

AGENDA

IMTC Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2009

9.00am – 12.00pm

Hazelmere Country Club, Surrey, British Columbia

1. Current event updates

2. Old business

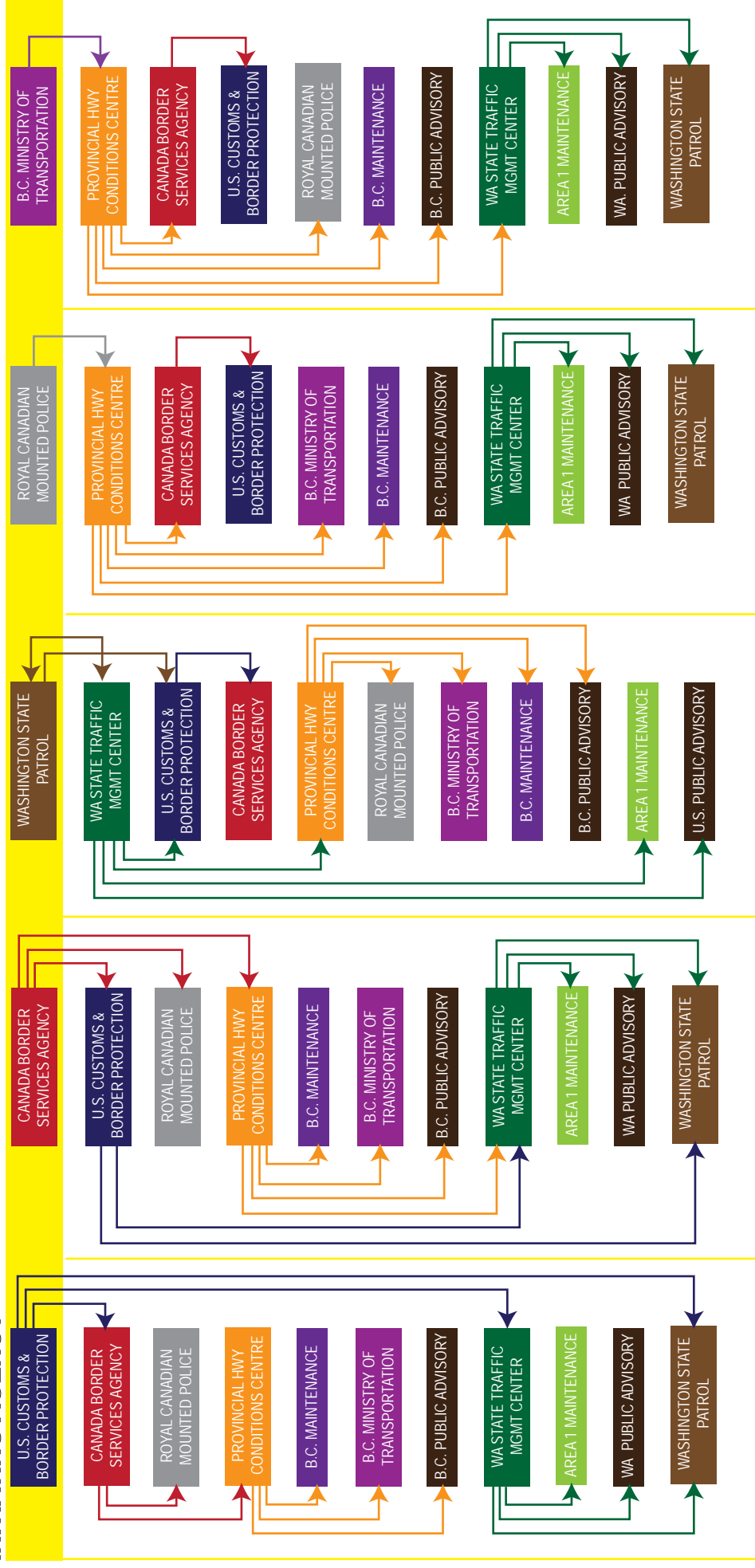
- a. **Communications Protocol update:** Summary of Feb. 12 meeting
- b. **2009 CVO Evaluation Project update:** bus survey component
- c. **2010 Olympics-related cross-border traffic:** discussion
- d. **BC-WA traveler information kiosks update:** Colleen McCormick, BC Ministry of Tourism, Culture & the Arts

