

## Land, Rail, Marine, Air Agreement

- Bi-Lateral agreement brought into force on August 15 2019
- Supports transitioning Pre-Inspection facilities to Pre-Clearance
- Several airports in Canada already Pre-Clearance
- To our knowledge CBSA has no immediate plans to establish Pre-Clearance in US



## LRMA Discussions & Timelines

- Early 2017 Border agency and operator meeting on LRMA status and Pre-Inspection transition
- March 2019 Border agency and operator meeting noting all operators must either choose pre-clearance or post-inspection
- August 2019 LRMA ratified and USCBP informs operators of timelines for decision-making:
  - November 1 2019 Letters of Intent due from all operators
  - February 12 2020 Canadian and US gov'ts confirm which facilities move to Pre-Clearance or Post-Inspection
  - 2022 Preferred year for Pre-Inspection service conversion

# Belleville Terminal Revitalization



### **Belleville Site Overview**





# Belleville Improvements to Date

Development of a Phased Improvement Strategy

- Phase 1: Replace Black Ball Wharf & Rehab Clipper Wharf (COMPLETE)
- Phase 2: David Foster Way City of Victoria (COMPLETE)
- Phase 3: Redevelopment of Belleville Terminal (In Planning)





# Background & Project Rationale

#### **Terminal Background**

- Two long-term carriers moving 340,000 annual tourists between Victoria and Washington State
- \$100M in direct annual GDP to Greater Victoria
- Average Belleville passenger spends \$400 per visit vs. \$83 per cruise ship passenger

#### Why Now?

- Replacement of aging Clipper wharf (5-7 years)
- New border security agreement need for Pre-Clearance
- Related tourism opportunities/risks for other carriers (GVHA, YYJ, Sidney-Anacortes)
- Improved customer experience and amenities





# Project Scope

- US Pre-Clearance Security & Immigration processing
- Enhanced CBSA Post-Inspection Processing (including commercial freight)
- Ability to process larger vessels
- Temporary Clipper Facility during construction
- Replace Clipper & Stores Building Wharf
- Address site constraints (Geotechnical, Environmental, grade issues)





# **Project Objectives & Opportunities**

- Maintain the regional economic stimulus generated by Clipper, Black Ball and Sidney-Anacortes Ferry in Victoria
- Keep US Customs in Victoria so that current and future international carriers like GVHA's homeported cruise ships, or Victoria International Airport can further stimulate economic activity
- Provide a secure facility that meets modern border requirements for both federal border agencies
- Create a welcoming and inclusive international gateway for travelers (including travel certainty)





## The Challenges

- Few reference comparisons to base Belleville concept upon
- Evolving requirements over three years has led to iterative design work (staggered design guidance)
- Much larger border footprint than existing facilities
- Significant capital and operating costs
- Remaining regulatory uncertainty (e.g. cargo shipment)
- No current federal funding envelope
  available
- All Victoria operators succeed together or fail together







- 1. Confirm Pre-Clearance Statement of Intent with Operators
- 2. Work to Formalize Contributions with Partners
- 3. Complete Project Business Case
- 4. Prepare Provincial Treasury Board Submission
- 5. Continue to Support Operators Regardless of Outcome



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