

BUILDING TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

REIMAGINING

The Peace Bridge



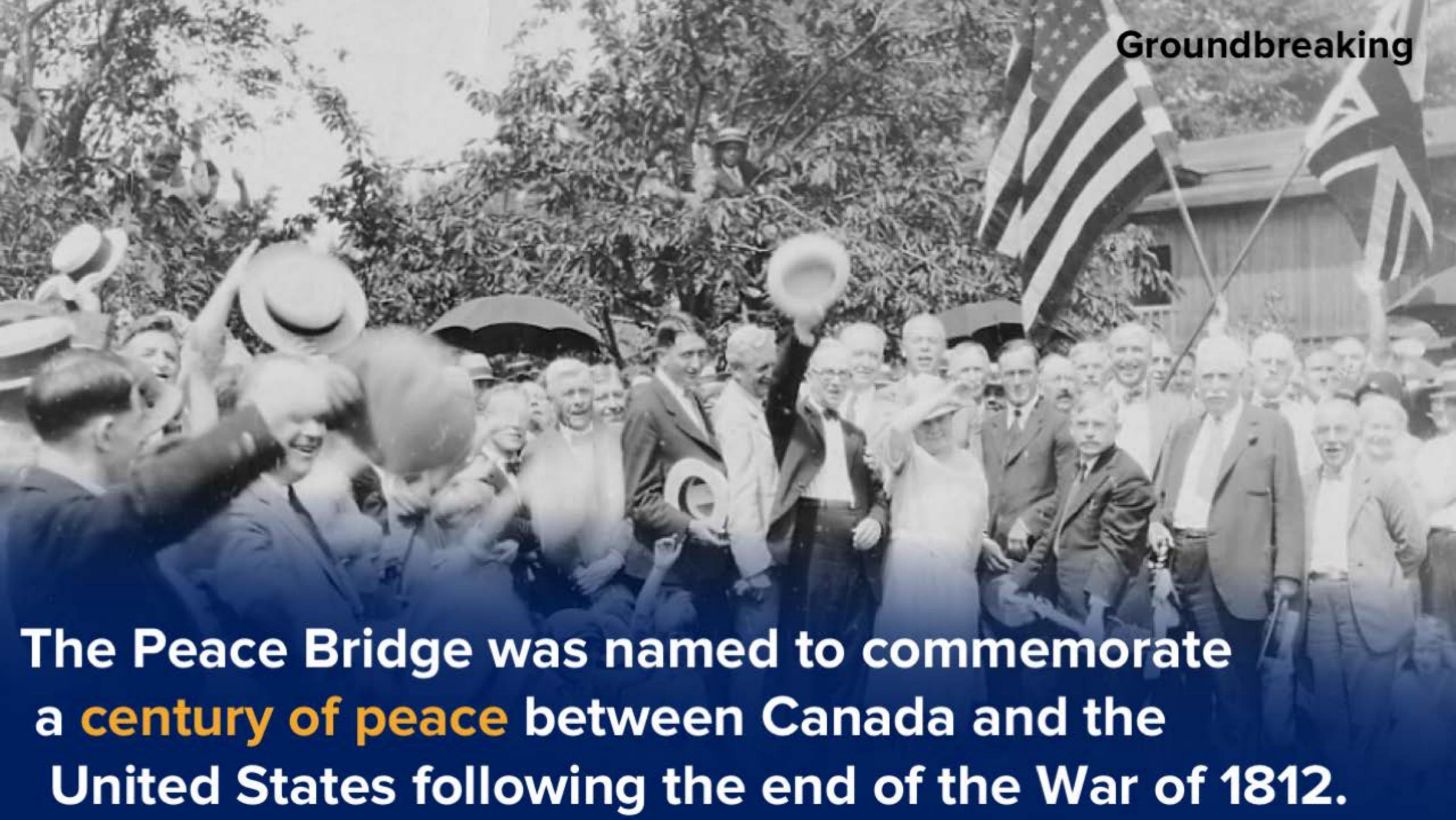


**A look back at
The Peace Bridge...**



The Peace Bridge

opened in 1927 to connect Buffalo with Canada at the height of Western New York's industrial boom.



