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**PEACE BRIDGE EXPANSION PROJECT TO
HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN BUFFALO AND FORT ERIE**

Meetings will provide project update and present findings of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Input needed regarding Buffalo Plaza Development

BUFFALO, NY/FORT ERIE, ONT. – The Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority (Peace Bridge Authority) will hold public meetings in October to present findings of its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), evaluating proposed capacity improvements to the Peace Bridge, US and Canadian Plazas, and Connecting Roadways of the Peace Bridge Border Crossing Facility.

“The Peace Bridge Expansion Project team has made tremendous progress in the development of a plan that is right for our bi-national region,” said Ron Rienas, General Manager, Peace Bridge Authority. “We encourage everyone to come out, get updated and learn about the project. This is a milestone moment for the project. This is a milestone event after years of work and study. With the final input we will be able to move forward with the final approvals and commence construction in 2009.”

Meetings will be held on:

- **Thursday, October 11, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.**, Connecticut Street Armory, 184 Connecticut Street, Buffalo, beginning with an Open House. Project presentations and public comment periods will be scheduled throughout the day and into the evening.
- **Friday, October 12, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.**, Fort Erie Leisureplex, Banquet Hall, 3 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie beginning with a project presentation and public comment period.

The alternatives proposed include the No Build alternative and alternatives that improve operations, enhance security, reduce congestion and result in improvements in the overall efficiency and functionality of the existing Peace Bridge border crossing.

Detailed public meeting information can be found by visiting www.peacebridgex.com. In addition to the project website, copies of the DEIS are available for review at the locations listed below and at the public meetings.

In the US:

Buffalo City Hall, 65 Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY 14202 Tel. 716-851-4200
City Clerk's Office – 1308 City Hall Tel. 716-851-5431
Mayor's Office – 201 City Hall Tel. 716-851-4841
Council Staff – 1413 City Hall Tel. 716-851-5105
Dominic J. Bonifacio, Jr., Majority Leader, Niagara District, 1504 City Hall Tel. 716-851-5125, 716-851-5126
Erie County Public Library, Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY 14203
Tel. 716-858-8900

Erie County Public Library, Niagara Branch, 280 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14201
Tel. 716-882-1537
Parsons, 40 LaRiviere Dr, Suite 350, Buffalo, NY 14202 Tel. 716-853-6946

In Canada:

Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, 100 Queen St, Fort Erie, ON L2A 3S6
Tel. 905-871-1608
Town of Fort Erie Municipal Centre, 1 Municipal Centre Dr, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6 Tel.
905-871-1600
The Fort Erie Public Library, Centennial Branch, 136 Gilmore Rd, Fort Erie, ON L2A
2M1 Tel. 905-871-2546
Fort Erie Indian Friendship Centre, 796 Buffalo Rd, Fort Erie, ON L2A 5H2 Tel. 905-
871-8931

DEIS copies also may be obtained by contacting Cheryl Lehman, Parsons, 40 LaRiviere Dr,
Suite 350, Buffalo, NY 14202, Tel. 716-853-6946, email Cheryl.Lehman@parsons.com, or
fax 716-541-0760.

Comments on the DEIS must be received by Mr. Alan E. Taylor, Regional Director, NYSDOT
Region 5, 100 Seneca St, Buffalo, NY 14203-2939 or Ms. Amy Jackson-Grove,
Assistant Division Administrator, FHWA, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Building, 7th Floor, Clinton
Ave & North Pearl St, Albany, NY 12207 by **Monday, October 29, 2007**.

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