3. New business

- a. **Aldergrove Port-of-Entry:** discussion of proposed northbound closure to commercial vehicles
- b. **Stimulus funding:**
 - i. Possible regional implications of U.S. stimulus – Gordon Rogers
 - ii. Canadian stimulus
- c. **Review of IMTC objectives list:** suggested changes will be forwarded to March Core Group
- d. **March 19 IMTC Core Group meeting:** draft agenda

BC - WA Regional Protocol for Binational, Interagency Communication about Highway and Border Station Incidents

INITIATING AGENCY



- Area 1 Maintenance:** (360) 788-2500
B.C. Ministry of Transportation: (604) 660-8303
B.C. Maintenance: (604) 271-0337
Canada Border Services Agency: (604) 538-3616
Provincial Hwy Conditions Centre: (604) 660-9770
Royal Canadian Mounted Police: (604) 599-0502 or 911
U.S. Customs & Border Protection: (360) 332-7611
WA State Traffic Management Center: (206) 440-4490
WA State Patrol: (360) 676-2076 or 911

WA Public Advisory:

1. Changeable message signs
2. www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic
3. Highway Advisory Radio
4. 511 call system
5. Public affairs media alerts

B.C. Public Advisory:

1. Changeable message signs
2. www.drivebc.ca
3. 1-800-550-4997
4. *4997 (cell phone)
5. Border ATIS
6. Regional ATIS
7. Media

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AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

To be used in event of a border closure, or the closure of a border-approach highway (BC Hwys 99, 15, 13, 11; SR 5, 543, 539, 9)

<p>B.C. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call the Provincial Highway Conditions Centre <p>Receives calls from: Provincial Highway Conditions Centre</p>	<p>CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call U.S. Customs & Border Protection 2. Call the Provincial Highway Conditions Centre 3. Call the Royal Canadian Mounted Police <p>Receives calls from: Provincial Highway Conditions Centre, U.S. Customs & Border Protection</p>	<p>PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY CONDITIONS CENTRE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call the WA State Traffic Management Center 2. Call the Royal Canadian Mounted Police 3. Call Canada Border Services Agency 3. Call B.C. Ministry of Transportation 4. Call B.C. Maintenance 5. Initiate public advisory <p>Receives calls from: B.C. Ministry of Transportation, Canada Border Services Agency, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, WA State Traffic Management Center</p>	<p>ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call the Provincial Highway Conditions Centre <p>Receives calls from: Canada Border Services Agency, Provincial Highway Conditions Centre</p>
<p>U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call Canada Border Services Agency 2. Call the WA State Traffic Management Center 3. Call WA State Patrol <p>Receives calls from: Canada Border Services Agency, WA State Traffic Management Center</p>	<p>WSDOT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call the Provincial Highway Conditions Centre 2. Call WA State Patrol 3. Call U.S. Customs & Border Protection 3. Call Area 1 Maintenance 4. Initiate public advisory <p>Receives calls from: Provincial Highway Conditions Centre, U.S. Customs & Border Protection, WA State Patrol</p>	<p>WA STATE PATROL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call the WA State Traffic Management Center 2. Call U.S. Customs & Border Protection <p>Receives calls from: U.S. Customs & Border Protection, WA State Traffic Management Center</p>	

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*COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FUND
PROGRAM ACCOUNT*

