

Land Port of Entry, Calais, Maine

**3 Customs Street
Calais, ME 04619**

The new land port of entry in Calais, Maine was designed by Robert Siegel Architects of New York, NY, and was built by J&J Construction of Lowell, MA. A construction contract for \$48,327,000 was awarded to J&J on Dec. 27, 2007. The new inspection facility provides agency space that could not be created at either the Ferry Point or Milltown locations.

The new crossing is one of three projects in the Calais area that will positively impact trade between the US and Canada; the crossings in Milltown and Ferry Point are scheduled to be updated following the Calais project.

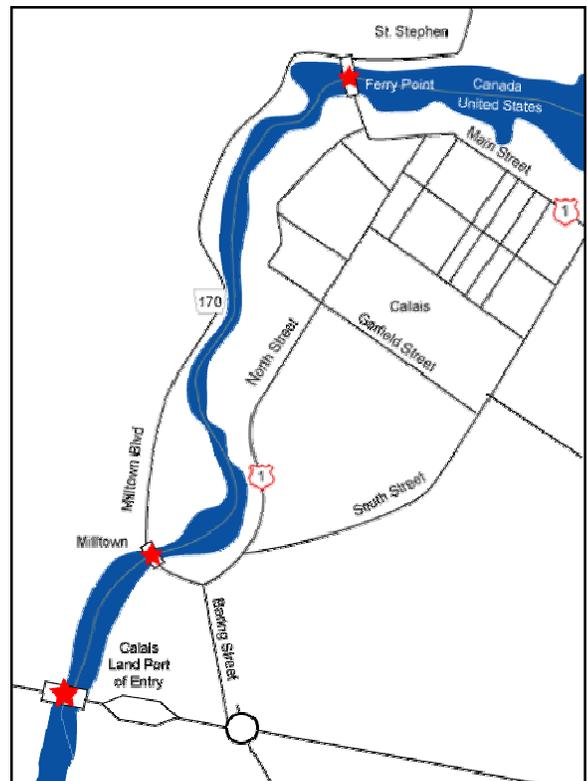
The primary objective of this project was to:

- divert all commercial traffic from the Ferry Point crossing to the new crossing, thereby providing a facility sufficient for secondary commercial inspection.
- alleviate the congestion that existed in downtown Calais, which at times backed up over the bridge to St. Stephen, New Brunswick.
- enhance security significantly by virtue of utilizing a modern, efficient facility that allowed for easier inspection of commercial and non-commercial vehicles.

Construction of the 70,000-square-foot facility on the 52-acre site began in February 2008. The Ceremonial Opening was held in November 2009. The facility is occupied by the Department of Homeland Security/Customs and Border Protection, the Food and Drug Administration, and GSA.



The new port of entry in Calais, Maine.



Map of Calais, Maine showing the Ferry Point, Milltown, and the new Calais Land Port of Entry crossings



The Ferry Point crossing built in the 1940s.



The Milltown crossing.