## IMTC

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## IMTC

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## The International Mobility \& Trade Corridor Program - IMTC

The International Mobility \& Trade Corridor Program (IMTC) is a binational, regional coalition of government, business interests, and non-governmental entities established to support the improvement of safety, mobility, and security for the Cascade Gateway - the five land border ports-of-entry connecting Western Washington State and the Lower Mainland of British Columbia.

The IMTC program is administered by the Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG), a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) in Bellingham, WA. Through the IMTC program, participants coordinate planning, identify shared system needs, and optimize investments and operations through collaboration, innovation, and partnership.

For twenty years the IMTC program has coordinated regional, binational planning and partnerships advancing projects funded by U.S. and Canadian agencies to pursue the above goals. Cumulatively, these improvements have totaled over $\$ 41$ million (USD).

## Goals and strategies

IMTC participants have identified goals along with specific strategies to accomplish them. These goals and strategies are periodically reviewed and revised to best align with changing regional needs and changes in the policy and legal environment around crossborder trade and travel.

## Goal 1: Coordinate planning

For a collection of border crossings that together serve a major North American travel and trade corridor, IMTC fills the critical need for continuous and structured communication between the multiple agencies and entities whose facilities and operations converge at our shared border.

S1.1 Regularly convene representatives of the agencies that own and operate regional border crossing transportation and inspection facilities.
S1.2 Develop and maintain crossborder, interagency, cross-sector relationships that are essential for efficient and effective communication, trust-based decision making, and advancing improvements through partnership.
S1.3 Facilitate continuous involvement and dialogue with representatives of industries that depend on cross-border connections as well as stakeholders from non-governmental organizations and academia.
S1.4 Develop and periodically update a list of projects (infrastructure, operations, information technology, planning, communications) that address shared needs of IMTC program participants.
S1.5 Support improvement and operation of the Cascade Gateway as a system rather than five individual ports-of-entry.
S1.6 Plan for future capacity of Cascade Gateway land border facilities as trade and travel volumes grow, periodically update estimates of how all modes (road, rail, marine, and air) could be optimally used to servce international transportation demand on the corridor.
S1.7 Engage with other regional, crossborder coalitions and participate in the border-wide Canada - U.S. Transportation Border Working Group (TBWG).
S1.8 Conduct near-term and long-term planning for the Cascade Gateway.



## Goal 2: Improve regional, cross-border trade and transportation data

Planning and systems management requires current, data-based information. Furthermore, information best supports interagency cooperation when all parties are involved in how data are collected and synthesized.

S2.1 Collect and share transportation and trade data.
S2.2 Maintain and improve border wait time systems.
S2.3 Maintain and improve data products including border wait time data archives, booth status data, and periodic sample surveys of cross-border trucks and passenger vehicles.

## Goal 3: Support infrastructure improvements

Border crossing infrastructure (roads, port facilities, information systems hardware, etc.) is an aggregation of components owned and operated by multiple agencies in two countries. Therefore, in the border environment, dedicated attention to coordinated planning, design, and project delivery is needed in order to identify and benefit from the many opportunities for increased efficiency and productivity. Sustained, proactive coordination also increases opportunities for funding partnerships.

S3.1 Improve border crossing approach roads.
S3.2 Improve cross-border rail.
S3.3 Improve corridor connections of trade and travel routes.

S3.4 Integrate Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS).
S3.5 Encourage harmonization of crossborder ITS systems, standards, and products.

## Goal 4: Support coordinated implementation of U.S. and Canadian border policy

IMTC provides an important mechanism for federal and sub-national government agency representatives to collaboratively assess needs for policy change and consider if multi-agency strategies could improve implementation of adopted national and binational policies.

S4.1 Coordinate improvements, operations, and communications in accordance with the goals of federal policies including the Beyond the Border Action Plan.
S4.2 Specifically, maximize coordination with annual updates to the Binational Infrastructure Investment Plan (BIIP).

S4.3 Complement, as appropriate, border related initiatives of British Columbia and Washington State, including memoranda of coopration and the Joint Transportation Executive Council (JTEC).
S4.4 Explore options for funding future Cascade Gateway improvements including binational financing mechanisms.

## Goal 5: Improve operations

IMTC supports dialogue between agencies, industries, and communities that helps identify and evaluate possible improvements to how border facilities are operated and how some aspects of traffic and inspection programs (e.g. NEXUS, FAST) are managed.

## S5.1 Improve traffic management at all Cascade Gateway ports-of-entry.

S5.2 Support ongoing effectiveness of the NEXUS program.
S5.3 Support optimal operations of the FAST (Free and Secure Trade) programs.
S5.4 Coordinate support for adequate staffing of border inspection facilities.
S5.5 Use data-based tools to evaluate operational alternatives such as transportation demand modeling and facility simulation modeling.
S5.6 Support integration of information systems when appropriate including ITS.

S5.7 Support identification of consistent funding for maintenance of ITS

S5.8 Support operational improvements envisioned under the Beyond the Border Action Plan:
S5.8.1: Support implementation of pre-clearance for passenger rail.

S5.8.2: Support consideration of alternatives enabled by a preclearance agreement such as shared border operations zones at ports-of-entry and off-border inspection functions.
S5.8.3: Support adoption and application of radio frequency identification (RFID) technology (for both NEXUS and non-NEXUS travel documents).

## IMTC structure

The IMTC is organized as follows:

## Steering Committee

The Steering Committee meets monthly and is the working level group consisting of the government agencies with operational responsibilities at the Cascade Gateway ports-of-entry. Starting with federal, state, and provincial inspection and transportation agencies, the Steering Committee also includes other government departments (consulates, facilities agencies), at-border municipalities, legislative offices, and project-level partners.

## Core Group

The Core Group (which includes the Steering Committee) includes industry associations, non-governmental organizations, and other government entities with a more general interest in border operations and policy. The Core Group is the decision-making body of IMTC.

## Participating agencies

Representatives and members of the following agencies, organizations and institutions regularly participate in the IMTC.

A \& A Contract Customs Brokers Ltd.
Abbotsford Duty Free
Abbotsford International Airport
Airporter Shuttle/Bellair Charters
Aldergrove Duty Free
Amtrak
B.C. Ministry of Jobs, Tourism \& Skills
B.C. Ministry of Transportation \& Infrastructure
B.C. Trucking Association

Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce \& Industry
Border Policy Research Institute
(Western Washington University)
Canada Border Services Agency
Cascadia Academy/Discovery Institute
Cascadia Cross-Border Law
City of Abbotsford, BC
City of Bellingham, WA
City of Blaine, WA
City of Everson, WA
City of Ferndale, WA
City of Lynden, WA
City of Nooksack, WA
City of Sumas, WA
City of Surrey, BC
City of White Rock, BC
Consulate General of Canada, Seattle
Lynden Chamber of Commerce

Pacific Corridor Enterprise Council
Pacific NorthWest Economic Region
Port of Bellingham
Port of Vancouver, BC
San Juan County Council
Skagit Council of Governments
SmartRail
Surrey Board of Trade
Tourism Vancouver
Township of Langley, BC
TransLink
Transport Canada
U.S. Border Patrol
U.S. Consulate General, Vancouver
U.S. Customs \& Border Protection
U.S. Federal Highway Administration
U.S. General Services Administration
U.S. Representatives
U.S. Senators

University of British Columbia
Vancouver International Airport
Authority
WA State Department of Licensing
WA State Department of Transportation
WA State Legislators
WA State Transportation Commission
West Coast Duty Free
Whatcom Council of Governments
Whatcom County
Whatcom Transportation Authority


## Project funding

Since 1999, IMTC participants have together funded projects totalling over $\$ 41$ million (USD) for Cascade Gateway improvements. Funding partners have included the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, Transport Canada, B.C. Province, Washington State, TransLink, Port of Bellingham, Western Washington University, Whatcom Council of Governments, U.S. Department of Transportation Office of the Secretary, the Bill \& Melinda Gates Foundation, the Cascadia Center, and regional municipalities including Abbotsford, Langley, Surrey, and White Rock in B.C. and Sumas, Blaine, and Lynden in WA.