For an additional amount for “Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Program Account”, \$100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2010, for qualified applicants under the fiscal year 2009 funding round of the Community Development Financial Institutions Program, of which up to \$8,000,000 may be for financial assistance, technical assistance, training and outreach programs designed to benefit Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Alaskan Native communities and provided primarily through qualified community development lender organizations with experience and expertise in community development banking and lending in Indian country, Native American organizations, tribes and tribal organizations and other suitable providers and up to \$2,000,000 may be used for administrative expenses: Provided, That for the purpose of the fiscal year 2009 funding round, the following statutory provisions are hereby waived: 12 U.S.C. 4707(e) and 12 U.S.C. 4707(d): Provided further, That no awardee, together with its subsidiaries and affiliates, may be awarded more than 5 percent of the aggregate funds available during fiscal year 2009 from the Community Development Financial Institutions Program: Provided further, That no later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Department of the Treasury shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

HEALTH INSURANCE TAX CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

For an additional amount to implement the health insurance tax credit under the TAA Health Coverage Improvement Act of 2009, \$80,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2010.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

REAL PROPERTY ACTIVITIES

FEDERAL BUILDINGS FUND

LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF REVENUE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount to be deposited in the Federal Buildings Fund, \$5,550,000,000, to carry out the purposes of the Fund, of which not less than \$750,000,000 shall be available for Federal buildings and United States courthouses, not less than \$300,000,000 shall be available for border stations and land ports of entry, and not less than \$4,500,000,000 shall be available for measures necessary to convert GSA facilities to High-Performance Green Buildings, as defined in section 401 of Public Law 110-140: Provided, That not to exceed \$108,000,000 of the amounts provided under this heading may be expended for rental of space, related to leasing of temporary space in connection with projects funded under this heading: Provided further, That not to exceed \$127,000,000 of the amounts provided under this heading may be expended for

building operations, for the administrative costs of completing projects funded under this heading: Provided further, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 of the funds provided shall be for on-the-job pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship training programs registered with the Department of Labor, for the construction, repair, and alteration of Federal buildings: Provided further, That not less than \$5,000,000,000 of the funds provided under this heading shall be obligated by September 30, 2010, and the remainder of the funds provided under this heading shall be obligated not later than September 30, 2011: Provided further, That the Administrator of General Services is authorized to initiate design, construction, repair, alteration, and other projects through existing authorities of the Administrator: Provided further, That the General Services Administration shall submit a detailed plan, by project, regarding the use of funds made available in this Act to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate within 45 days of enactment of this Act, and shall provide notification to the Committees within 15 days prior to any changes regarding the use of these funds: Provided further, That, hereafter, the Administrator shall report to the Committees on the obligation of these funds on a quarterly basis beginning on June 30, 2009: Provided further, That of the amounts provided, \$4,000,000 shall be transferred to and merged with "Government-Wide Policy", for the Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings as authorized in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-140): Provided further, That amounts provided under this heading that are savings or cannot be used for the activity for which originally obligated may be deobligated and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, reobligated for the purposes identified in the plan required under this heading not less than 15 days after notification has been provided to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

ENERGY-EFFICIENT FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE FLEET PROCUREMENT

For capital expenditures and necessary expenses of acquiring motor vehicles with higher fuel economy, including: hybrid vehicles; electric vehicles; and commercially-available, plug-in hybrid vehicles, \$300,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011: Provided, That none of these funds may be obligated until the Administrator of General Services submits to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, within 90 days after enactment of this Act, a plan for expenditure of the funds that details the current inventory of the Federal fleet owned by the General Services Administration, as well as other Federal agencies, and the strategy to expend these funds to replace a portion of the Federal fleet with the goal of substantially increasing energy efficiency over the current status, including increasing fuel efficiency and reducing emissions: Provided further, That, hereafter, the Administrator shall report to the Committees on the obligation of these funds on a quarterly basis beginning on September 30, 2009.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For an additional amount for the Office of the Inspector General, to remain available until September 30, 2013, for oversight



Highlights

Budget 2009 accelerates and expands recent historic federal investments in infrastructure with almost \$12 billion in new infrastructure stimulus funding over two years.

