

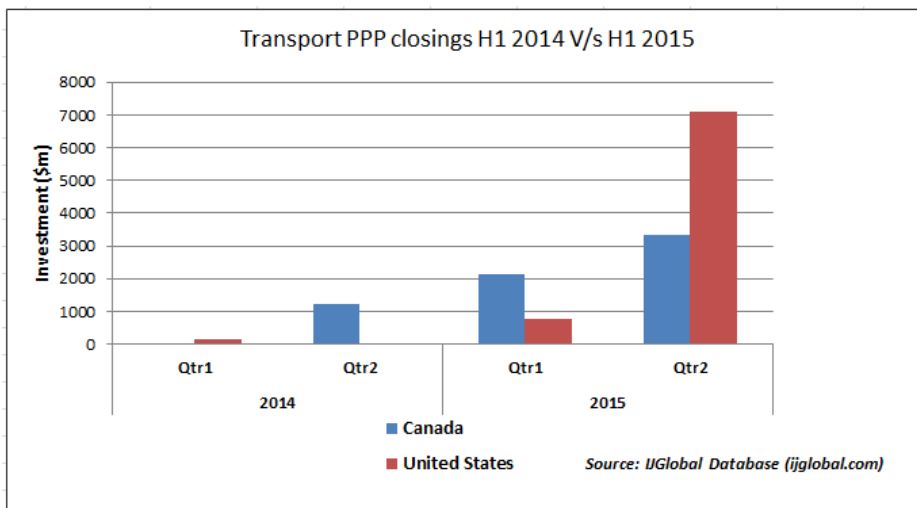
# H1 2015 League Tables Analysis: Uptick in North American transport PPP

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Closed deal volume in the second quarter of 2015 raised total transport PPP investment in H1 2015 to \$13.32 billion across the US and Canada, according to [IJGlobal's H1 2015 league tables](#). This is significantly higher than the same period last year when only three deals worth \$1.38 billion closed across the region.

The US closed \$7.9 billion in debt and equity investment over five transactions in H1 2015 compared to a mere \$163 million closed in H1 2014. Meanwhile, Canada closed seven transportation PPPs with total value of \$5.45 billion in H1 2015 compared to just two deals worth \$1.21 billion over the same period last year.



The increase in financial closes in H1 2015 is a result of new transport PPP tender launches over the past two years in North America, particularly Canada.

Canada, which has traditionally had a strong social infrastructure PPP pipeline, is gradually increasing its transit PPP pipeline in order to expand its public transportation facilities and offset the growing congestion on its roads. The country expects to deliver larger-scale civil and transit projects on time and budget by leveraging private sector expertise in the sector akin to its experience in the social infrastructure sector.

The Government of Ontario, the largest PPP procurement province within Canada, is procuring the [C\\$5.5 billion \(\\$4.3 billion\) Eglinton light-rail transit \(LRT\) project](#). The province is also expected to launch another C\$1 billion project - the Finch LRT in Toronto - in the third quarter of 2015 and an equally sized Hurontario LRT in 2016. Other provinces like Alberta and Saskatchewan have also followed suit with large scale transport PPP procurements like the [Southwest Calgary ring road](#) and the [C\\$2 billion Regina bypass](#).

North America H1 2015 financial closes		
Project Name	Value (\$m)	Country
Pointe-Saint-Charles Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility	174.74	Canada
St. Lawrence Corridor	3146.24	Canada
East Rail Maintenance Facility	493.23	Canada
Highway 407 East Extension Phase II	504.29	Canada
Montreal Gateway Terminals Acquisition	213.86	Canada
7.2KM Autoroute A25 Extension PPP Refinancing	314.22	Canada
Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport Terminal Acquisition	605.00	Canada
I-77 Charlotte High Occupancy Toll	632.42	United States
ITR Concession Company Acquisition	5648.90	United States
15KM SH 360 Corridor Improvement	321.80	United States
25.74KM Portsmouth Bypass (Ohio)	485.15	United States
Pennsylvania Rapid Bridge Replacement	780.00	United States

Transport PPP procurement, particularly in the road and bridge sector, also gained momentum in the US over the past two years as states recovered from the financial crisis and began rebuilding their economies and infrastructure pipeline. However momentum is expected to slow down in the US in H2 2015 as fewer new tender launches have taken place over the last five quarters. This is due to a combination of local state politics and value for money questions surrounding PPPs.

[Colorado's Interstate 70](#) and [Georgia's I 285/SR 400](#) are among the few large road PPPs that are in bidding phases this year. Both are expected to close in 2016. Another larger transit project - [Maryland's Purple Line LRT](#) - which was on hold for months has finally been approved by the state's governor. But that project is not expected to reach financial close before the second quarter of 2016. [Virginia's Interstate 66 expansion project](#) - which was expected to launch as a PPP this year - is on hold until November as the state ascertains the best procurement model for the project.

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