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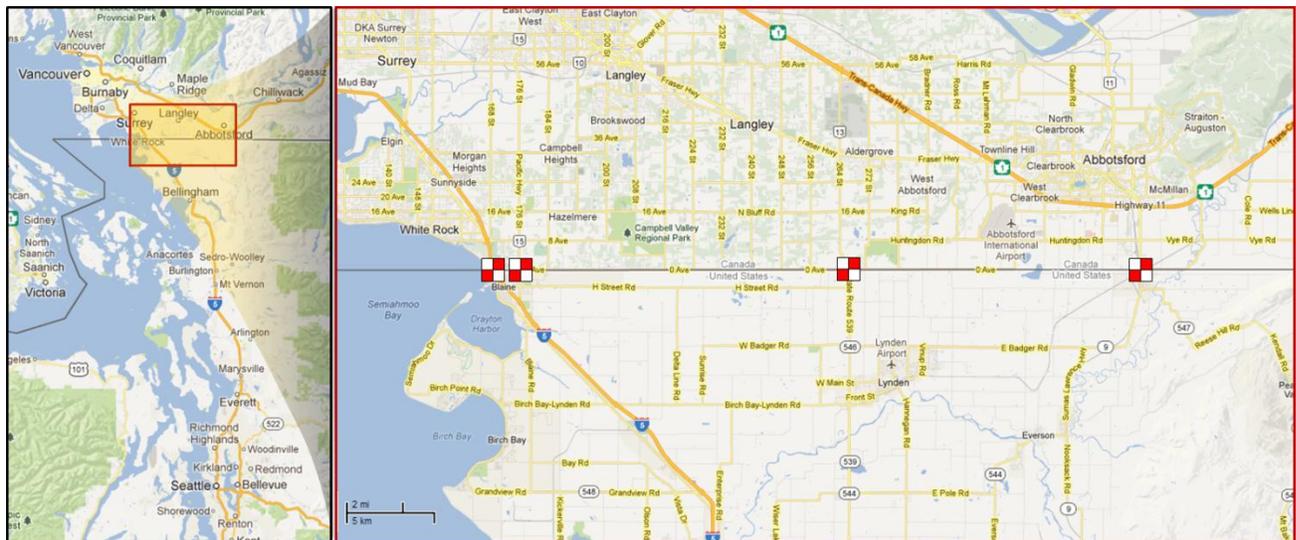
Cascade Gateway Border Circulation Analysis Phase II

Overview

Phase II of the Cascade Gateway Border Circulation Analysis will identify specific improvements using the information and tools developed in Phase I; preliminary planning and cost estimation for specific improvements, evaluation with WCOG traffic and simulation models, and, if available, cross-border regional economic impact model (separate, currently unfunded IMTC project); and overall funding strategies.

Location

The map below shows the border crossings, related approach roads, and border-region road network of the Cascade Gateway –the geographic focus of this project.



Why this project is needed

Growth and development, especially in Lower Mainland British Columbia, is increasing the need to ensure that adequate right-of-way for growing volumes of both domestic and cross-border trips is planned, built, and managed to accommodate the associated goods movement and travel demands. Phase II of the Circulation Analysis is needed identify improvement projects, both to road and inspection infrastructure and transportation system information technology. A common evaluation framework and complementary planning process across the border is essential. The IMTC, with support from the BC-WA JTEC, is facilitating this kind of interagency, cross-border coordination.

Results

This project will result in a list of projects and funding strategies for improving cross-border travel and routing. It will also outline funding strategies and seek to connect state and provincial endorsements, as well as federal inspection agency endorsement with the emerging Border Infrastructure Investment Plan (BIIP) advanced under the U.S.-Canada Beyond the Border Action Plan.

Estimated project Schedule

This project is estimated to take two years to complete.

Cost

This project is estimated to cost \$150,000. This project is not currently funded.

Administration, funding, and partnerships

This project could be done by consultant or as a coordinated effort of multiple agencies managed by the Whatcom Council of Governments or by WSDOT.