Groundbreaking

The Peace Bridge was named to commemorate a **century of peace** between Canada and the United States following the end of the War of 1812.



**Since opening,
the bridge has promoted economic growth
and stronger relations between New York and**



Of the four bridge crossings in the region, the Peace Bridge carries a disproportionate share of commercial traffic because of its connection to the region's major arteries.



Throughout the 80's and 90's, the Bridge became congested, prompting Buffalonians to believe the construction of a **second bridge** was necessary.

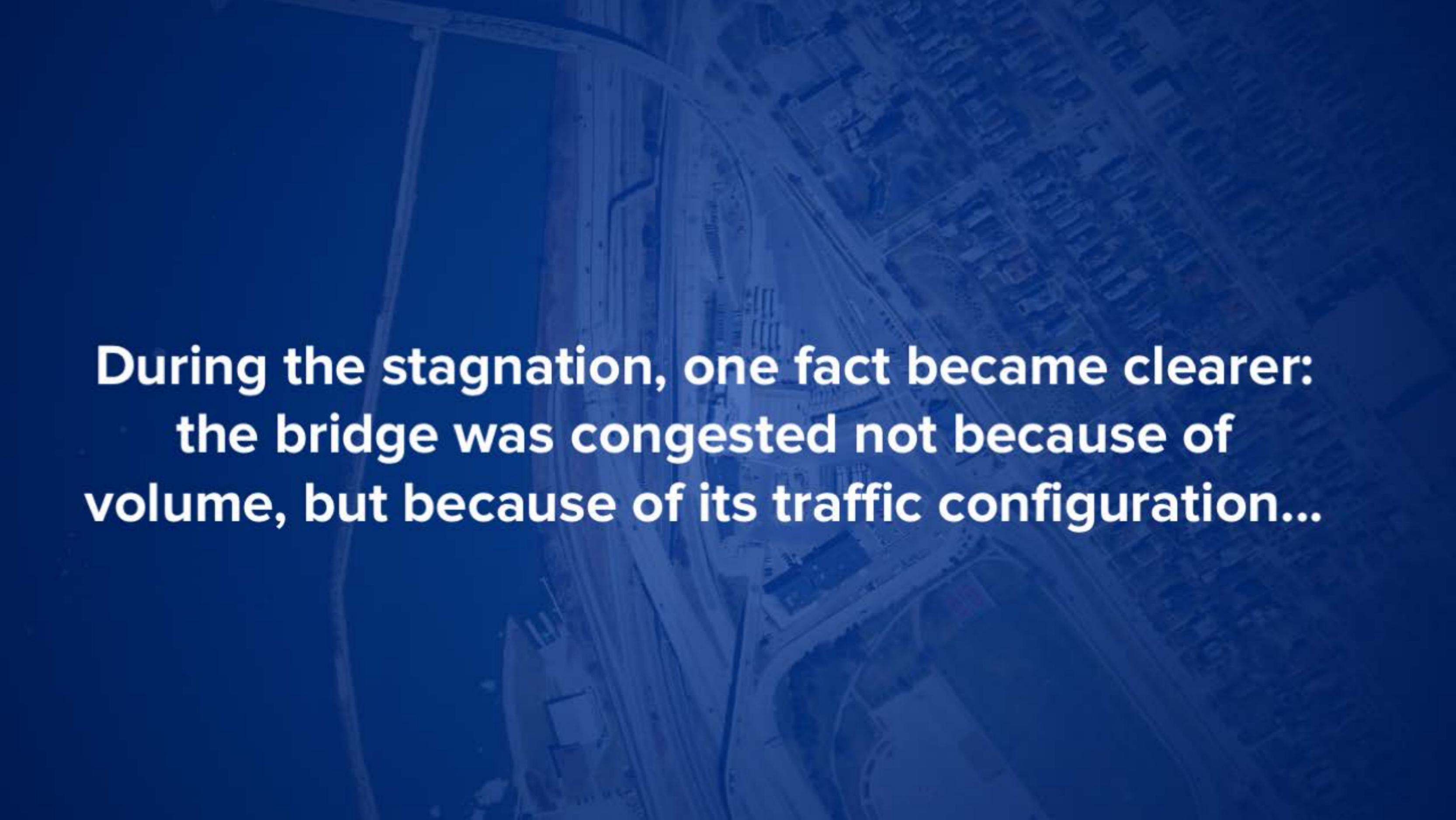


Ideas were discussed...
plans were devised...
but after 20 years...

