

# CANADA—U.S. TRANSPORTATION BORDER WORKING GROUP NEWSLETTER

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### TBWG Co-Chair David Kim Appointed as FHWA's Deputy Administrator



TBWG Co-Chair David S. Kim was appointed Deputy Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration on Feb. 8, 2016, by President Barack Obama and U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx.

In his new role, Kim serves as second-in-command for the 2,800-person agency and plays a leadership role in the agency's daily operations. He also oversees the agency's implementation of the recently-enacted "Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act" (FAST Act) and co-chairs the U.S.-Canada Transportation Border Working

Group and U.S.-Mexico Joint Working Committee. Additionally, Kim serves as DOT's representative on the Interagency Working Group of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

For five years, Kim served as the FHWA's Associate Administrator for Policy and Governmental Affairs in which he was a principal advisor to the Administrator and managed a team of 75 career employees involved in transportation policy development, legislative analysis, highway data collection and analysis, and international programs.

Prior to joining DOT, David spent five years with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) as Deputy Executive Officer, Federal Advocacy and Government Relations. In this capacity, he led the agency's Government Relations Department and managed federal relations on behalf of one of the largest transit providers in the country.

From 1999 to 2003, David served as Deputy Director in the Washington office of Gov. Gray Davis (D-Calif.) and represented the State of California's interests before Congress and the executive branch on transportation, water, energy and environmental issues. From 1998 to 1999, Kim worked in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative as Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Congressional Affairs. He also spent three years as a Washington representative for the City of Los Angeles.

For a decade, Kim served on the staff of numerous elected officials in Los Angeles, Sacramento and the nation's capital. He spent five years with Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-Calif.) in various capacities, including overseeing the day-to-day operations of his Sacramento office while Becerra served as a California State Assemblyman. Kim began his public service career as a field representative and administrative assistant to State Senator David Roberti.

A native of Davis, Calif., David earned a B.A. in Political Science from Occidental College and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California. David resides in Fairfax County, Va., with his wife Julie and two children, Tessa and Jaisohn.

### Marc Garneau Appointed as Canada's Minister of Transport

Marc Garneau, Member of Parliament for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce–Westmount, Quebec, was appointed as Canada's Minister of Transport on November 4, 2015, by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who formed the country's 23<sup>rd</sup> government after being elected in October 2015.

Mr. Garneau was born in Quebec City, Quebec and began his career with the Canadian Navy as a navy combat systems engineer aboard the military vessel HMCS Algonquin from 1974 to 1976. He was promoted to commander in 1982 and then to naval captain before retiring from the Canadian Navy in 1989.

During this period, in 1983, Mr. Garneau was selected from over four thousand candidates to be trained as an astronaut as part of the Canadian Astronaut Program. The following year he made history as the first Canadian to fly into space as a payload specialist on NASA's *Challenger* shuttle mission.

In 1989, Mr. Garneau was named Deputy Director of the Canadian Astronaut Program and provided technical and program support for future Canadian missions. In early 2001, he was appointed as the Canadian Space Agency's Vice President and then as President, from November 2001 until 2005, when Mr. Garneau left to pursue a career in politics.

In 2003, Mr. Garneau was made a Companion of the Order of Canada, the country's highest civilian honour. In addition, two high schools in Canada are named after him: Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute in Toronto and École Secondaire Marc Garneau in Trenton, Ontario.

Since 2008, Marc Garneau has served as the Member of Parliament for ridings in Montreal, Quebec, where he was first elected in Westmount–Ville-Marie. In May 2011, he was re-elected in Westmount–Ville-Marie and served as Liberal House Leader in the House of Commons. In the October 2015 federal election, he was re-elected in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce–Westmount.



## The Skagway/Fraser Border Crossing

By Steven Beningo, Bureau of Transportation Statistics

One of the more unusual border crossings is the crossing between Skagway, Alaska and Fraser, British Columbia. This border crossing first came into prominence in the late 1890's. After the discovery of gold in Yukon's Klondike Region, Canadian officials required that each gold seeker bring with them one ton of goods, and they sent the Northwest Mounted Police to the border to enforce the regulation. This necessitated dozens of trips up either the Chilkoot Pass or While Pass before a gold seeker was able to accumulate enough goods to be allowed to continue their journey.