Investments in Provincial, Territorial and Municipal Infrastructure

Building on previous infrastructure commitments, Budget 2009 invests in a more modern and greener infrastructure by:

- ✓ Establishing a two-year, \$4-billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund that will provide funding to renew infrastructure.
- ✓ Providing \$1 billion over five years for the Green Infrastructure Fund to support projects such as sustainable energy.
- ✓ Providing \$500 million over two years to build and renew community recreation facilities across Canada.
- ✓ Accelerating up to \$1 billion in payments over two years under the Provincial-Territorial Base Funding Initiative to expedite “ready-to-go” infrastructure projects.
- ✓ Providing up to \$500 million over the next two years for infrastructure projects in small communities.

Investments in First Nations Infrastructure

Budget 2009 will support investments in First Nations infrastructure by:

- ✓ Providing \$515 million over two years for “ready-to-go” First Nations projects in three priority areas: schools, water and critical community services.

Investments in Knowledge Infrastructure

The Government will advance Canada’s knowledge advantage by:

- ✓ Dedicating up to \$2 billion to repair, retrofit and expand facilities at post-secondary institutions.



- ✓ Providing \$750 million for leading-edge research infrastructure through the Canada Foundation for Innovation.
- ✓ Providing \$50 million to the Institute for Quantum Computing in Waterloo, Ontario to build a new world-class research facility.
- ✓ Allocating \$87 million over the next two years to maintain or upgrade key Arctic research facilities.
- ✓ Providing \$250 million over two years to address deferred maintenance at federal laboratories.
- ✓ Providing \$500 million to Canada Health Infoway to encourage the greater use of electronic health records.
- ✓ Providing \$225 million over three years to develop and implement a strategy on extending broadband coverage to unserved communities.

Investments in Federal Infrastructure Projects

Budget 2009 will set aside funds to build and renew federal public infrastructure, including:

- ✓ Increasing funding to VIA Rail Canada by \$407 million to support improvements to passenger rail services, including higher train frequencies and enhanced on-time performance and speed, particularly in the Montréal–Ottawa–Toronto corridor.
- ✓ Investing \$7.9 million for new capital projects of two First Nations railways: the Keewatin Railway Company in Manitoba and the Tshiuetin Rail Transportation in Quebec and Labrador.
- ✓ Providing \$72 million over five years to improve railway safety.
- ✓ Providing \$130 million to Parks Canada for twinning a section of the Trans-Canada Highway through Banff National Park.
- ✓ Allocating \$212 million to renew the Champlain Bridge in Montréal, Canada's busiest bridge.
- ✓ Providing up to \$14.5 million for two bridges at two of the busiest U.S.–Canada border crossings: the Blue Water Bridge in Sarnia and the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie.
- ✓ Setting aside up to \$42 million for other federal bridges in need of rehabilitation throughout Canada.



- ✓ Providing up to \$217 million to accelerate the construction of the Pangnirtung Harbour in Nunavut and repair core small craft harbours across Canada.
- ✓ Allocating \$323 million over two years for the restoration of federally owned buildings.
- ✓ Providing \$20 million in each of two years to improve the accessibility of federally owned buildings for people with disabilities.
- ✓ Committing \$2 million to develop a plan for the future of the historic Manège Militaire in Québec City, destroyed by fire in 2008.
- ✓ Increasing funding by \$80 million over the next two years to manage and assess federal contaminated sites, facilitating remediation work totalling \$165 million over two years.
- ✓ Providing funding to modernize and expand border service facilities at Prescott, Ontario; and at Huntingdon, Kingsgate, and the Pacific Highway in British Columbia.
- ✓ Supporting the development of aviation security plans, improving operations of the Canadian Air Transportation Security Authority, and implementing a new air passenger assessment system and a new security program for air cargo.



Enhancing Accessibility of Federal Buildings

The Government of Canada is committed to ensuring that all Canadians have barrier-free access to government buildings. Budget 2009 provides \$20 million on a cash basis in each of the next two years to improve the accessibility of federally owned buildings for Canadians with disabilities. This investment will be used for a number of accessibility improvements, including the installation of tactile signs into federally owned buildings.

