

**U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection**

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Deputy Commissioner

The Honorable Carl Levin  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Levin:

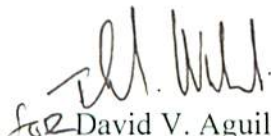
Thank you for your letter regarding the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian access at the proposed New International Trade Crossing (NITC) Bridge under development between Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan.

The Department of Homeland Security continues to work closely with the State of Michigan, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), U.S. Department of State, Government of Canada, and other stakeholders on the development of the new crossing. Per the DOT Federal Highway Administration's Record of Decision, issued January 14, 2009, both the bridge and the plaza will be engineered to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian traffic. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) wholly supports this plan and will work with these requirements as it begins the design phase of the project.

CBP looks forward to fully engaging in NITC planning and design activities to include the development of bicycle and pedestrian access once a Presidential Permit is issued and a mutually agreed to U.S. Inspection Plaza financing strategy has been reached.

I appreciate your interest in CBP. If we may offer further assistance, please contact Mr. Michael Yeager, Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Congressional Affairs at (202) 344-1760.

Sincerely,

  
for David V. Aguilar  
Deputy Commissioner