In addition to the two trails that crossed the border, the 110 mile (177 kilometer) White Pass and Yukon Railroad was built between 1898 and 1900, connecting Skagway, Alaska with Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory. The railroad served primarily as a transporter of freight until it closed in 1982. It was reopened as solely a passenger line in 1988.



The rail line is such a popular attraction that despite operating for only five months of the year, from May to September, it routinely accounts for more rail passengers and crew entering the United States than at any other border crossing. In 2015, 84,849 rail passengers and crew entered the United States at Skagway, breaking Skagway's previous record of 81,526 which had been set in 2013.

While most rail passengers take round trip excursions beginning and ending

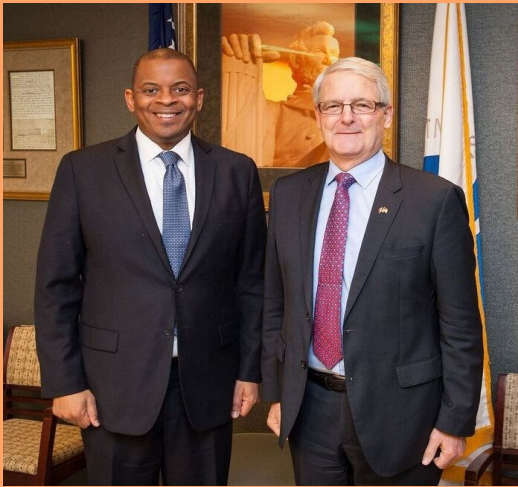


in Skagway, some travel to either Lake Bennett in British Columbia or cross in the Yukon Territory by car. The passengers traveling on the round trip excursion only travel less than 330 feet (100 meters) into Canada. At that point, the engine is decoupled from the train, and then moved to the other end of the train for the return trip to Skagway. The passengers on the round trip excursion are not allowed to leave the train, and do not go through CBSA or CBP processing.

During the tourist season from May through September, an almost equal amount of people enter the U.S. at Skagway by personal vehicle as by train. From May through September 2015, 86,070 personal vehicle passengers entered the U.S. at Skagway, vs. 84,849 train passengers and crew. Both of these figures were surpassed by the 161,574 bus passengers who entered the U.S. at Skagway during the same five month period in 2015, as bus excursions to the Yukon are very popular tourist activities. The U.S. border station is actually located a few miles from the actual border to make it easier for CBP officials to get to work in the winter, when the White Pass experiences a huge amount of snow.



## Minister Garneau and Secretary Foxx Sign Memorandum of Cooperation on Transportation Border Working Group



On February 9, 2016, United States (U.S.) Secretary of Transportation, the Honorable Anthony Foxx, and Canada's Minister of Transport, the Honourable Mark Garneau, signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) in Washington, D.C. that recognizes the role of the Transportation Border Working Group (TBWG) in enhancing Canada-U.S. cooperation on border issues.

The signing of the MOC highlighted the value of the strong and continuing collaboration between the two countries in facilitating efficient, safe and secure cross border trade and travel. The occasion also marked a 15- year milestone since the TBWG was created, following agreement by the former Minister of Transport, David Collenette, and the former U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Rodney Slater.