Visualization

A blue-tinted photograph of a multi-arched bridge spanning over a highway interchange. The bridge features several large, white, curved arches supported by a network of cables. Below the bridge, a multi-lane highway with several cars is visible. The overall scene is dimly lit, with a strong blue color cast.

They never happened.

An aerial photograph of a city street grid and a bridge structure, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The bridge spans across a body of water, and the surrounding urban area shows a dense pattern of buildings and streets.

**During the stagnation, one fact became clearer:
the bridge was congested not because of
volume, but because of its traffic configuration...**



In part to ease congestion, the Peace Bridge Authority completed the Canadian Gateway Project in 2007, featuring a widened plaza and toll booths moved from New York to Canada.

An aerial photograph of a city street grid, likely New York City, is shown with a semi-transparent blue overlay. The text "Meanwhile in New York..." is centered in a bold, orange font.

Meanwhile in New York...



**Incoming traffic
from Canada**



**Road cutting
through historic
Front Park**

**In order to get to
I-190, trucks must
drive through city
streets first**

**Outdated
customs house**

An aerial photograph of a city street grid, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

To further complicate New York's challenge, our plaza is 1/5 the size of Canada's plaza – while needing to handle the same amount of traffic.



**When Governor Cuomo
took office in 2011, he made it a central priority
to build a new economy for a new Buffalo.**



**As part of that promise, the Governor
committed to fixing the Peace Bridge...**

A blue-tinted photograph of an oil rig. In the foreground, the back of a worker wearing a hard hat is visible. The rig's complex metal structure, including a large derrick, dominates the background against a clear sky.

**Because the hallmark of our administration
is not to make plans.**

It is to make progress.



STEP 1

In 2013, Governor Cuomo broke through gridlock by **negotiating an international agreement** that committed capital investments on and around the Peace Bridge.



We have jointly invested more than
\$225 MILLION

for these capital improvements...



Peace Bridge Plaza

At the New York plaza, we built a **new customs facility** that processes people and goods faster, reducing wait time and cutting emissions...





Peace Bridge Plaza

And **widened the approach** for US-bound trucks and NEXUS users to exit the bridge earlier – reducing congestion entering the plaza.

An aerial photograph of a highway interchange, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The image shows multiple lanes of traffic, overpasses, and surrounding infrastructure. The text is centered over the image.

**The agreement also included
a new Gateway Ramp and
acquisition of the Episcopal Church Home.**



STEP 2:

To complement the Bridge's structural investments, Governor Cuomo then launched the \$56 million Peace Bridge Gateway Project – a holistic reconfiguration of surrounding roads and parks.

An aerial photograph of a complex highway interchange, likely a cloverleaf interchange, with multiple lanes and ramps. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is centered over the image.

**Today we are announcing
the completion of the
Peace Bridge Gateway Project.**



We built a **new connection ramp** to carry traffic exiting the Peace Bridge Plaza to I-190 northbound.

A blue-tinted photograph of a highway interchange. In the background, a large truss bridge spans across the scene. The foreground shows a multi-lane highway with a concrete median. The overall image has a monochromatic blue color scheme.

**No more trucks needing to
drive through city streets to get to I-190!**



We also reconstructed the **Porter Avenue Bridge, which now includes a 10 foot wide pedestrian lane to connect Front and LaSalle Parks with walking paths.**