Funding by source, 1999-2016*


## Project prioritization

Every year the IMTC Core Group approves an updated IMTC Project List that includes funded and unfunded construction projects, ITS projects, planning efforts, and port-ofentry improvements.

Projects are advanced as funding becomes available from various sources. IMTC is currently developing performance measures with the expectation of ranking projects by estimated impact onf measurable progress toward adopted targets. The following list was approved March 2017 and lists funded (F) and unfunded (UF) projects.

1 | Peace Arch/Douglas Pedestrian |
| :--- |
| Path Completion |

| 2 | Pac. Hwy Cross-Border <br> Pedestrian Route Improvement | UF |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

3 Coordination of Binational UF Planning - The IMTC program
4 External Traffic Counts - UF Whatcom County Borders
5 Cascade Gateway Border $\quad$ UF Circulation Analysis Phase II

6 | Exit 274 Interchange IJR |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Update |$\quad$ UF Update

| 7 | Exit 274 Interchange Final <br> Design | UF |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 8 | Additional Passenger Inspection <br> Booths at CBP Pac. Hwy |  |
|  | UF |  |

9 Pac. Hwy Southbound Lane-To- UF Booth Traffic Flow

10 | Pac. Hwy Northbound Active UF |
| :--- |
| Lane Management |

11 | Bluetooth/Wi-Fi Border Wait UF |
| :--- |
| Time System |

12 Cascade Gateway Border Data UF Warehouse 3.0
13 Pt. Roberts/Boundary Bay Bor- UF der Wait Time Installation
14 RFID Travel Document Tar- UF geted Distribution Pilot
15 RFID Pilot Performance UF Evaluation
16 Pac. Hwy Border Crossing Mas- F ter Plan for Redevelopment
17 Boundary Bay POE Redevelop- F ment Planning
18 BC Hwy 13 Border Approach F Improvements
19 BC Hwy 11 NEXUS Lane F Improvements
20 SR 539 Congestion Relief: Lyn- F den to Badger Rd (SR 546)

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## IMTC projects

IMTC has helped identify and fund over two dozen infrastructure, operational, and research projects since 1999. The following list is a chronology of IMTC projects (from most recent to oldest). More details about each project can be found on the IMTC website at: www.theIMTC.com.

## Border Freight Operations Study

(Active) This project is updating regional freight data for all commercial ports-ofentry, including the collection of data regarding origin- destination, commodity, vehicle type, and trusted trader status. Additional data on commercial wait times are also being collected at specific ports-ofentry. This data updates commercial vehicle data last collected in 2009.


## Dynamic Border Management

(Active) The Dynamic Border Management project is three integreated tasks that address Cascade Gateway challenges of maintaining wait-time system accuracy and maximizing system capacity. The project has developed a border facilities simulation platform, developed a business case for an RFID pilot project, and has examined a model-based wait time validation and calibration methodology.

## Booth Status Data Integration

(Completed 2017) WCOG received a grant from U.S. FHWA and matching funds from B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (BCMOTI) to implement the integration of U.S. Customs \& Border Protection data with BCMOTI's advanced traveler information system. This dataset improves southbound wait time estimates
at the four primary Cascade Gateway crossings.


## 2013 Passenger Vehicle Intercept Survey

(Completed 2014) WCOG partnered with the Border Policy Research Institute at Western Washington University to collect new data similar to the 2008 Passenger Survey to analyze cross-border traffic patterns, trip purposes, demographics, and assess how these factors have changed over the last five years.

## Border Data Warehouse

(Completed 2014) This project archives cross-border traffic data collected from U.S. and Canadian border wait time systems between Whatcom County, WA and B.C., providing online reports to partner agencies and the public regarding historic wait times at the border. This project continues to improve ways to track system performance and changing demands.

## Sumas/Abbotsford - Huntingdon Improvements

(Completed 2013) WCOG and WSDOT completed improvements to northbound traffic movements in Sumas that include an alternate route signage system for long queue conditions and the addition of a northbound NEXUS lane. BCMOTI also constructed a southbound NEXUS lane at Sumas, which will be lengethened over the next few years.

## NEXUS Marketing

(Completed 2012): WCOG partnered with CanadaBorder Services Agency (CBSA), U.S. Customs \& Border Protection (CBP), WSDOT, and BCMOTI to distribute promotional material concurrent with NEXUS expansion in the Cascade Gateway as well as to promote enhanced drivers licenses. This also included updates to the www.GetNEXUS.com website.


## FAST Pilot Study

(Completed 2012): WSDOT funded a study to assist CBP estimating the effects on commercial vehicle wait times if the layout and operations of the southbound FAST lane at Pacific Highway changed. The study was conducted by WCOG and BPRI.

## Border Circulation A nalysis

(Completed 2010): This project has informed agencies' common understanding of investments needed for preserving the eastwest transportation network that serves the Cascade Gateway border system. Phase I used existing data and stakeholder feedback to identify primary cross-border routes. The goal was to optimize the Cascade Gateway network as well as develop a plan for subsequent improvemets. Phase II work is pending funding.

## I-5 Interchange Justification

(Completed 2010): This interchange justification report (IJR) for Interstate 5 Exit 274 in Blaine, WA included an analysis of Exits 275 and 276. The report provides options for developing Exit 274 as a full interchange.

## Aldergrove / Lynden Assessment

(Completed 2010): IMTC participants completed a collaborative, data-based review of regional trade and travel flows and used this analysis to inform a review of future facility requirements of this crossing. A final report was issued in 2010.

## IMTC Commercial Vehicle Operations (CVO) Survey

(Completed 2009): WCOG partnered with BPRI and the University of Washington to evaluate commercial vehicle movement through the Cascade Gateway. Analysis included measurement of border arrival and processing rates at all three crossings, as well as the collection of origin-destination and commodity data.

## NEXUS Market Feasibility Study

(Completed 2009): WCOG partnered with BPRI to interview travelers at LyndenAldergrove and Sumas / AbbotsfordHuntingdon to assess regional travelers' knowledge of the NEXUS program.

## Passenger Vehicle Intercept Survey

(Completed 2008): BPRI, in partnership with WCOG, completed a passenger vehicle intercept survey to collect origin-destination, trip purpose, travel pattern, and crossing frequency data.


## FAST Promotion

(Completed 2008): WCOG, in partnership with U.S. and Canadian inspection agencies, conducted a series of training sessions, outreach, and promotions to increase regional enrollment in the FAST programs.

## Weigh - in - Motion Software Integration

(Completed 2008): This project connected B.C. and WA State commercial vehicle inspection systems to improve the movement of trade along the Cascade Gateway corridor.

## IMTC CVO Evaluation Survey

(Completed 2006): An analysis similar to the 2009 evaluation of commercial vehicle processing was completed to monitor changes since the 2002 analysis.

## Shortsea Shipping Study

(Completed 2006): This study analyzed the potential of shortsea shipping to serve a meaningful share of the future West Coast cross-border freight traffic, and described the most feasible service types and supporting actions that governments could take.

## Highway 15 Improvements

(Completed 2004): Improvements to B.C. Highway 15 included dedicated NEXUS and FAST lanes, an improved truck parking facility, and signage.

## Southbound NEXUS Lane

(Completed 2004): A dedicated NEXUS lane was constructed on southbound B.C. Highway 99 to provide NEXUS travelers with a longer queue bypass.

## Abbotsford - Sumas Border Project

(Completed 2003): This binationally funded project identified deficiencies and solutions to address the need for parking for southbound trucks and to alleviate frequent blockage of streets in the City of Sumas. Based on this project, a new parking facility was developed in Huntingdon, and a subsequent Sumas Border Enhancements initiative improved truck signage and rerouting of vehicles during congestion to avoid city center blockages.

## NEXUS Marketing

(Completed 2003): This project conducted a promotional campaign for the NEXUS program, including advertising, in-queue distribution of materials, and sign installation, backed up by the establishment of a regional web portal, getNEXUS.com.