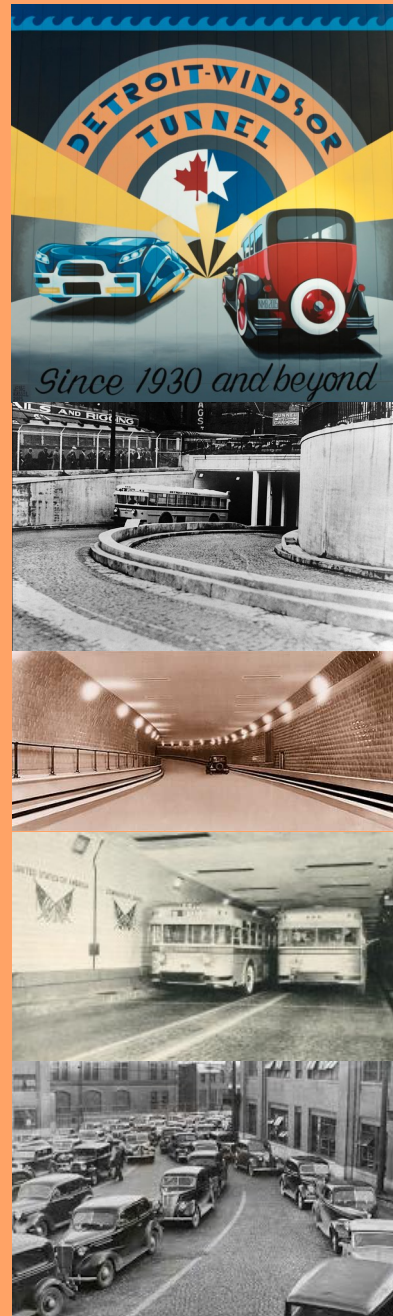
The MOC reaffirms support for the TBWG as an effective coordination mechanism for federal, State, and provincial cooperation on border issues. The MOC also sets out the TBWG's structure and governance, its binational Steering Committee, as well as its objectives and priorities. It outlines areas of cooperation such as: cross-border freight and passenger policy issues; border infrastructure planning and coordination; border wait time measurement and advanced traveler information systems.

Finally, the MOC recognizes the range of federal, provincial, state and local participants who contribute to the TBWG. These include Transport Canada (TC); Canada Border Services Agency; Global Affairs Canada; the U.S. Department of Transportation; the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Customs and Border Protection; and the U.S. Department of State. The transportation ministries and departments of border provinces and states also participate.

The MOC was drafted by TC and FHWA, in consultation with the TBWG's Steering Committee and members. Thanks go to everyone who contributed to the successful completion of the MOC, which can be found in both English and French language versions on the TBWG website.

## Detroit Windsor Tunnel Mural Celebrates 85th Anniversary

The iconic Detroit—Windsor Tunnel recently celebrated its 85 anniversary on November 3, 2016. The tunnel was officially opened on November 3, 1930 and to celebrate the historic milestone, a mural by artist Jesse Kassel was commissioned by the Tunnel Operators to mark the occasion. These photos shown below show the mural painting and some historic scenes from the tunnel's 85 year history.



# Save the Date! 2016 Fall TBWG Meeting Alexandria Bay, NY May 17 - 18, 2016

This TBWG Meeting will be like none before! TBWG has partnered with the Thousand Island Bridge Authority to plan a boat and bus tour of the Thousand Island Bridge Complex. There also will be an evening reception at the Boldt Castle that all participants are invited to attend. Major topics of discussion for the upcoming meeting will be the new Administration of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the Border Infrastructure Investment Plan 3.0, an upcoming Regional Master Planning Peer Exchange, the new Lansdowne Port of Entry facility, and the Canada – U.S. Land, Rail, Marine and Air Preclearance Agreement.

A room block at the federal government/group rate of \$94.00 per night, plus tax has been arranged at the Riveredge Resort Hotel for the nights of **Monday, May 16, Tuesday, May 17, and Wednesday, May 18, 2016**. To make a reservation please call the hotel directly at **1-800-365-6987** and identify yourself as a member of the **TBWG Meeting** room block and provide the dates of stay in order to receive the group rate. Individuals are to pay their own room, tax and incidentals. The deadline for reserving a room is **Sunday, May 1, 2016**. Reservations received after this date will only be accepted on a space and rate available basis at the group rate. Cancellations must be made 72 hours before date of arrival.

Please join us as the TBWG and the Thousand Island Bridge Authority join forces to host a special educational and informative meeting.

To officially register, please send your registration form to [david.franklin@dot.gov](mailto:david.franklin@dot.gov). The deadline for submitting your registration form is May 2, 2016.

