



# **Beyond the Border**

## **A Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness**

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## Background

- **Beyond the Border: A Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness (Feb. 2011)**
  - Articulates a perimeter approach to security by working together within, at, and away from our borders
- **Beyond the Border Action Plan (Dec. 2011)**
  - Specifies commitments, milestones, and metrics and includes over 30 concrete initiatives with timelines and responsible agencies
- **Beyond the Border Implementation Reports**
  - Annual reports describing the progress made toward achieving the goals set out in the Action Plan



# Accomplishments

## I. Addressing Threats Early

- Achieved **mutual recognition of our respective Air Cargo Security Programs** for passenger aircraft
- Eliminating rescreening of **checked baggage** for flights to the U.S. from eight preclearance airports in Canada
- Implemented a **joint Entry/Exit** program at all automated land ports of entry for third country nationals
- Developed the **U.S. – Canada Integrated Cargo Security Strategy** and deployed innovative pilots to test and validate
- Signed an **Immigration Information Sharing Agreement** to enhance screening of visa applicants and began biographic and biometric information sharing
- Opening Canada's **Electronic Travel Authorization** system for applications in August 2015; will be required for visa-exempt 3<sup>rd</sup> country nations as of March 2016 (not U.S. or Canadian citizens)



## Accomplishments

### II. Trade Facilitation, Economic Growth, and Jobs

- Negotiated and signed a Land/Rail/Marine/Air **Preclearance Agreement**, to enhance security and expedite legitimate travel and trade
- Went “live” with **Single Window** in Canada for 5 of 9 regulating agencies and certain early adopters - full deployment by late 2016, aligned with development of U.S. system (full deployment also by late 2016)
- Created **new benefits for NEXUS members** - simplified renewal process, added NEXUS lanes, and expedited airport screening
- Concluded two phases of a **cargo pre-inspection pilot** - U.S. conducted primary inspection of U.S.-bound trucks in Canada
- Set conditions for Fall 2015 launch of a U.S. **in-transit** pilot for goods originating from Canada and destined to another location in Canada, but whose routing transits the United States



## Preclearance Agreement

- The Preclearance Agreement was signed by Secretary Johnson and Minister Blaney on March 16, 2015 in Washington, D.C.
- For the first time, the Agreement will cover all modes - land, rail, marine, and air - and will supersede the 2001 Air Preclearance Agreement
- Per the Action Plan, it includes a solution for legal jurisdiction issues
- Requires legislation in both countries prior to entering into force
- Will consult with stakeholders to address implementation considerations, including facility requirements



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### II. Trade Facilitation, Economic Growth, and Jobs

- Announced significant investments in critical **border infrastructure**
  - Canada announced funding of \$127 million for major upgrades (North Portal, SK; Emerson, MB; Lansdowne, ON; Lacolle, QC;)
  - In the U.S., border infrastructure investments of roughly \$151 million made or announced
  - Other complementary investments outside scope of BTB
- Released two **Border Infrastructure Investment Plans** to coordinate priorities and efforts
  - Process included stakeholder consultations
- Continued to align and enhance **Trusted Trader** programs
  - Preparing for fully automated PIP/C-TPAT online portal for cross-border highway carriers by the fall of 2015; other modes/businesses to follow
  - Following pilot, advancing plans to regularize PIP-member access to FAST lane at Blue Water Bridge; will extend access to other locations as volumes allow



## Accomplishments

### III. Integrated Cross-Border Law Enforcement

- Deployed ***Shiprider*** operations in Ontario/Michigan and British Columbia/Washington State; additional locations planned
- Deployed a bi-national **radio interoperability system** between border enforcement personnel at two locations to coordinate effective investigations
- Tested cross-border **emergency communication systems interoperability** to improve response coordination during disasters

### IV. Critical Infrastructure and Cybersecurity

- Completed first cross-border **Regional Resilience Assessment Program** project (Maine/New Brunswick) and began work on a second project (Alaska/Yukon)
- Released a joint **Cybersecurity Action Plan** to enhance collaboration on shared cyber infrastructure



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### V. Managing Our New Long-Term Partnership

- Released a joint **Statement of Privacy Principles** (May 2012) to inform and guide the provision, receipt, and use of personal information exchanged under BTB
- Maintained oversight and accountability through an **Executive Steering Committee** which holds annual meetings and through publication of an annual **Implementation Report**
- Developed a **Forward Plan** that introduces new or enhanced measures to build upon initial BTB successes and lessons learned
  - Published as an annex to the 2014 Implementation Report
  - Areas of work include: health security, enhanced screening, and visa validation



## Upcoming Milestones

- Pursuing the steps needed to **implement the Preclearance Agreement**
- Harmonizing the Canadian and U.S. **Trusted Trader** portals
- Publication of the **Integrated Cargo Security Strategy** pilot summary
- U.S. to launch a **Known Employer pilot** by the end of the year and an **in-transit** pilot this fall
- Conducting stakeholder consultations and completing the **Border Infrastructure Investment Plan 3.0**
- Deployment of Phase III of the **Entry/Exit** program
- **Shiprider** expansion to Niagara and St. Lawrence River



## What's Next

- Measurable benefits have emerged and fuller benefits will be realized as implementation continues
- Both countries remain committed to achieving Beyond the Border objectives by:
  - Getting key outstanding initiatives “over the finish line”
  - Leveraging BTB successes to date under a new Forward Plan
  - Institutionalizing the BTB mechanism
- Continuing to drive progress and maintain momentum through:
  - Ongoing stakeholder engagement
  - Continued collaboration by U.S. and Canadian agencies, particularly through Fall 2015 and 2016



## More Information

### How you can be involved:

- **Stay informed.** Read the Action Plan and fact sheets and stay up to date on milestones and outreach events
- **Provide feedback.** Your ideas can help guide implementation; provide feedback at public forums like this one or email your ideas
- **Enroll in trusted trader and traveler programs and encourage others to do so**

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