## IMTC CVO Evaluation Survey

(Completed 2002): This was the Cascade Gateway's first commercial vehicle evaluation to measure impacts of ITS-enabled prearrival information at the border.

## Cascade Gateway Rail Study

(Completed 2002): This study identified freight and passenger rail traffic that could possibly be served by expanded crossborder rail services and the improvements needed to pursue these scenarios. The study also assessed cross-border commuter rail service between Bellingham, WA and Vancouver, B.C. and the potential of a Scott Road Amtrak station in Surrey, BC.


## Advanced Traveler Information

 System(Completed 2001): This system provides real-time border wait time information for travelers to improve Cascade Gateway route choice. The system also provides archived data for CascadeGatewayData.com.

## IMTC Trade \& Travel Study

(Completed 2000): This study collected passenger and commercial vehicle data at all Cascade Gateway ports-of-entry.

## PACE \& CANPASS Promotion

(Completed 2000): This project marketed the PACE and CANPASS pre-approved traveler programs to regional travelers. These programs were the predecessors of today's binational NEXUS program.

## The Cascade

## Gateway

## The Cascade Gateway System of Border Crossings

Over 33,000 cars and 3,000 trucks cross through the Cascade Gateway system of border crossings every day, carrying almost $\$ 53$ million (USD) in daily trade. The Cascade Gateway is a prominent international trade and travel connection.
Because of the proximity of the five land ports-of-entry between Whatcom County, WA and the Lower Mainland of BC, the IMTC Program considers them to be a system of border crossings. Impacts at one crossing have repercussions for the other areas of the region. Solutions to challenges must be evaluated in terms of how they affect efficiency, mobility, and security at all of the regional ports.

The Cascade Gateway, from west to east, includes:

## Point Roberts - Boundary Bay

This crossing operates 24 hours a day and primarily processes passenger vehicles. It has a NEXUS lane and also processes commercial vehicles.

## Peace Arch - Douglas

The third busiest vehicle crossing on the U.S. - Canada border processes passenger vehicles only. It can open multiple NEXUS
booths, a southbound Ready Lane booth, and is one mile from the Pacific Highway crossing.

## Pacific Highway

The fourth busiest commercial crossing on the U.S. - Canada border, Pacific Highway is the primary commercial processing port for the region. It also processes passenger vehicles and buses. It serves both FAST and NEXUS traffic.

## Lynden - Aldergrove

This rural crossing is open 8:00 a.m. 12:00 a.m. daily. Northbound, CBSA's new facility is a full passenger vehicle and commercial processing port with NEXUS available. Southbound, the port is a permitonly/empty processing facility for commercial vehicles, and primarily processes passenger vehicles.

## Sumas - AbbotsfordHuntingdon

This 24 hour crossing processes passenger and commercial traffic. It has a NEXUS lane in each direction and livestock inspection facilities.


## 2016 metrics

The following measures and trends are based on combined northbound and southbound volume counts for the four primary Cascade Gateway ports-of-entry (excluding Point Roberts/Boundary Bay). NEXUS percentages of total traffic are averaged for all NEXUS ports. Wait times are averaged by year for all crossings, both directions, weekend only, 8am-10pm.


Data sources: Canada Border Services Agency, U.S. Customs \& Border Protection, Cascade Gateway Border Data Warehouse

Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

## Peak wait time estimates <br> August 2015

$\begin{array}{ll}\square & \text { Peace Arch - Douglas } \\ \square & \text { Pacific Highway } \\ \square & \text { Lynden - Aldergrove } \\ \square & \text { Sumas - Abb-Huntingdon }\end{array}$


Note: Figures are estimates and may be affected by construction or other factors. Weekday data averaged Monday - Thursday. Weekend data averaged Saturday - Sunday.


Data source: Cascade Gateway Border Data Warehouse
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

## 15 Year auto volumes Northbound, 2001-2016



## 15 Year auto volumes Southbound, 2001-2016



## 15 Year truck volumes Northbound, 2001-2016

An average of $\mathbf{9 5 , 0 0 0}$ trucks cross the Cascade Gateway monthly.


300,000

250,000

200,000

150,000


| Year | Pacific Highway | Lynden Aldergrove | Sumas - AbbHuntingdon | Pt Roberts Boundary Bay | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2001 | 394,038 | 78,689 | 68,526 |  | 541,253 |
| 2002 | 391,584 | 79,742 | 87,924 |  | 559,250 |
| 2003 | 377,157 | 98,841 | 65,858 |  | 541,856 |
| 2004 | 376,900 | 104,147 | 73,907 |  | 554,954 |
| 2005 | 364,325 | 98,765 | 55,642 |  | 518,732 |
| 2006 | 353,526 | 112,052 | 52,187 |  | 517,765 |
| 2007 | 362,354 | 101,211 | 46,687 |  | 510,252 |
| 2008 | 356,380 | 74,040 | 43,286 |  | 473,706 |
| 2009 | 319,707 | 65,475 | 47,601 |  | 432,783 |
| 2010 | 348,223 | 45,817 | 100,103 |  | 494,143 |
| 2011 | 369,823 | 14,536 | 113,286 |  | 497,645 |
| 2012 | 369,721 | 11,917 | 110,832 | 7,496 | 499,966 |
| 2013 | 382,739 | 13,557 | 120,793 | 6,870 | 523,959 |
| 2014 | 397,393 | 9,617 | 119,823 | 7,205 | 534,038 |
| 2015 | 407,207 | 12,789 | 113,076 | 7,283 | 540,355 |
| 2016 | 390,673 | 38,171 | 108,975 | 6,580 | 544,399 |

Data sources: Canada Border Services Agency
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

## 15 Year truck volumes Southbound, 2001-2016



250,000

200,000 Sumas/Abb-Huntingdon

150,000

100,000


| Year | Pacific Highway | Lynden Aldergrove | Sumas - AbbHuntingdon | Pt Roberts Boundary Bay | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2001 | 471,731 | 42,519 | 133,648 |  | 647,898 |
| 2002 | 406,667 | 59,121 | 148,616 |  | 614,404 |
| 2003 | 365,089 | 60,072 | 131,455 |  | 556,616 |
| 2004 | 375,169 | 56,167 | 136,807 |  | 568,143 |
| 2005 | 354,264 | 55,907 | 157,998 |  | 568,169 |
| 2006 | 365,959 | 55,853 | 155,155 |  | 576,967 |
| 2007 | 353,286 | 54,201 | 135,677 |  | 543,164 |
| 2008 | 331,195 | 57,155 | 131,898 |  | 520,248 |
| 2009 | 310,075 | 47,127 | 128,239 |  | 485,441 |
| 2010 | 318,309 | 49,484 | 142,143 |  | 509,936 |
| 2011 | 338,570 | 45,206 | 138,319 |  | 522,095 |
| 2012 | 345,535 | 41,844 | 134,915 | 17,463 | 539,757 |
| 2013 | 349,983 | 47,396 | 143,297 | 17,416 | 558,092 |
| 2014 | 367,994 | 41,580 | 149,361 | 18,121 | 577,056 |
| 2015 | 378,747 | 45,598 | 153,353 | 17,742 | 595,440 |
| 2016 | 365,489 | 46,221 | 158,257 | 14,419 | 584,386 |

Data sources: U.S. Customs \& Border Protection
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

