

# Gordie Howe International Bridge Project: Year-in-Review 2025

The past year was pivotal for the Gordie Howe International Bridge. It was defined by visible progress, deep community partnerships and major steps toward becoming operational.

## CONSTRUCTION

### Tower Cranes Retire

After five years on the project, the iconic [red and blue tower cranes](#) were dismantled. At their peak, they stood 243 metres/797 feet tall and enabled the ascension and construction of both towers and the installation of all 216 stay cables.



### Jefferson Barrier Wall Completed

The 1,222 metres/4,011 feet US Port of Entry (POE) [Jefferson barrier wall](#) now surrounds the site. Its Fort Wayne-inspired decorative panels reflect local history while providing critical security and defining the gateway for the future multi-use path.



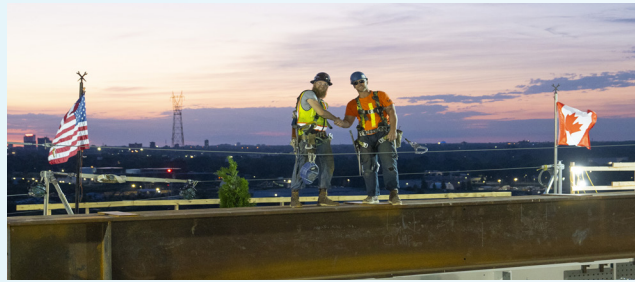
### Broadway Street Multi-Use Path and Malden Park Trailhead Open

A major step for active transportation, the 0.6 kilometre/0.3 mile [Broadway Street multi-use path and the Malden Park trailhead](#) connects the Gordie Howe International Bridge to regional trail networks. Designed with accessibility and safety at its core, it includes lighting, separated cycling and pedestrian lanes and wayfinding features.



### Highway-to-Highway Connectivity Advanced

Paving, road painting and gantry signage were completed on the [bridge deck and ramps](#) linking I-75 to the [US Port of Entry](#), moving us closer to a seamless travel experience on opening day in early 2026.



### The Workforce Behind It All

Since the fall 2018 construction start, 15,000 workers have contributed 19+ million hours across all four project components. Of that, 41 per cent of the workforce is from within the City of Detroit or within 100 kilometres of the City of Windsor, demonstrating strong regional hiring and the success of the [Workforce Development and Participation Strategy](#).

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

### Delray Home Improvement Program Completed

One of the most meaningful achievements of 2025 for some US residents closest to the project was the completion of the \$4 million CDN [Delray Home Improvement Program](#) where 106 homes received essential upgrades including new roofs, HVAC, doors, windows and safety improvements.

### Scale Model Unveiled at the University of Windsor

In celebration of a decade-long partnership between WDBA and the University of Windsor that has included 320 co-op student experiences across various disciplines, a 1:750 [scale model](#) of the Gordie Howe International Bridge found a permanent home at the prestigious post-secondary institution.



## TESTING AND COMMISSIONING

### Aesthetic Lighting Testing

More than [6,000 aesthetic lighting fixtures](#) continue to undergo testing on the Gordie Howe International Bridge giving Windsor and Detroit a glimpse of the elegant nighttime presence the bridge brings to the skyline.



As we enter the final stretch, 2025 stands as a defining year that brings us closer to delivering a new international crossing and closer to connecting people, communities and nations for generations to come. We look forward to welcoming the first travellers across the Gordie Howe International Bridge in 2026.