

Champlain Landport Entry

Highway Reconstruction and Infrastructure

Location: Champlain, NY
Client: General Services Administration
Value: \$13.6 million

Overview

This interesting and rewarding project encompassed an entirely new inspection facility and new administrative building at the Canadian border at Champlain, NY. Work included 10 brand-new passenger inspection booths; two canopy inspection areas; all new water main and water systems; site lighting; new export buildings for commercial trucks; and new site signage. In addition, I-87 at the border crossing was reconstructed to widen and resurface the road to facilitate traffic.

“As a company, we took pride in adding to our national security.”

Challenge

It was critical to maintain the existing operations of Customs and Border Patrol without interfering with traffic flow. This border crossing has a high volume of traffic, and we needed to phase our infrastructure and highway reconstruction in such a way to permit traffic to move smoothly and with no jeopardy to security. An unknown factor included encountering rock at the site.



Solution

By redesigning traffic patterns, we managed to keep the crossing operational throughout the construction period. A team effort working through the winter of 2006 enabled us to remove the rock while maintaining—even exceeding—the schedule.

Result

This project, which began in June 2006 and was completed in October 2008, had many milestones, which we met on or ahead of schedule, resulting in an improved traffic flow for the comfort of the public, updated security measures based on new technologies, and a more efficient and secure site for Customs and Border Patrol.

“Careful phasing allowed safe passenger flow and efficient operations, while permitting us to get the project completed on time.”

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