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MCA BORDER UPDATE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is committed to keeping the community informed on matters that may impact travel and border-related activity. At the recent Border Partners Monthly Meeting held on May 6, 2025, several important updates were shared by Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

The CBSA has advised that there may be some traffic disruptions on May 20, 2025, related to commercial transport trucks that are not currently enrolled in the new CBSA Assessment and Revenue Management (CARM) program. However, they've assured that local traffic should remain unaffected.

In addition, CBSA will begin upgrading license plate readers starting June 16, 2025. This work will be completed one lane at a time, with only a single lane impacted each day. While this may result in minor delays, the goal is to maintain traffic flow and minimize inconvenience to travelers.

On the U.S. side, the CBP shared that a new 90-day pilot project is underway with the installation of a "Road Shark" device. This tool is designed to deter vehicles from attempting to flee southbound by using the northbound lane. The device targets such illegal maneuvers and will not affect regular northbound traffic. The effectiveness of the project will be reviewed at the end of the 90-day trial period.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will continue to share updates with the community as they become available. We thank you for your attention and encourage you to plan ahead for travel during the mentioned dates.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mohawk Government at 613-575-2348.