

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)

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Agenda

- ❑ WHTI
 - ❑ WHTI Compliant EDL
 - ❑ Documents Required for an EDL
 - ❑ Implementation Timeframe
 - ❑ Comparison: EDL and Real ID
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WHTI

- ❑ Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (sec. 7209) Dec. 2004
 - ❑ Requires acceptable identification for travelers to the U.S. Canada, Mexico, Caribbean, Bermuda by land or sea
 - ❑ Eliminates oral declaration of citizenship
 - ❑ Requires passport or other documents
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WHTI

- ❑ Land and Sea Draft Rules: June 2007
 - ❑ Border Crossing Rule Changed: January 31, 2008
 - ❑ Land and Sea Final Rules: March 2008
 - ❑ WHTI Final Implementation: June 2009
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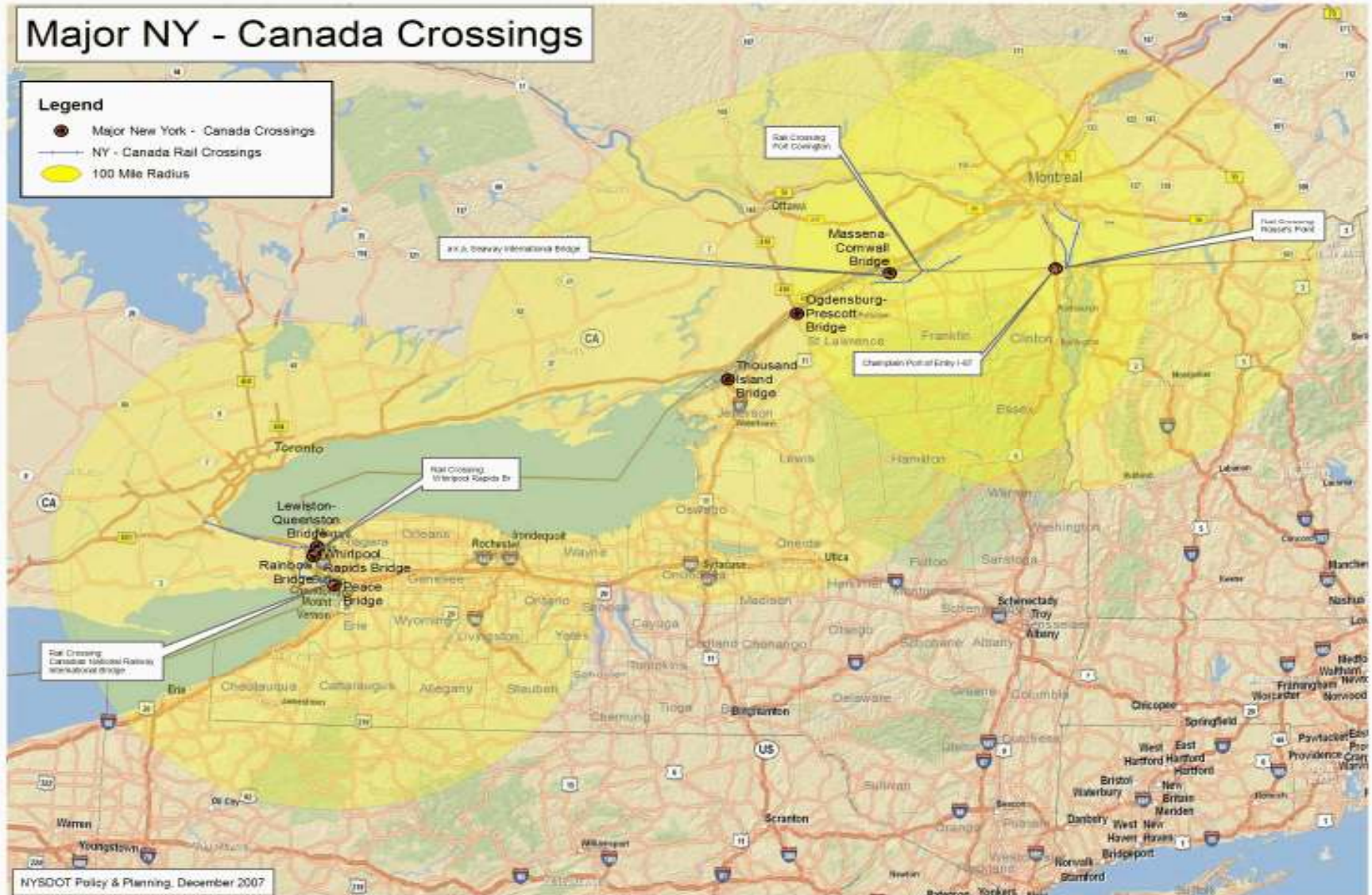
WHTI: Acceptable Documents

