO of DaimlerChrysler Canada. "We urge all three levels of government to continue to work constructively through the process and make this project a high-priority. The smooth and uninterrupted flow of low-risk traffic is essential for the auto industry and must be achieved as we work towards implementing a new crossing as soon as possible."

Canada is the eighth largest vehicle producer in the world. The Canadian automotive industry exports roughly 87% of finished vehicles across the border to the United States and 60% of automotive parts.

About CAPC

The Canadian Automotive Partnership Council was launched in September 2002. It is composed of senior executives from industry (assembly, parts manufacturers and distributors and dealers), labour and academia, as well as the industry and economic development ministers from the governments of Canada, Ontario and Quebec. The mandate of the Council is to identify actions to strengthen the Canadian automotive industry in the short and long term.

