



**Canadian Vehicle  
Manufacturers' Association**  
**Association canadienne  
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## **Auto Industry Encouraged by Progress on Selecting New Windsor-Detroit Crossing**

Toronto, Ontario (November 14, 2005) – The president of the association representing Canada's largest manufacturers of light and heavy duty vehicles is encouraged by the progress announced today towards selecting a new river crossing at the Detroit-Windsor Gateway.

“The automotive industry is pleased to hear that the Border Transportation Partnership is making progress in the development of additional capacity at the Windsor-Detroit border,” said Mark Nantais, President of the Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association. “However, it remains imperative that all levels of government continue to work closely together so that construction of a new Detroit-Windsor border crossing can proceed as soon as possible.”

“It is critical,” added Nantais, “for the automotive industry to be assured of reliability and predictability with respect to border crossings to accommodate just-in-time delivery on both sides of the border and that the final option selected supports the Free And Secure Trade (FAST) program. While this process is on-going, we look forward to working with government on joint contingency planning initiatives to ensure low-risk shipments are facilitated under all border conditions.”

Approximately 75% of the 4880 trucks that DaimlerChrysler, Ford and General Motors send back and forth across the Canada – U.S. border each day utilize the Detroit and Windsor border crossing.

The CVMA has a 79 year history of representing the Canadian automotive industry's largest manufacturers. The CVMA's members, which include DaimlerChrysler Canada Inc.; Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited; General Motors of Canada Limited; and International Truck and Engine Corporation Canada, account for more than 75% of all vehicle production in Canada. Direct and spin-off employment in the automotive industry accounts for over 500,000 Canadian jobs.

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