## U.S. - Canada trade value by truck 2001-2016


$\$ 3,000$
\$2,000
Total value of goods crossing the Cascade Gateway by truck has increased $46 \%$ in the last fifteen years, with a 3\% increase in value since 2015.
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$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllll}2001 & 2002 & 2003 & 2004 & 2005 & 2006 & 2007 & 2008 & 2009 & 2010 & 2011 & 2012 & 2013 & 2014 & 2015 & 2016\end{array}$

| Year | Canada <br> to U.S. | U.S. to <br> Canada <br> T | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2001 | $\$ 6,054$ | $\$ 5,221$ | $\$ 11,275$ |
| 2002 | $\$ 6,383$ | $\$ 4,989$ | $\$ 11,373$ |
| 2003 | $\$ 5,719$ | $\$ 5,484$ | $\$ 11,204$ |
| 2004 | $\$ 5,687$ | $\$ 6,369$ | $\$ 12,056$ |
| 2005 | $\$ 5,485$ | $\$ 7,315$ | $\$ 12,799$ |
| 2006 | $\$ 5,488$ | $\$ 8,581$ | $\$ 14,069$ |
| 2007 | $\$ 5,307$ | $\$ 9,073$ | $\$ 14,380$ |
| 2008 | $\$ 4,266$ | $\$ 9,550$ | $\$ 13,817$ |
| 2009 | $\$ 3,901$ | $\$ 8,189$ | $\$ 12,090$ |
| 2010 | $\$ 3,900$ | $\$ 9,045$ | $\$ 12,945$ |
| 2011 | $\$ 3,851$ | $\$ 9,363$ | $\$ 13,214$ |
| 2012 | $\$ 4,251$ | $\$ 10,089$ | $\$ 14,339$ |
| 2013 | $\$ 4,407$ | $\$ 10,120$ | $\$ 14,527$ |
| 2014 | $\$ 4,742$ | $\$ 10,136$ | $\$ 14,878$ |
| 2015 | $\$ 6,259$ | $\$ 9,702$ | $\$ 15,961$ |
| 2016 | $\$ 6,894$ | $\$ 9,540$ | $\$ 16,434$ |

Note: All figures are in millions and are based on declared trade value and are adjusted to 2000 U.S. Dollars, based on U.S. Department of Labor Statistics import and export price indices.

# U.S. - Canada trade value by rail 2001-2016 



| Year | Canada <br> to U.S. | U.S. to <br> Canada | Total <br> 2001 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 1,602$ | $\$ 276$ | $\$ 1,878$ |  |
| 2002 | $\$ 1,580$ | $\$ 217$ | $\$ 1,797$ |
| 2003 | $\$ 1,842$ | $\$ 290$ | $\$ 2,132$ |
| 2004 | $\$ 2,499$ | $\$ 385$ | $\$ 2,884$ |
| 2005 | $\$ 2,577$ | $\$ 430$ | $\$ 3,007$ |
| 2006 | $\$ 2,360$ | $\$ 577$ | $\$ 2,937$ |
| 2007 | $\$ 1,810$ | $\$ 692$ | $\$ 2,502$ |
| 2008 | $\$ 1,499$ | $\$ 768$ | $\$ 2,267$ |
| 2009 | $\$ 1,177$ | $\$ 714$ | $\$ 1,891$ |
| 2010 | $\$ 1,125$ | $\$ 995$ | $\$ 2,120$ |
| 2011 | $\$ 1,341$ | $\$ 946$ | $\$ 2,286$ |
| 2012 | $\$ 1,523$ | $\$ 995$ | $\$ 2,518$ |
| 2013 | $\$ 1,849$ | $\$ 1,059$ | $\$ 2,907$ |
| 2014 | $\$ 1,815$ | $\$ 1,029$ | $\$ 2,845$ |
| 2015 | $\$ 1,860$ | $\$ 884$ | $\$ 2,744$ |
| 2016 | $\$ 2,178$ | $\$ 813$ | $\$ 2,991$ |

Note: All figures are in millions and are based on declared trade value and are adjusted to 2000 U.S. Dollars, based on U.S. Department of Labor Statistics import and export price indices.

## Truck trade value by commodity 2011-2016



Farm
Food

- Manufacturing
- Other
- Wood


## Rail trade value by commodity 2011-2016



FarmFoodManufacturing
OtherWood

## Truck volume and trade value 2001-2016

This chart compares truck volume with trade value for all Cascade Gateway commercial ports-of-entry (excluding Point Roberts/Boundary Bay). Values have been adjusted to 2000 U.S. Dollars, based on U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics import and export price indices. Annual truck volumes include both northbound and southbound.


[^2]
## Exchange rate and auto trips 2001-2016



| Month | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Jan | 0.67 | 0.62 | 0.65 | 0.77 | 0.82 | 0.86 | 0.85 | 0.99 | 0.82 | 0.96 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.94 | 0.91 | 0.83 | 0.70 |
| Feb | 0.66 | 0.63 | 0.66 | 0.75 | 0.81 | 0.87 | 0.85 | 1.00 | 0.80 | 0.95 | 0.99 | 1.00 | 0.95 | 0.90 | 0.80 | 0.72 |
| Mar | 0.64 | 0.63 | 0.68 | 0.75 | 0.82 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 1.00 | 0.79 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.99 | 0.96 | 0.90 | 0.79 | 0.76 |
| Apr | 0.64 | 0.63 | 0.69 | 0.74 | 0.81 | 0.87 | 0.88 | 0.99 | 0.82 | 0.99 | 0.96 | 0.98 | 0.97 | 0.91 | 0.81 | 0.78 |
| May | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.72 | 0.73 | 0.80 | 0.90 | 0.91 | 1.00 | 0.87 | 0.96 | 0.97 | 0.99 | 0.96 | 0.92 | 0.82 | 0.77 |
| Jun | 0.66 | 0.65 | 0.74 | 0.74 | 0.81 | 0.90 | 0.94 | 0.98 | 0.89 | 0.96 | 0.98 | 1.01 | 0.96 | 0.92 | 0.81 | 0.78 |
| Jul | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.72 | 0.76 | 0.82 | 0.89 | 0.95 | 0.99 | 0.89 | 0.96 | 0.96 | 1.03 | 0.97 | 0.93 | 0.78 | 0.77 |
| Aug | 0.65 | 0.64 | 0.72 | 0.76 | 0.83 | 0.89 | 0.94 | 0.95 | 0.92 | 0.96 | 0.98 | 1.01 | 0.98 | 0.92 | 0.76 | 0.77 |
| Sep | 0.64 | 0.63 | 0.73 | 0.78 | 0.85 | 0.90 | 0.98 | 0.94 | 0.92 | 0.97 | 1.00 | 0.99 | 0.98 | 0.91 | 0.75 | 0.76 |
| Oct | 0.64 | 0.63 | 0.76 | 0.80 | 0.85 | 0.89 | 1.03 | 0.84 | 0.95 | 0.98 | 1.02 | 0.99 | 0.98 | 0.89 | 0.76 | 0.75 |
| Nov | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.76 | 0.84 | 0.85 | 0.88 | 1.03 | 0.82 | 0.94 | 0.99 | 1.03 | 1.00 | 0.99 | 0.88 | 0.75 | 0.74 |
| Dec | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.76 | 0.82 | 0.86 | 0.87 | 1.00 | 0.81 | 0.95 | 0.99 | 1.02 | 1.01 | 1.01 | 0.87 | 0.73 | 0.75 |
| Avg. | $\mathbf{0 . 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 6 4}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8 3}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 4}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 4}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 7}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 7}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 7 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 7 5}$ |

Data source: Bank of Canada, Statistics Canada
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

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## Travel characteristics

## Trip purpose



## Travel characteristics (Winter 2014) Origins/destinations

Origins / Destinations


## Travel characteristics (Winter 2014) Trip frequency

| Port | At least once a day | Once a week | Once a month | Once every 2 months | 2-5 times per year | Once a year or less |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Peace Arch - Douglas | 2\% | 32\% | 36\% | 6\% | 13\% | 11\% |
| Pacific Highway | 1\% | 40\% | 42\% | 5\% | 10\% | 2\% |
| Lynden - Aldergrove | 1\% | 26\% | 46\% | 8\% | 14\% | 4\% |
| Sumas - Abb. Huntingdon | 2\% | 47\% | 38\% | 5\% | 7\% | 1\% |
| Pt Roberts - Boundary Bay | 8\% | 44\% | 37\% | 3\% | 7\% | 1\% |