Manège Militaire in Québec City

In April 2008, a fire destroyed the Manège Militaire in Québec City. Built in 1887, the drill hall is one of the most important national historic sites in Québec City. Through a consultation process, the Government will seek the input of interested stakeholders on project ideas to ensure its continued contribution to this country's remarkable landscape. Budget 2009 provides \$2 million to Public Works and Government Services Canada to develop a plan for the future of this historic site.

Accelerating Action on Federal Contaminated Sites

Building on existing programming, Budget 2009 provides \$81 million over the next two years for program management and additional assessments of federal contaminated sites—contributing to an improved environment as well as economic development and employment opportunities. This funding is expected to enable departments to accelerate \$165 million of environmental remediation work on sites covered by the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan in all regions of Canada, which could include, for example, Watson Lake in the Yukon Territory, Fort Nelson Airport in British Columbia, Edmonton International Airport in Alberta, Oshawa Harbour in Ontario and Canadian Forces Goose Bay in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Border Facilities

More than 30,000 commercial trucks cross the Canada–U.S. border every day and 60 per cent of Canada's international trade crosses the land border, either by rail or road. Canada needs modern border infrastructure to efficiently process this commerce. The Government will invest \$80 million on a cash basis to ensure that Canada's shared border with the United States remains secure and efficient. This funding will modernize and expand border service facilities at Prescott, Ontario and at Huntingdon, Kingsgate, and the Pacific Highway in British Columbia.



These investments will reduce the processing time for thorough inspections of commercial shipments. They will also allow the Canada Border Services Agency to improve its infrastructure in northern British Columbia and the Yukon. Combined with investments in the Peace Bridge and Blue Water Bridge, these investments will complement recent and planned investments by the United States on its side of the border. The new American administration is working on an ambitious infrastructure program, which is expected to include new investments in highways, bridges and border facilities. It is vital that Canada and the United States move forward, together to support our integrated economies.

Aviation Security

A secure and efficient aviation system is important to Canadians. The Canadian Air Transportation Security Authority acts as Canada's front line for a secure aviation system at more than 80 designated airports across Canada, providing consistent and rigorous screening of passengers and baggage. New and enhanced aviation security measures are required to strengthen the security of Canadians; ensure that Canada remains closely aligned with the security measures of its key international partners; and ensure that Canadian airports and air carriers remain competitive internationally.

Budget 2009 provides \$282 million over the next two years for measures that will support the development of aviation security plans, improve operations of the Canadian Air Transportation Security Authority, and implement a new passenger assessment system. These measures include new, advanced, internationally compatible screening equipment and other technology and training for the screening workforce to increase levels of security and efficiency. Budget 2009 also provides \$14 million in 2009–10 to support the implementation of a new security program for cargo that departs from Canadian airports.

The Air Travellers Security Charge (ATSC) was introduced to provide revenues that are roughly equivalent to expenses for air travel security over time. Cumulative ATSC revenues and expenses for air travel security through 2008–09 are forecast to be roughly in balance. The Government remains committed to the principle of balancing ATSC revenues and expenses for air travel security over time. However, given current economic conditions, the new funding for air travel security that is proposed for 2009–10 will not be financed through increased ATSC rates.