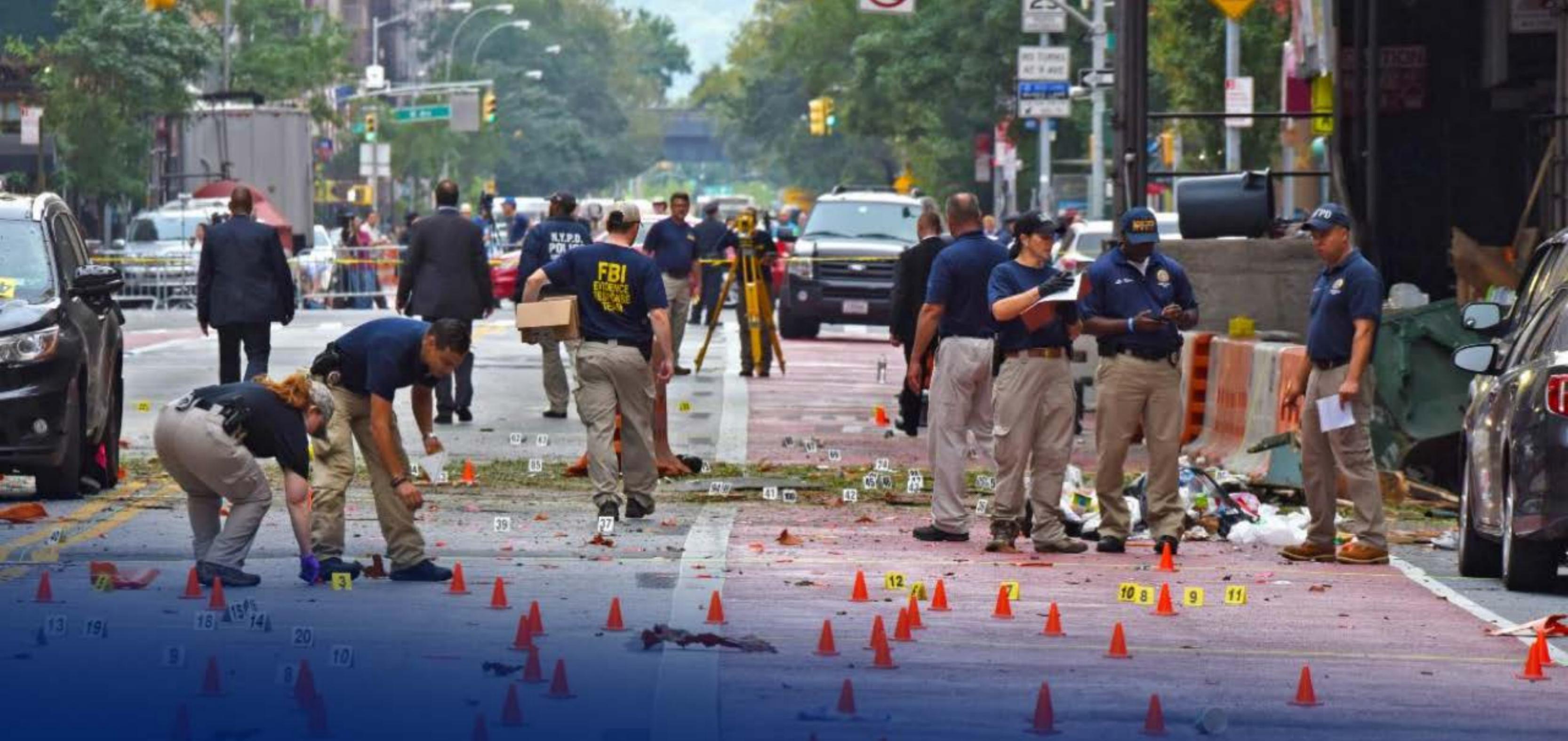
**We removed Baird Drive to restore four acres of parkland –
aligning with Frederick Law Olmsted’s original vision.**



The removal of Baird Drive also paved the way for the construction of a new ramp, carrying traffic from Porter Ave directly into Peace Bridge Plaza...



And allowed us to construct a **new roundabout** to improve traffic flow – enhancing safety and mobility.