## Why no NEXUS card?

| Application a hassle | $9 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Application in process | $8 \%$ |
| Card being renewed | $1 \%$ |
| Cost too high | $6 \%$ |
| Don't cross enough | $22 \%$ |
| Don't want to | $4 \%$ |
| Meaning to | $10 \%$ |
| No reason/don't know | $24 \%$ |
| non-NEXUS passenger | $6 \%$ |
| Not eligible | $2 \%$ |
| Other | $6 \%$ |
| Other program flaw | $1 \%$ |
| Unfamiliar | $1 \%$ |
| Waiting for appointment | $1 \%$ |

## Passengers per vehicle

| Port | 1 |  | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Peace Arch - Douglas | $45 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Pacific Highway | $49 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Lynden - Aldergrove | $25 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Sumas - Abb. Huntingdon | $56 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $3 \%$ |  |
| Pt Roberts - Boundary Bay | $77 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |  |

## Travel characteristics (Winter 2014) Why choose this crossing?

|  | Peace Arch - <br> Douglas | Pacific <br> Highway | Lynden - <br> Aldergrove | Sumas - Abb. <br> Huntingdon |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| ATIS (border wait time signs) | $7 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Avoid congestion | $3 \%$ | $10 \%$ | N $/ A^{30 \%}$ | N $/ A^{1 \%}$ |
| Duty Free Store | $0 \%$ | $2 \%$ |  |  |
| Following directions | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Most direct route | $66 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $91 \%$ |
| NEXUS lane | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | N/A | $1 \%$ |
| Other | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Preferred route | $10 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Road came here/Don't know | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ |  | $0 \%$ |

## Trip purposes for those with destinations in Whatcom County

| Bellingham | Family | $4 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  | Gas | $4 \%$ |
|  | Healthcare | $1 \%$ |
|  | Mail | $1 \%$ |
|  | Recreation | $9 \%$ |
|  | Shopping | $78 \%$ |
|  | Vacation | $3 \%$ |
| Birch Bay | Family | $19 \%$ |
|  | Gas | $2 \%$ |
|  | Mail | $4 \%$ |
|  | Recreation | $50 \%$ |
|  | Shopping | $8 \%$ |
|  | Vacation | $17 \%$ |
| Blaine | Family | $2 \%$ |
|  | Gas | $57 \%$ |
|  | Mail | $20 \%$ |
|  | Recreation | $5 \%$ |
|  | Shopping | $15 \%$ |
|  | Vacation | $1 \%$ |
| Custer | Family | $50 \%$ |
|  | Recreation | $25 \%$ |
|  | Vacation | $25 \%$ |
|  | Eamily | $67 \%$ |
|  | Recreation | $33 \%$ |


| Ferndale | Family | $30 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  | Gas | $13 \%$ |
|  | Mail | $4 \%$ |
|  | Recreation | $39 \%$ |
|  | Shopping | $13 \%$ |
| Lummi Island | Recreation | $100 \%$ |
| Lummi Nation | Recreation | $83 \%$ |
|  | Shopping | $17 \%$ |
| Lynden | Family | $20 \%$ |
|  | Gas | $23 \%$ |
|  | Mail | $4 \%$ |
|  | Recreation | $19 \%$ |
|  | Shopping | $33 \%$ |
|  | Vacation | $1 \%$ |
| Nooksack | Recreation | $100 \%$ |
| Sumas | Gas | $48 \%$ |
|  | Mail | $29 \%$ |
|  | Recreation | $3 \%$ |
|  | Shopping | $19 \%$ |

## Peace Arch

## Doutias

busiest passenger crossing on the
US. Canada Boride

## 72\%

of travelers cross at least once a month

## Peace Arch - Douglas at a glance

|  | Northbound | Southbound |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approach road | Interstate 5 | B.C. Highway 99 |
| Facility year built | 2010 | 2009 |
| Primary booths | 10 | 10 |
| Special booths | 2 NEXUS | Multiple NEXUS, Ready |
| Hours of operation | 24 hours |  |
| Modes processed | Passenger vehicle only |  |
| Rankings | 3rd busiest passenger |  |
| Additional features | NEXUS enrollment center nearby, anti-idling system |  |

Peace Arch/Douglas is the largest passenger vehicle crossing between Washington and British Columbia and on the entire U.S. - Canada border west of Michigan. It processes passenger vehicles only and is unique in that the two port-of-entry facilities are separated by a state and provincial park.


## Douglas auto volumes Northbound, 2012-2016


150,000
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ |  |  |  |  |  | 2014 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | Standard | NEXUS | TOTAL | \% NEXUS | Standard | NEXUS | TOTAL | $\%$ NEXUS | Standard | NEXUS | TOTAL | \% NEXUS |  |
| Jan | 117,525 | 64,329 | 181,854 | $35 \%$ | 122,918 | 80,795 | 203,713 | $40 \%$ | 115,394 | 93,746 | 209,140 | $45 \%$ |  |
| Feb | 123,348 | 67,979 | 191,327 | $36 \%$ | 117,804 | 80,110 | 197,914 | $40 \%$ | 99,572 | 84,238 | 183,810 | $46 \%$ |  |
| Mar | 149,808 | 76,886 | 226,694 | $34 \%$ | 144,991 | 90,853 | 235,844 | $39 \%$ | 124,432 | 101,505 | 225,937 | $45 \%$ |  |
| Apr | 147,740 | 80,439 | 228,179 | $35 \%$ | 133,373 | 92,968 | 226,341 | $41 \%$ | 130,229 | 108,973 | 239,202 | $46 \%$ |  |
| May | 152,716 | 85,707 | 238,423 | $36 \%$ | 144,749 | 100,647 | 245,396 | $41 \%$ | 134,025 | 116,584 | 250,609 | $47 \%$ |  |
| Jun | 142,527 | 82,396 | 224,923 | $37 \%$ | 141,122 | 99,184 | 240,306 | $41 \%$ | 137,795 | 116,655 | 254,450 | $46 \%$ |  |
| Jul | 162,022 | 88,687 | 250,709 | $35 \%$ | 165,229 | 107,834 | 273,063 | $39 \%$ | 153,600 | 121,552 | 275,152 | $44 \%$ |  |
| Aug | 173,469 | 89,166 | 262,635 | $34 \%$ | 169,042 | 105,037 | 274,079 | $38 \%$ | 161,653 | 122,524 | 284,177 | $43 \%$ |  |
| Sep | 144,475 | 86,421 | 230,896 | $37 \%$ | 136,431 | 101,449 | 237,880 | $43 \%$ | 133,060 | 114,986 | 248,046 | $46 \%$ |  |
| Oct | 122,517 | 79,263 | 201,780 | $39 \%$ | 124,898 | 101,273 | 226,171 | $45 \%$ | 117,186 | 107,241 | 224,427 | $48 \%$ |  |
| Nov | 129,309 | 79,705 | 209,014 | $38 \%$ | 125,086 | 96,200 | 221,286 | $43 \%$ | 113,089 | 104,048 | 217,137 | $48 \%$ |  |
| Dec | 134,592 | 83,641 | 218,233 | $38 \%$ | 128,400 | 100,499 | 228,899 | $44 \%$ | 101,150 | 95,670 | 196,820 | $49 \%$ |  |
| TOTAL | $\mathbf{1 , 7 0 0 , 0 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{9 6 4 , 6 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 6 6 4 , 6 6 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 6 5 4 , 0 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 1 5 6 , 8 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 8 1 0 , 8 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 5 2 1 , 1 8 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 2 8 7 , 7 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 8 0 8 , 9 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 6 \%}$ |  |


