

BEYOND THE BORDER ACTION PLAN NEWS SPRING 2014

Below is an update on recent work completed to advance the Beyond the Border Action Plan.

At the end of this newsletter you will find a list of easy links to all of the related reports and strategies have been released as a result of work completed under this Action Plan.

RECENT PROGRESS ON INITIATIVES

- On April 14, 2014, the Government of Canada announced that Lark Projects Ltd of Surrey, British Columbia has been awarded a \$17.7M contract for infrastructure improvements to the Aldergrove port of entry in British Columbia. These investments will include additional Primary Inspection Lanes, including a dedicated NEXUS lane, a larger traveler processing facility, and a commercial examination warehouse. Also announced was the opening of an additional NEXUS lane at the Pacific Highway port of entry. This new lane will be used to process NEXUS members during high-volume periods and, as regular lanes, at other times. These investments are another example of how Canada is helping to improve the flow of legitimate travel and trade across the shared Canada–U.S. border in accordance with the *Beyond the Border Action Plan*.
- On April 7, 2014, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police “J” Division, met in Eastport, Maine, to formally sign the Eastern Region International Cross-Border Maritime Law Enforcement Operations, (also known as Shiprider), regional standard operating procedures. These operations provide a cooperative approach to combating cross-border crime on shared Canada – U.S. waterways, consistent with the Beyond the Border vision. The Shiprider program removes the international maritime boundary as a barrier to law enforcement by enabling seamless and continuous enforcement and security operations across the Canada – U.S. border.
- On February 24, 2014, Canada’s Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Steven Blaney, Canada’s Minister of National Defence, Robert Nicholson, the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, the U.S. Senator for New York and U.S. Congressman for Western New York officially launched Phase II of the truck cargo pre-inspection pilot at the Peace Bridge crossing between Fort Erie, Ontario, and Buffalo, New York. The pilot will operate for up to one year, during which time Canada and the U.S. are using the pilot to test the concept of conducting U.S. Custom and Border Protection (CBP) primary inspection of U.S.-bound truck cargo in Canada in order to better manage their shared border and improve economic opportunities for both countries. To date, testing of the pre-inspection impact on border wait times under the Peace Bridge pilot has been running smoothly and feedback from involved partners and stakeholders has been positive. Phase I of the pre-inspection

pilot, which was conducted at the Pacific Highway crossing adjacent to Surrey, BC, concluded in January 2014.

- In December 2013, Canada and the United States signed an arrangement to implement the first phase of the Canada-U.S. Immigration Information Sharing Treaty. The Treaty, which was signed in December 2012, sets out high-level obligations between Canada and the U.S. with regards to how information will be shared and privacy safeguards to ensure the protection of personal information consistent with the Canada-U.S. joint Statement of Privacy Principles announced in June 2012. The implementing arrangement provided details on the specific terms, conditions and data elements that are being exchanged.
- Work is progressing on the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)-led Single Window Initiative (SWI). On March 24, 2014, the latest version of the Integrated Import Declaration Electronic Commerce Client Requirements Document (IID ECCRD) was issued. Technical Design Sessions with the trade community are currently underway and will continue as the project progresses. For a copy of the IID ECCRD, send a request to SWI-IGU@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- On April 28-29, as a follow-up to the North American Leaders' Summit, in Tlalcala, Mexico, a member of the PCO Beyond the Border implementation team participated as an observer to the Executive Steering Committee of the U.S.-Mexico 21st Century Border meeting, in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. The initiative seeks to understand experiences of the two bilateral border action plans and see if lessons can be applied from one initiative to the other.
- A Beyond the Border/Shiprider Roundtable was held in Charleston, South Carolina on April 15, 2014 to brief South Carolina Representatives Sanford and Duncan, Senator Scott and the Charleston Mayor, on how the Beyond the Border Action Plan deepens security cooperation between Canada and the United States. Participants included senior representation from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, RCMP, U.S. Coast Guard, National Security Counsel, the Privy Council Office, Department of Homeland Security and Department of Public Safety Canada as well as the presence of Canadian Ambassador Gary Doer and the US Deputy Head of Mission to Canada Richard Sanders. Participants also witnessed a training session at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for Shiprider candidates.
- On January 17, 2014, The Honourable Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade and Penny Pritzker, United States Secretary of Commerce, met in Chicago, Illinois. They took stock of the progress made to date, and committed to intensified work in the future regarding the Beyond the Border and Regulatory Cooperation Council action plans. They also discussed this shared commitment with stakeholders at an event hosted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

- An Airline Industry Working Group and a General Aviation Working Group has been established to discuss the Interactive Advance Passenger Information and Electronic Travel Authorization initiatives. The groups consist of air industry and general aviation representatives, key Canadian federal government departments and CBSA internal program areas.
- Canadian officials responsible for the implementation of the Border Action Plan continue to meet individually and collectively with other business and community stakeholders in Canada and the U.S. During the January to April time period, these have included events and meetings with the Woodrow Wilson Center, CD Howe, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME), the Border Policy Research Institute at Western Washington University, the University of Windsor Cross Border Institute, the University of Missouri School of Business, the International Association of Airport Executives Canada, the American Association of Airport Executives, National Centre for Border Security and Immigration (University of Arizona), and the Maine International Trade Center.

Reports

For easy reference, below is a list of links to reports and documents released as a result of work completed under the Beyond the Border Action Plan.

- [Beyond the Border Action Plan – Border Fees Inventories](#)
- [Border Infrastructure Investment Plan 2013](#)
- [Entry/Exit Information System Phase I Joint Canada-United States Report](#)
- [Integrated Cargo Security Strategy](#)
- [Joint Statement on Privacy Principles](#)
- [Privacy Impact Assessment Executive Summary – Phase I Entry/Exit](#)
- [Report of Stakeholder Feedback and Recommendations on Facilitating Business Travel between the United States and Canada](#)
- [Trusted Trader – Tier II Stakeholder Joint Consultations Report](#)

Border Action Plan General Reference Documents and Useful Links

- [Canada-United States Beyond the Border Action Plan Implementation Report](#)
- [Beyond the Border Action Plan News – October 2013](#)
- [Canada Border Services Agency Border Action Plan website](#)
- [Beyond the Border Action Plan News – May 2013](#)

- [Canada-United States Beyond the Border Action Plan Implementation Report](#) (December 2012)
- [Beyond the Border Action Plan: A Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness](#) (December 2011)
- [What Canadians told us: A Summary on Consultations on Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness](#) (August 2011)

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