- For Land and Sea Travel
 - Valid Passport
 - Passport Card (New document)
 - NEXUS, FAST, SENTRI, Merchant Mariner Document
 - U.S. Military Identification Card
 - ***DHS approved documents denoting identity and citizenship e.g. Enhanced Driver License (EDL)***
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NYS/Canada Border

- 445 miles of border
 - 17 land crossing to Ontario/ Quebec
 - 2003, personal cars crossing NYS border
 - 9.5 million vehicles
 - 21 million passengers
 - 2006, Canada-U.S. merchandise trade: \$489 billion
 - 468,750 NY jobs are supported by Canada-U.S. trade
 - Canadians: 2.5 million visits to NY, spending \$679m
 - NY: 1.7 million visits to Canada, spending \$561m
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Major NYS Border Crossings



Enhanced Driver License (EDL)

- Facilitate border crossing
 - Vital to the upstate economy
 - Alternative to passport/passport card
 - Optional
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EDL Document Requirements

- ❑ Must denote citizenship
 - ❑ Must include a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) vicinity chip
 - ❑ Must include a Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) that utilizes ICAO 9303 Standard (similar to a passport)
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EDL Document Requirements



- Valid US Passport **OR**
 - Original or Certified Copy of State Issued Birth Certificate **OR**
 - Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship **OR**
 - Department of State Consular Report of Birth Abroad, **AND**
 - One Government Issued Photo ID (Military ID, DL/ID or Government Employee ID Card)
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EDL Timeframe

- Business Plan – February 2008
 - System Development – June 2008
 - IT Updates
 - Document Design
 - Vendor Negotiation
 - Issuance of EDL – Summer 2008
 - DHS Audit of NYS EDL – Winter 2008
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EDL: Other States

Signed MOA

- Washington
- Vermont
- Arizona
- New York

Discussion with DHS

- California
 - Michigan
 - Texas
 - North Dakota
 - Idaho
 - Montana
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EDL: Canadian Provinces

- Working group with Ontario, Quebec and Canadian Government officials
 - Ontario/Quebec working to offer EDL
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Travel Purposes

EDL vs. REAL ID

□ EDL

- Acceptable identification for U.S. citizens traveling between U.S., Canada, Mexico, Caribbean and Bermuda by land or sea

□ Real ID

- Acceptable identification for federally regulated air travel and other official purposes as determined by the Department of Homeland Security
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Enhanced Driver Licenses vs. REAL ID

EDL	Real ID
U.S. Citizens	Lawful presence
May be used for cross-border travel in North America by land and sea	Official federal purpose does not include cross-border travel
Facilitative technology (RFID) required	No facilitative technology requirement
Verification requirements for source documents when available	Verification requirements for source documents when available
Valid for identity & citizenship	Valid for identity and for federal purposes (domestic air travel)

2008-09 EDL-Executive Budget Recommendation

Executive Budget Recommends:

- ❑ DMV funding at \$11.9 million
 - ❑ New EDL document fee at \$20
 - ❑ 30% Retention fee on WHTI document
 - ❑ Assumption: 16% participation rate
 - ❑ Recognition NY passport holders: 33%
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EDL Participation

- Zogby poll conducted February 2006 determined:
 - 7% of Americans **likely** to purchase a border card
 - 18% of Americans **somewhat likely** to purchase a border card
 - Polled US border state voters

Calculation of Participation Rate

Likely

7%

Somewhat Likely
discounted to 50%

9%

Total

16%

EDL Volume Projection

	Transactions	16% Participation	75% in FY08-09
Active Licenses	11,146,400	1,783,424	1,337,568
Non-driver ID's	1,506,900	241,104	180,828
Original Licenses & NDID's	844,700	135,152	101,364
		Total	1,619,760
		State Transactions	1,011,870
		County Transactions	607,890



Alternate Transaction Volume Assumptions

□ **100mi Radius Scenario**

- 32% participation in border counties
 - Range from 16% to 8% participation in remaining regions of state
 - 1,514,188 total transactions
 - 584,726 state transactions
 - 929,462 county transactions
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County Impact

- ❑ Assumed longer transaction time to determine staff needs
 - ❑ Cost estimates based on salary and fringe benefit
 - ❑ Recommended retention fee on EDL at 30%
 - ❑ To balance the possible disproportionate increase in workload
 - ❑ All other transactions will remain at 12.7% retention fee
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New Costs to Consumers

Document	Fee	Duration
Passport	\$100	10 Years
Passport Card	\$45	10 years
Passport Card with Passport	\$20	10 years
EDL - at renewal	\$70	\$50 License Fee \$20 EDL Fee 8 years
EDL - upgrade	\$35	\$15 Duplicate Fee \$20 EDL Fee Remainder of License Term



Summary

- DMV offers option for EDL
 - Will facilitate border crossing
 - Will meet new DHS requirements
 - Implement Summer 2008
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Questions?