|  | Standard | NEXUS | TOTAL | \% NEXUS | Standard | NEXUS | TOTAL | \% NEXUS |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Jan | 99,719 | 92,452 | 192,171 | $48 \%$ | 82,962 | 81,652 | 164,614 | $50 \%$ |
| Feb | 92,574 | 88,742 | 181,316 | $49 \%$ | 79,275 | 77,192 | 156,467 | $49 \%$ |
| Mar | 105,444 | 100,431 | 205,875 | $49 \%$ | 96,975 | 90,228 | 187,203 | $48 \%$ |
| Apr | 107,285 | 103,132 | 210,417 | $49 \%$ | 97,411 | 94,896 | 192,307 | $49 \%$ |
| May | 119,386 | 113,300 | 232,686 | $49 \%$ | 105,991 | 101,283 | 207,274 | $49 \%$ |
| Jun | 123,746 | 112,827 | 236,573 | $48 \%$ | 104,769 | 97,405 | 202,174 | $48 \%$ |
| Jul | $\mathbf{1 3 5 , 6 5 6}$ | 108,858 | 244,514 | $45 \%$ | 131,094 | 101,120 | 232,214 | $44 \%$ |
| Aug | 130,173 | 103,444 | 233,617 | $44 \%$ | 125,628 | 103,757 | 229,385 | $45 \%$ |
| Sep | 103,023 | 92,327 | 195,350 | $47 \%$ | 108,792 | 95,666 | 204,458 | $47 \%$ |
| Oct | 95,832 | 93,513 | 189,345 | $49 \%$ | 93,125 | 93,280 | 186,405 | $50 \%$ |
| Nov | 91,206 | 91,918 | 183,124 | $50 \%$ | 84,945 | 84,527 | 169,472 | $50 \%$ |
| Dec | 92,733 | 94,041 | 186,774 | $50 \%$ | 86,833 | 86,494 | 173,327 | $50 \%$ |
| TOTAL | $\mathbf{1 , 2 9 6 , 7 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 1 9 4 , 9 8 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 4 9 1 , 7 6 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 1 9 7 , 8 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 1 0 7 , 5 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 3 0 5 , 3 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 \%}$ |

Data source: Canada Border Services Agency
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

## Peace Arch auto volumes Southbound, 2012-2016



Data source: U.S. Customs \& Border Protection
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

## Peace Arch - Douglas standard vs. NEXUS 2016



## Peace Arch - Douglas wait times Weekends, 2012-2016



Note: Figures are estimates and may be affected by construction or other factors. Weekday data averaged
Mon-Thurs. Weekend data averaged Sat. - Sun.
Data source: Cascade Gateway Border Data Warehouse (www.cascadegatewaydata.com)
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## Peace Arch - Douglas wait times Weekdays, 2012-2016



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Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

## Passenger travel characteristics Trip purpose by frequency of crossings, Peace Arch-Douglas <br> (Winter 2014)



Traveler Frequency
$\square$ At least once a dayOnce a weekOnce a monthOnce every 2 months2-5 times per yearOnce a year or less

## Pacific Highway

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## busiest bus arossing on the U.S. Canada border

4th
buslest commercalil crossing on the U.S. - Canada Border


## Pacific Highway at a glance

|  | Northbound | Southbound |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approach road | WA State Route 543 | B.C. Highway 15 |
| Facility year built | 1986 | 1999 |
| Primary booths | 11 passenger / 3 commercial | 6 passenger/ 3 commercial |
| Special booths | Multiple NEXUS, FAST, bus | Multiple NEXUS, FAST, bus |
| Hours of operation | 24 hours |  |
| Modes processed | Passenger vehicles, commercial, bus |  |
| Rankings | 4th busiest commercial, 3rd busiest bus (Southbound) |  |
| Additional features | Truck cargo VACIS both directions, commercial staging areas, <br> FAST-first systems |  |

Pacific Highway is the region's busiest commercial crossing and the crossing with the most bus traffic. Northbound and southbound facilities have variable numbers of NEXUS booths, as well as FAST-first systems that allow for FAST compliant movements to have expedited access to the front of the queue. Both facilities are looking at long-term improvements to increase capacity and modernize aging infrastructure.


# Pacific Highway auto volumes Northbound, 2012-2016 



Data source: Canada Border Services Agency
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

## Pacific Highway auto volumes Southbound, 2012-2016



Data source: U.S. Customs \& Border Protection
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

# Pacific Highway standard vs. NEXUS 2016 



## Pacific Highway bus volumes Northbound, 2012-2016




## Pacific Highway bus volumes Southbound, 2012-2016



| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Sep |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  | Oct | Nov | Dec |  |  |
|  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |  |
| Jan | 853 | 930 | 887 | 831 | 813 |  |  |
| Feb | 858 | 889 | 909 | 904 | 973 |  |  |
| Mar | 1,082 | 1,116 | 1,091 | 1,007 | 1,066 |  |  |
| Apr | 1,231 | 1,197 | 1,248 | 1,183 | 1,164 |  |  |
| May | 1,584 | 1,399 | 1,533 | 1,572 | 1,493 |  |  |
| Jun | 1,619 | 1,494 | 1,523 | 1,487 | 1,573 |  |  |
| Jul | 1,828 | 1,651 | 1,778 | 1,589 | 1,750 |  |  |
| Aug | 1,882 | 1,817 | 1,742 | 1,785 | 1,646 |  |  |
| Sep | 1,643 | 1,463 | 1,489 | 1,785 | 1,507 |  |  |
| Oct | 1,186 | 1,118 | 1,140 | 1,197 | 1,132 |  |  |
| Nov | 1,074 | 1,038 | 997 | 935 | 932 |  |  |
| Dec | 1,148 | 966 | 947 | 940 | 912 |  |  |
| TOTAL | $\mathbf{1 5 , 9 8 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 , 0 7 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 , 2 8 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 , 2 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 , 9 6 1}$ |  |  |

## Pacific Highway truck volumes Northbound, 2012-2016



25,000

24,000

23,000
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Jan | 28,201 | 30,653 | 31,376 | 33,043 | 30,321 |
| Feb | 29,233 | 25,907 | 28,495 | 31,670 | 30,854 |
| Mar | 31,490 | 31,357 | 32,966 | 35,741 | 33,684 |
| Apr | 31,885 | 33,095 | 34,500 | 35,352 | 33,083 |
| May | 33,732 | 33,732 | 34,928 | 35,470 | 33,498 |
| Jun | 31,247 | 32,922 | 34,774 | 36,125 | 34,184 |
| Jul | 31,497 | 34,327 | 35,968 | 35,801 | 33,043 |
| Aug | 33,839 | 33,509 | 33,896 | 33,772 | 34,453 |
| Sep | 30,005 | 34,250 | 33,038 | 33,593 | 32,801 |
| Oct | 32,579 | 34,037 | 34,331 | 34,116 | 32,762 |
| Nov | 28,719 | 30,656 | 30,755 | 31,086 | 31,947 |
| Dec | 27,294 | 28,294 | 32,366 | 31,438 | 30,043 |
| TOTAL | $\mathbf{3 6 9 , 7 2 1}$ | 382,739 | 397,393 | 407,207 | 390,673 |

## Pacific Highway truck volumes Southbound, 2012-2016



23,000
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Jan | 26,625 | 28,421 | 29,177 | 30,541 | 29,030 |
| Feb | 25,754 | 26,135 | 26,489 | 29,439 | 28,439 |
| Mar | 27,288 | 28,954 | 30,647 | 33,595 | 31,410 |
| Apr | 28,477 | 30,624 | 31,550 | 33,341 | 30,500 |
| May | 31,543 | 31,107 | 31,794 | 33,281 | 31,926 |
| Jun | 30,588 | 29,238 | 32,052 | 33,839 | 32,373 |
| Jul | 30,626 | 31,375 | 33,683 | 33,597 | 30,376 |
| Aug | 32,043 | 30,366 | 31,351 | 30,903 | 32,464 |
| Sep | 28,588 | 28,493 | 31,610 | 31,312 | 30,697 |
| Oct | 30,991 | 30,649 | 31,919 | 31,218 | 30,855 |
| Nov | 28,748 | 27,577 | 28,318 | 28,955 | 30,101 |
| Dec | 24,264 | 27,044 | 29,404 | 28,726 | 27,318 |
| TOTAL | 345,535 | 349,983 | 367,994 | 378,747 | 365,489 |

## Pacific Highway wait times Weekends, 2012-2016

NORTHBOUND

## SOUTHBOUND










[^3]Mon-Thurs. Weekend data averaged Sat. - Sun.
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## Pacific Highway wait times Weekdays, 2012-2016

