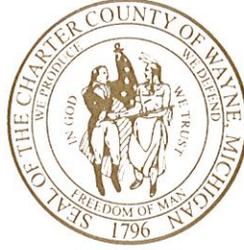


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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Ambassador Bridge Enhancement Project Permit Application Comments

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments in response to Public Notice 09-01-16 for the Ambassador Bridge Enhancement Project (ABEP) Reevaluation – Environmental Assessment. I would like to briefly comment on a number of issues within this proposal that continue to be concerns for this project.

My concerns on this issue have remained consistent since I began actively involved in various proposals for additional border crossings in the Detroit-Windsor corridor. Any proposed border crossing must be present a complete, freeway to freeway solution that actually enhances our region's economic competitiveness while taking into account the various environmental, social, and historical concerns on both sides of the international border. The application as presented fails to address a number of issues.

First, while there have been some significant discussions between the City of Detroit and the DIBC regarding the transfer of public park land to the DIBC for use in this project. It is my understanding that neither the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, nor the U.S. National Park Service have signed off on this land transfer. Prior to any approval by the USCG, as well as other permitting agencies, this issue needs to first be resolved.

Secondly, it is my understanding that there is not a consistency of data utilized in this permit application. Specifically, data included in this application for air quality projections and traffic congestion needs to be updated from the original proposal. Several of the air quality modeling requirements have changed since the original submission of this application. In addition, much of the submitted data is based on the original proposed configuration of this project, instead of what has actually been constructed at the site.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this application. I would encourage the U.S. Coast Guard to carefully review this application and require that a complete proposal with accurate, up-to-date data be submitted before this project can even be considered.

Sincerely,

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