DBi Services provides comprehensive management, operations and asset maintenance for the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray Parkway (formerly the Windsor-Essex Parkway) beginning in the fourth quarter of 2014. This includes pavement, structures, roadside features, electrical maintenance, intelligent transportation systems and landscaping.

This parkway strengthens transportation and trade links between Canada and the United States, and fosters economic growth. It was identified through the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study for the Ontario access road for a new Windsor-Detroit border transportation that also includes new Canadian and US inspection plazas, an international crossing over the Detroit River and US interchange connecting into Interstate 75. Upon completion of the entire project, Highway 401 will be connected directly to the US interstate system for the first time.

The Parkway is a below-grade, six-lane highway, 6.7 miles long with 11 tunnels and a four-lane service road (Highway 3). More than 300 acres of green space, 13 miles of recreational trails and extensive landscaping exist throughout the corridor.

DBi Services is responsible for all incident response, emergency management, traffic control and snow and ice control of the entire corridor. The contract runs for fifteen years with a one-time fifteen-year renewal option.

Project Highlights

The project was funded, designed and built through a Public Private Partnership (P3), which includes Fluor Canada Ltd., ACS Infrastructure Canada, Inc. and Acciona Infrastructure Canada, Inc. DBi Services will be responsible for the management and maintenance of the new facility.

This project is currently the largest road construction project in North America valued at approximately $1.4 billion in today’s dollars. Over the 30-year life of the contract, the total future payments will add up to approximately $2.2 billion.

Relevant Experience Gained

- The experience gained on this P3 in an international setting allows DBi Services to showcase its expertise in asset management, Intelligent Traffic Systems and advanced data collection systems.
- P3s allow companies such as DBi Services to propose a management and execution plan based on value for money rather than low price allowing for innovation.

Value to Customer

- Bundled operations and maintenance minimize the number of contractors and streamline oversight.
- In-house services, including tunnel maintenance, allow direct control of costs and quality.
- DBi Services has a significant role in maintaining effective flow of trade in this corridor, which is vital to the economic prosperity of the Ontario, Canada and Michigan region.