NORTHBOUND

## SOUTHBOUND










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## Passenger travel characteristics Trip purpose by frequency of crossings, Pacific Highway (Winter 2014)



Traveler Frequency
$\square$ At least once a dayOnce a weekOnce a monthOnce every 2 months2-5 times per year

## Lynden -

## Aldergrove

## $75 \%$

## 2 $2=4 x^{x}$

of passenger vehicle dritvers cross at least

## 58\%

of trucks crossing the
border are empty


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$$

## Lynden - Aldergrove at a glance

|  | Northbound | Southbound |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approach road | WA State Route 539 | B.C. Highway 13 |
| Facility year built | 2016 | 1986 |
| Primary booths | 5 passenger / 2 commercial | 3 passenger/ 1 commercial |
| Special booths | Multiple NEXUS |  |
| Hours of operation | $8: 00 \mathrm{am}-12: 00 \mathrm{am}$ daily |  |
| Modes processed | Passenger vehicles, commercial (southbound is limited to <br> empty/permited only; northbound is open to all traffic) |  |
| Rankings | 12th busiest pedestrian, 14th busiest passenger |  |

The Lynden - Aldergrove crossing is unique in the region in that it is only open from 8:00am to midnight. Southbound the port is limited to passenger vehicles and trucks that are either empty or have a special permit. Northbound the new port-of-entry is a full commercial facility. NEXUS is available northbound only.


## Aldergrove auto volumes Northbound, 2012-2016



Data source: Canada Border Services Agency
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

## Lynden auto volumes Southbound, 2012-2016



## Aldergrove truck volumes Northbound, 2012-2016



0
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Jan | 956 | 1,148 | 851 | $\mathbf{1 , 0 9 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 9 4 7}$ |
| Feb | 556 | 1,122 | 806 | 984 | 2,280 |
| Mar | 570 | 1,301 | 769 | 1,160 | 3,021 |
| Apr | 956 | 1,202 | 821 | 838 | 3,112 |
| May | 930 | 1,143 | 619 | 920 | 3,269 |
| Jun | 1,170 | 1,559 | 851 | 1,140 | 3,534 |
| Jul | 923 | 1,264 | 802 | 1,207 | 3,496 |
| Aug | 1,183 | 714 | 643 | 1,185 | 3,729 |
| Sep | 942 | 1,045 | 996 | 971 | 3,482 |
| Oct | 1,439 | 1,113 | 758 | 940 | 4,078 |
| Nov | 1,211 | 1,126 | 702 | 363 | 3,253 |
| Dec | 1,081 | 820 | 999 | 1,986 | 2,970 |
| TOTAL | $\mathbf{1 1 , 9 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 5 5 7}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 6 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 , 7 8 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 8 , 1 7 1}$ |

## Lynden truck volumes Southbound, 2012-2016



2,500

2,000

1,500

1,000

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0
Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Jan | 3,011 | 3,552 | 3,730 | 3,704 | 3,916 |
| Feb | 3,030 | 3,379 | 3,243 | 3,635 | 4,060 |
| Mar | 4,023 | 3,710 | 3,591 | 4,380 | 3,919 |
| Apr | 3,659 | 4,166 | 3,646 | 3,596 | 3,751 |
| May | 3,577 | 4,474 | 3,693 | 3,623 | 3,758 |
| Jun | 3,802 | 4,297 | 3,592 | 3,906 | 3,785 |
| Jul | 3,339 | 4,308 | 3,393 | 3,414 | 3,269 |
| Aug | 3,438 | 3,653 | 3,347 | 3,180 | 3,668 |
| Sep | 3,261 | 3,811 | 3,285 | 3,573 | 3,822 |
| Oct | 4,153 | 4,606 | 3,529 | 4,933 | 4,916 |
| Nov | 3,748 | 4,213 | 3,192 | 4,018 | 4,093 |
| Dec | 2,803 | 3,227 | 3,339 | 3,636 | 3,264 |
| TOTAL | 41,844 | 47,396 | 41,580 | 45,598 | 46,221 |

## Lynden - Aldergrove wait times Weekends, 2012-2016

NORTHBOUND





2016
2015
2014
2013
2012


2016
2015
2014
2013
2012


2016
2015
2014
2013
2012



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## Lynden - Aldergrove wait times Weekdays, 2012-2016

NORTHBOUND



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## Sumas - Abbotsford-Huntingdon at a glance

|  | Northbound | Southbound |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approach road | WA State Route 9 | B.C. Highway 11 |
| Facility year built | 1992 | 1990 |
| Primary booths | 6 passenger / 2 commercial | 4 passenger/ 2 commercial |
| Special booths | 1 NEXUS | Multiple NEXUS, Ready |
| Hours of operation | 24 Hours |  |
| Modes processed | Passenger vehicles, commercial, bus |  |
| Rankings | 2nd busiest pedestrian, 7th busiest passenger |  |
| Additional features | Agricultural livestock inspection facility |  |

Sumas - Abbotsford-Huntingdon is a 24 hour facility that serves the east portion of the Cascade Gateway. In addition to serving regional trade and travel flows, Sumas -Abbotsford-Huntingdon is a common route choice linking Trans Canada Highway 1 to U.S. Interstate 5.

The port has seen a surge of NEXUS traffic since dedicated approach lanes were provided in both directions, but southbound NEXUS travelers often find the NEXUS lane too short to provide a bypass of standard traffic lineups. An extension of the dedicated lane is planned to be built soon.


# Abb. - Huntingdon auto volumes Northbound, 2012-2016 



Data source: Canada Border Services Agency
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

## Sumas auto volumes <br> Southbound, 2012-2016



50,000

40,000- | Jan |
| :---: |
| Feb Mar |

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Jan | 73,503 | 85,096 | 83,307 |
| Feb | 79,179 | 86,507 | 76,035 |
| Mar | 92,941 | 99,973 | 87,667 |
| Apr | 93,005 | 94,330 | 91,934 |
| May | 97,720 | 106,365 | 103,223 |
| Jun | 96,847 | 110,266 | 105,261 |
| Jul | 110,171 | 124,622 | 110,753 |
| Aug | 114,377 | 130,769 | 119,707 |
| Sep | 98,750 | 107,913 | 103,767 |
| Oct | 90,626 | 101,309 | 90,859 |
| Nov | 85,324 | 94,427 | 80,909 |
| Dec | 92,607 | 92,607 | 76,829 |
| TOTAL | $\mathbf{1 , 1 2 5 , 0 5 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 2 3 4 , 1 8 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 1 3 0 , 2 5 1}$ |

Note: In 2014 CBP started operating the NEXUS booth as a dual-purpose NEXUS/Ready Lane booth. A traffic count that includes NEXUS and RFID (Ready Lane) vehicles was not available until 2015. This number includes NEXUS and all Ready Lane participants. Approximately $15 \%$ of those counted in this total are using documents other than NEXUS.

|  | 2015 |  |  |  | 2016 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Standard | NEXUS | TOTAL | \%NEXUS | Standard | NEXUS | TOTAL | \%NEXUS |
| Jan | 54,439 | 14,089 | 68,528 | 21\% | 45,327 | 13,560 | 58,887 | 23\% |
| Feb | 50,562 | 13,217 | 63,779 | 21\% | 42,767 | 12,369 | 55,136 | 22\% |
| Mar | 58,362 | 15,060 | 73,422 | 21\% | 49,570 | 14,633 | 64,203 | 23\% |
| Apr | 58,040 | 15,514 | 73,554 | 21\% | 50,692 | 15,083 | 65,775 | 23\% |
| May | 64,753 | 17,042 | 81,795 | 21\% | 56,052 | 16,210 | 72,262 | 22\% |
| Jun | 67,700 | 17,446 | 85,146 | 20\% | 61,987 | 16,368 | 78,355 | 21\% |
| Jul | 79,978 | 17,457 | 97,435 | 18\% | 73,125 | 16,994 | 90,119 | 19\% |
| Aug | 75,386 | 16,538 | 91,924 | 18\% | 71,307 | 16,982 | 88,289 | 19\% |
| Sep | 60,600 | 14,944 | 75,544 | 20\% | 54,565 | 16,409 | 70,974 | 23\% |
| Oct | 55,737 | 15,237 | 70,974 | 21\% | 55,530 | 15,714 | 71,244 | 22\% |
| Nov | 49,678 | 15,343 | 65,021 | 24\% | 47,147 | 15,172 | 62,319 | 24\% |
| Dec | 52,999 | 17,010 | 70,009 | 24\% | 52,609 | 11,825 | 64,434 | 18\% |
| TOTAL | 728,234 | 188,897 | 917,131 | 21\% | 660,678 | 181,319 | 841,997 | 22\% |

# Sumas - Abb.-Huntingdon Standard vs. NEXUS vs. Ready 2016 



Southbound NEXUS numbers are obscured because the booth processes both NEXUS cards and other Ready Lane elgible radio frequency identification (RFID) documents. Based on the lack of prevelance of non-NEXUS RF travel documents, this is likely mostly NEXUS traffic.

