



IMTC Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 17, 2018

9:00am – 12:00pm

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1. Introductions & current updates
2. Report back and discussion: April 25-26 Transportation Border Working Group (TBWG) meeting
 - a. U.S. Congress requested report from FHWA on incentivizing border states to invest in cross-border transportation.
 - b. Current pilot testing of commercial vehicle “pre-arrival readiness evaluation” (PARE) by Peace Bridge Authority and U.S. CBP.
 - c. Early development and applications of facial recognition and app-based approaches to reducing processing times
3. Updates/discussion of current projects and recent IMTC initiatives (NEXUS times on VMS, stalled truck data collection, Dynamic Border Management)
4. Passenger Vehicle Survey planning: review of bus questionnaire and data collection method.
5. WCOG’s recent traffic counts and border locations (both U.S.-Canada and Whatcom-Skagit county borders).
6. U.S. BTS cross-border trade and vehicle crossing visualization tools.

Bus Passenger Interview

PREAMBLE

Hi. We're doing a university research project to identify border transportation improvements. I have a questionnaire that takes less than a minute and is anonymous. May I ask you the questions?

Are you traveling today with family or friends?

NO → Group size of 1

YES → How large is your group?

Which bus are you on? (*Reference assigned bus #*)

What city do you live in?

What is the purpose of your trip across the border?

What is your destination on this bus ride?

When do you expect to get there?

Where did you start this bus ride?

When did you start the ride?

Why are you using the bus for this trip?

Where did you buy your bus ticket?

What kind of transportation *will you use on your return trip* OR *did you use on your outgoing trip*?

When you get off this bus, will you transfer to another form of transportation?

NO → None

YES → What kind?

Procedural Notes

- Bus drivers will be separately interviewed
- Bus arrival and departure times will be observed
- Passenger surveys will take place after passengers have cleared inspection and can be administered both inside and outside of the inspection buildings.
- No attempts will be made to interview "tail end" passengers from any given bus so that individual bus departures are not delayed by interviews.

Pacific Highway Southbound

3) 3 Surveyors

Bus passenger interviews

- Which bus are you on? **Bus assigned ID #**
- Residence city
- Trip purpose
- Destination
- Expected arrival time
- Origin of bus trip
- Origin departure time
- Why are you using the bus for this trip?
- Where did you buy your ticket?
- Type of transportation on your return trip?
- Mode of transportation when you get off this bus?

2) 1 Surveyor

Bus arrival log
(inspection area)

- Arrival at inspection area
- **LP#**
- Is staging area full?
- Departure time from POE
- Notes if any

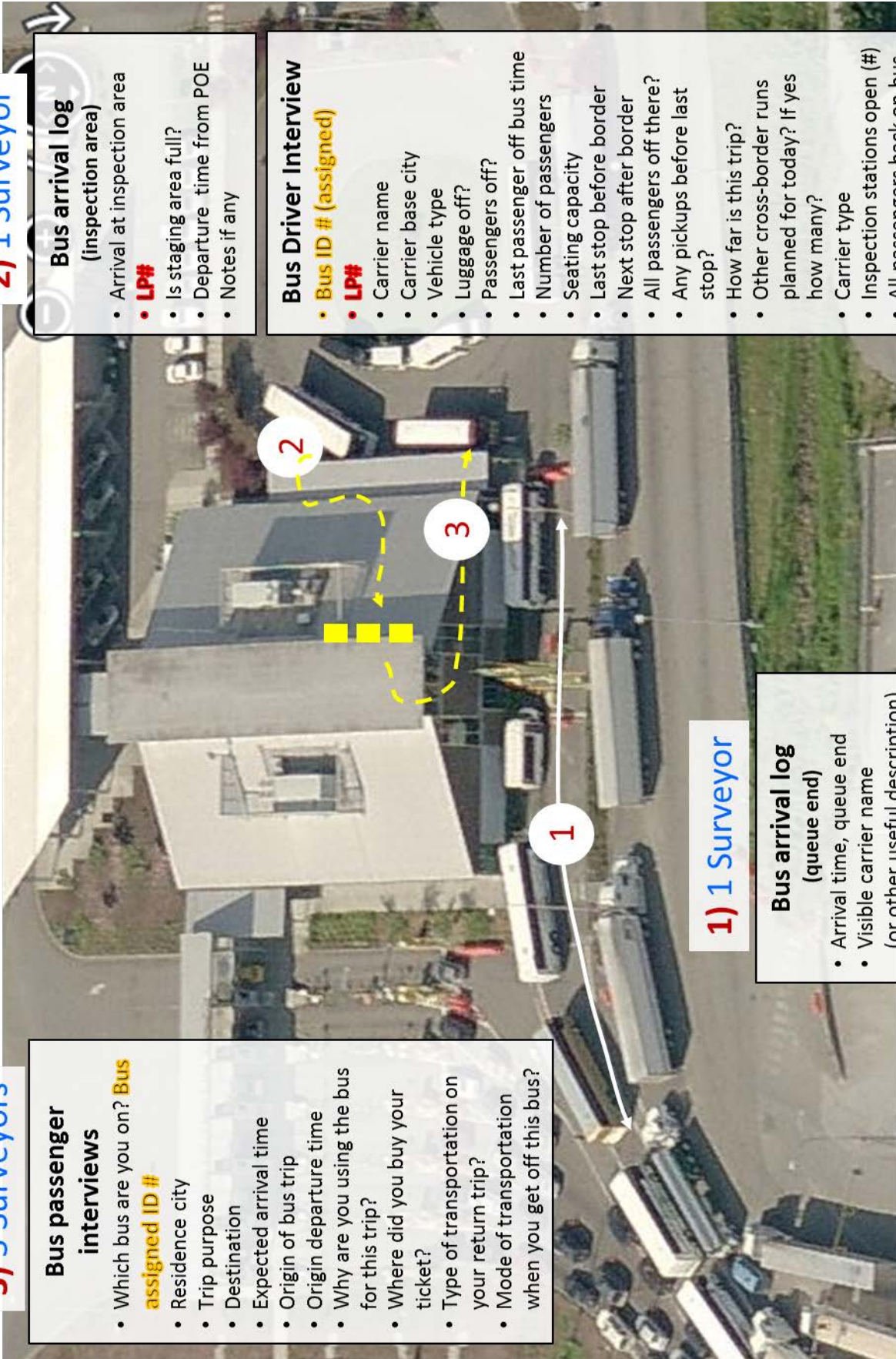
Bus Driver Interview

- **Bus ID # (assigned)**
- **LP#**
- Carrier name
- Carrier base city
- Vehicle type
- Luggage off?
- Passengers off?
- Last passenger off bus time
- Number of passengers
- Seating capacity
- Last stop before border
- Next stop after border
- All passengers off there?
- Any pickups before last stop?
- How far is this trip?
- Other cross-border runs planned for today? If yes how many?
- Carrier type
- Inspection stations open (#)
- All passengers back on bus (time).

1) 1 Surveyor

Bus arrival log
(queue end)

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- Visible carrier name (or other useful description)
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