Table 3.7

Immediate Action to Build Infrastructure

	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11	Total
	(millions of dollars)			
Investments in Provincial, Territorial and Municipal Infrastructure				
Green Infrastructure Fund		200	200	400
Communities Component of the Building Canada Fund		250	250	500
Accelerating payments under the Provincial/Territorial Base Funding initiative		495	495	989
Infrastructure Stimulus Fund		2,000	2,000	4,000
Recreational Infrastructure Canada		250	250	500
National recreation trails		25		25
		3,220	3,195	6,414
Investments in First Nations Infrastructure				
On-reserve infrastructure investments				
School construction		95	105	200
Water and wastewater projects		83	83	165
Critical community services		83	68	150
		260	255	515
Investments in Knowledge Infrastructure				
Improving infrastructure at universities and colleges		1,000	1,000	2,000
Canada Foundation for Innovation			50	50
Institute for Quantum Computing		50		50
Arctic research infrastructure		36	51	87
Modernizing federal laboratories		100	150	250
Canada Health Infoway		500		500
Extending access to broadband services in rural communities		100	100	200
		1,786	1,351	3,137
Investments in Federal Infrastructure Projects				
An improved rail system		24	33	57
Trans-Canada Highway				
Federal bridges		12	25	37
Small craft harbours		43	57	100
Repair and restoration of federal buildings		57	63	120
Enhancing accessibility of federal buildings		12	12	24
Manège Militaire in Québec City		2		2
Accelerating action on federal contaminated sites		32	49	81
Border facilities				
Aviation security		281	16	296
		462	254	716
Total—Immediate Action to Build Infrastructure		5,727	5,055	10,782
Cash Value		6,224	5,605	11,829
Provincial contributions		4,532	4,365	8,897
Total stimulus value		10,756	9,970	20,726

Notes: Figures in this table are presented on an accrual basis and therefore, in some cases, will not match the figures contained in the budget text when those are presented on a cash basis. Totals may not add due to rounding.

IMTC Objectives

The goal of the International Mobility & Trade Corridor Project is to improve safety, mobility, and security for the Cascade Gateway. To this end, the following objectives have been identified:

1) Improve planning and data collection efforts.

Improve travel information and data.

Promote development and management of the Cascade Gateway as a system.

Determine the feasibility of rail, transit, and marine options.

Monitor work completed by regional and national-level border planning initiatives including the Transportation Border Working Group and the West Coast Corridor Coalition.

Monitor the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative implementation.

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2) Promote infrastructure improvements.

Improve border crossing approach roads.

Improve rail crossings and connections.

Improve corridor connections of trade and travel routes.

Integrate Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS).

3) Promote improvements to operations, policy, and staffing at the border.

Promote cooperation and improvements in accordance with the goals of various federal initiatives, including the Security and Prosperity Partnership and the U.S. – Canada Smart Border Declaration.

Comment [MM1]: Are these still valid?

Increase resources and staffing levels at border inspection facilities.

Improve traffic management at all four Cascade Gateway ports-of-entry.

Ensure ongoing sustainability of the NEXUS and FAST programs.

Encourage institutional collaboration and integration of information systems to improve risk management and increase cross-border security.

Promote harmonization and consolidated administration of regional pre-approved travel and trade programs.

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Explore options for binational financing structures for future cross-border improvements.

Pursue shared, U.S.–Canadian border inspection facilities including the creation of accord processing zones.

Consider off-border inspection functions.

Promote the adoption of pre-clearance for passenger rail under Canada's 1999 Pre-Clearance Act.

Pursue IMTC objectives with specific attention to improvements that will support efficient and predictable international travel to and from the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in British Columbia.

DRAFT AGENDA

IMTC Core Group

Thursday, March 19, 2009

9.00am – 12.00pm

Bellingham Cruise Terminal, Bellingham, WA

1. Circulation Analysis
 - a. Systems Definition
 - b. Geographic scope (determined by cross-border travel survey data)
 - c. Stakeholder interviews
 - d. Specific issue reviews:
 - i. FAST
 - ii. NEXUS
 - iii. Border Wizard experimentation with scenarios
2. U.S. projects update
 - a. WA State Dept. of Transportation
3. Canadian projects update
 - a. Gateway Program projects
 - b. Roberts Bank rail corridor
 - c. Golden Ears bridge?
 - d. North shore/south shore shortsea shipping project announcements
 - e. Other BC Ministry of Transportation projects
4. Federal programming outlook
 - a. Transport Canada
 - b. US Federal Highway Administration
5. Current projects
 - a. 2009 CVO Border Evaluation Study
 - b. Border wait time study
 - c. Communications protocol
6. Border facility updates
 - a. Peace Arch
 - b. Lynden/Aldergrove
 - c. Sumas/Huntingdon
7. Review of current IMTC project list
 - a. New TBCR designation