## Abb. - Huntingdon bus volumes Northbound, 2012-2016



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| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |  |  |
| Jan | 39 | 71 | 45 | 43 | 47 |  |  |
| Feb | 87 | 91 | 58 | 43 | 49 |  |  |
| Mar | 73 | 96 | 69 | 67 | 46 |  |  |
| Apr | 70 | 107 | 76 | 59 | 47 |  |  |
| May | 49 | 82 | 58 | 52 | 57 |  |  |
| Jun | 62 | 37 | 55 | 66 | 52 |  |  |
| Jul | 54 | 31 | 28 | 31 | 30 |  |  |
| Aug | 46 | 43 | 31 | 34 | 23 |  |  |
| Sep | 63 | 60 | 61 | 29 | 74 |  |  |
| Oct | 62 | 101 | 66 | 68 | 58 |  |  |
| Nov | 60 | 65 | 58 | 63 | 18 |  |  |
| Dec | 38 | 48 | 48 | 33 | 21 |  |  |
| TOTAL | 703 | 832 | 653 | 588 | 522 |  |  |

## Sumas bus volumes

Southbound, 2012-2016


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| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep Oct | Nov Dec |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2012 |  | 2013 |  | 2014 |  | 2015 | 2016 |
| Jan |  | 63 |  | 55 |  | 44 |  | 41 | 41 |
| Feb |  | 68 |  | 83 |  | 54 |  | 63 | 38 |
| Mar |  | 76 |  | 73 |  | 64 |  | 51 | 32 |
| Apr |  | 94 |  | 101 |  | 72 |  | 63 | 95 |
| May |  | 76 |  | 62 |  | 60 |  | 53 | 52 |
| Jun |  | 73 |  | 60 |  | 55 |  | 47 | 29 |
| Jul |  | 59 |  | 49 |  | 45 |  | 45 | 39 |
| Aug |  | 44 |  | 69 |  | 34 |  | 29 | 45 |
| Sep |  | 73 |  | 63 |  | 73 |  | 45 | 65 |
| Oct |  | 6 |  | 71 |  | 73 |  | 65 | 35 |
| Nov |  | 66 |  | 54 |  | 30 |  | 48 | 31 |
| Dec |  | 44 |  | 44 |  | 52 |  | 32 | 29 |
| TOTAL |  | 742 |  | 784 |  | 656 |  | 582 | 531 |

# Abb. - Huntingdon truck volumes Northbound, 2012-2016 

| 15,000 | $\downarrow \mathbf{4 \%}$ since 2015 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 14,500 | $\downarrow \mathbf{2 \%}$ since 2012 |
| 14,000 |  |

13,500 -

13,000
12,500

12,000 -

11,500


|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Jan | 8,166 | 8,919 | 10,357 | 8,433 | 8,218 |
| Feb | 9,021 | 8,861 | 9,235 | 8,623 | 8,934 |
| Mar | 9,891 | 9,721 | 10,475 | 9,447 | 9,599 |
| Apr | 9,079 | 11,076 | 10,710 | 9,350 | 9,593 |
| May | 9,703 | 11,165 | 10,093 | 9,874 | 9,554 |
| Jun | 9,480 | 9,802 | 10,871 | 10,818 | 9,966 |
| Jul | 10,046 | 11,273 | 11,321 | 10,044 | 9,189 |
| Aug | 10,559 | 10,831 | 10,283 | 9,737 | 10,033 |
| Sep | 8,910 | 10,289 | 9,365 | 9,821 | 9,504 |
| Oct | 9,454 | 10,929 | 9,327 | 10,154 | 8,549 |
| Nov | 9,008 | 9,233 | 8,146 | 8,608 | 8,676 |
| Dec | 7,515 | 8,694 | 9,640 | 8,167 | 7,160 |
| TOTAL | $\mathbf{1 1 0 , 8 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 0 , 7 9 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 9 , 8 2 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 3 , 0 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 8 , 9 7 5}$ |

## Sumas truck volumes

Southbound, 2010-2015


## Sumas - Abb.-Huntingdon wait times Weekends, 2012-2016



[^4]
## Sumas - Abb. Huntingdon wait times Weekdays, 2012-2016

NORTHBOUND
SOUTHBOUND


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## Passenger travel characteristics Trip purpose by frequency of crossings, Sumas - Abb.-Huntingdon (Winter 2014)



Traveler Frequency
$\square$ At least once a dayOnce a week
Once a month
Once every 2 months
2-5 times per yearOnce a year or less

# Point Roberts Boundaly Bay 

## 6th

 busiest passenger vehicle crossing on the U.S. - Canada border
# 40 

3. of travelers cross at least once'a week

## busiest pedestrian crossing

 on the U.S. Ganada border
# Point Roberts - Boundary Bay at a glance 

|  | Northbound | Southbound |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Approach road | 56th Street (County Road) | Tyree Drive (Municipal Road) |
| Facility year built | 1987 | 1998 |
| Primary booths | 3 passenger / 0 commercial | 3 passenger/ 1 commercial |
| Special booths | 1 NEXUS | 1 NEXUS |
| Hours of operation | 24 Hours |  |
| Modes processed | Passenger vehicles, commercial, bus |  |
| Rankings | 3rd busiest pedestrian, 6th busiest passenger |  |

Point Roberts, Washington is a 4.9 square mile geographic exclave of the United States, located on the southern tip of the Tsawwassen Penninsula in British Columbia. It is home to about 1,300 people. Despite its small size and separation from the rest of Washington State, nearby Canadian residents make numerous trips to Point Roberts, primarily for gas and mail services. Because of this, it is the sixth busiest crossing on the U.S. - Canada border, and the third busiest pedestrian crossing.


## Boundary Bay auto volumes Northbound, 2012-2016



Data source: Canada Border Services Agency
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

## Point Roberts auto volumes Southbound, 2012-2016



Data source: U.S. Customs \& Border Protection
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

## Point Roberts - Boundary Bay Standard vs. NEXUS 2016



## Boundary Bay truck volumes Northbound, 2012-2016



## Point Roberts truck volumes Southbound, 2012-2016



900


Note: Southbound numbers show double the amount of trucks entering Point Roberts than are reported leaving. This discrepancy is assumed to be a result of the way trucks are counted at each facility.

Data source: U.S. Customs \& Border Protection
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

## Passenger travel characteristics Trip purpose by frequency of crossings, Point Roberts - B. Bay (Winter 2014)



Traveler Frequency
$\square$ At least once a dayOnce a weekOnce a monthOnce every 2 months2-5 times per year
Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of GovernmentsOnce a year or less


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[^1]:    * Listed in U.S. dollars. Does not include \$24,557,500 from U.S. Federal Highway Administration for I-5 improvements at Exit 276 related to the Peace Arch re-design.

[^2]:    Note: All figures are based on declared trade value and are adjusted to 2000 U.S. Dollars, based on U.S. Department of Labor Statistics import and export price indices.

    Data source: U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
    Data compiled by: Whatcom Council of Governments

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