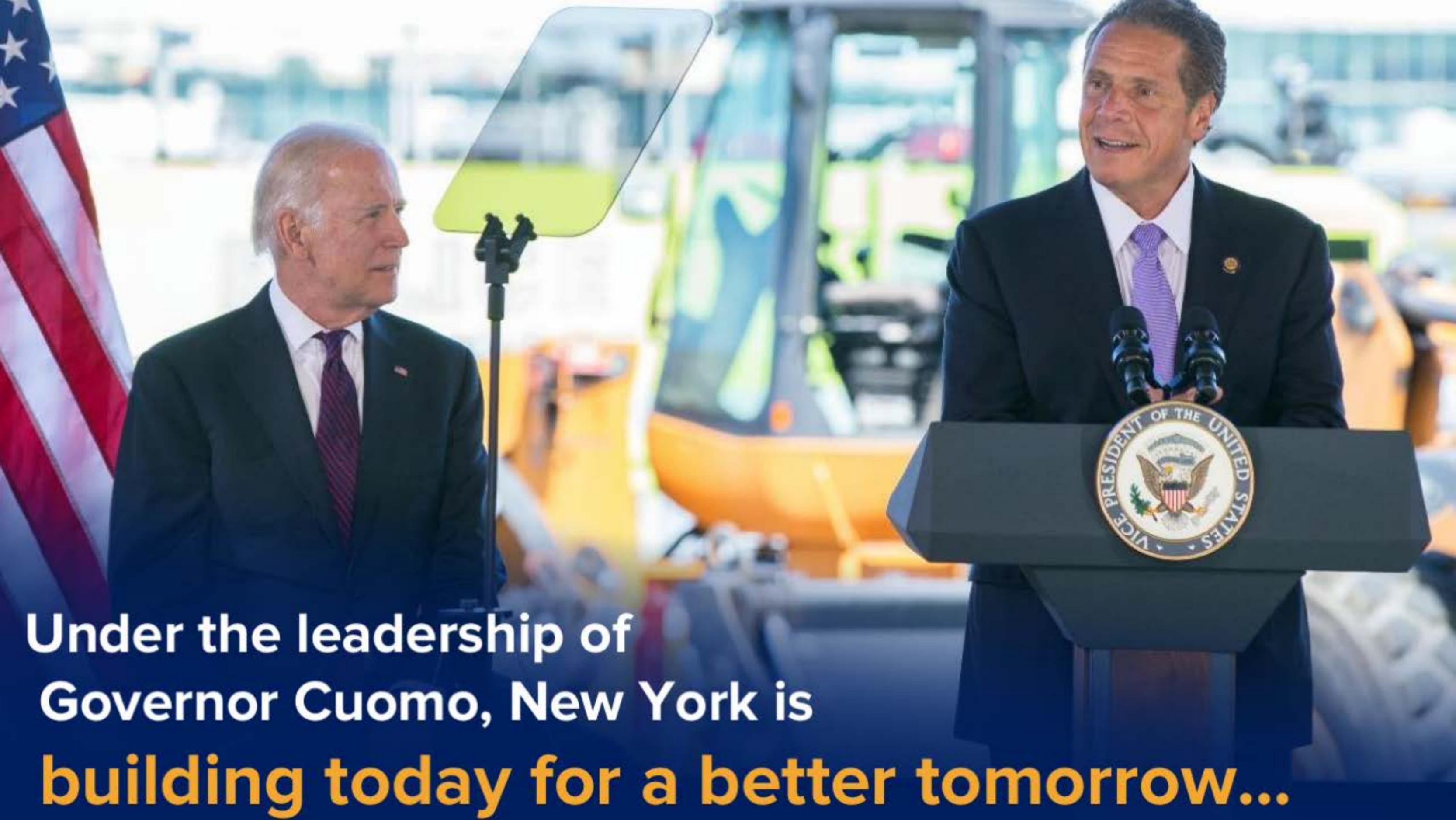


The new reality of global threats requires greater security at our transit hubs, attractions and borders...

To that end, we are installing **new security fencing** along the southern border of the Peace Bridge Plaza and a **state-of-the-art warning and messaging system** along the entrance ramp.



Finally, now that the project is complete, the **Shoreline Trail Path** will soon also open, which features a new pedestrian bridge with expansive views of the lake and river.



Under the leadership of
Governor Cuomo, New York is

building today for a better tomorrow...



From the
new LaGuardia Airport...



To the
new Tappan Zee Bridge...



**To now, the
reimagined Peace Bridge Plaza here in Buffalo.**

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