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# IMTC Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 13, 2018

9:00am – 12:00pm

@ U.S. Peace Arch Port-of-Entry, Blaine, WA

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### 1. Introductions and current event updates

#### 2. Data

- a. 2018/2019 IMTC Passenger Vehicle Survey – Review of preliminary summer survey data

#### 3. Policy

- a. Review of U.S. Federal Highway Administration’s Megaregions Initiative:
  - i. Recent application to the National Economic Partnership initiative
  - ii. Discussion of the megaregions perspective, how it relates to cross-border planning (IMTC, JTEC, TBWG), and possible connections to other regional initiatives (e.g. Cascadia Innovations Corridor, BC-WA MOU, high speed rail studies, etc.)

#### 4. Operations

- a. Monitoring stalled truck incidents and mitigation strategies
- b. Cascade Gateway Traffic Impact Outlook

#### 5. Infrastructure

- a. U.S. Pacific Highway POE – Passenger vehicle booth additions planning update: Darin Lenderink, U.S. General Services Administration
- b. U.S. Peace Arch POE – Pedestrian walkway improvements update

#### 6. IMTC Border Master Planning

- a. IMTC Five Year Plan (short range plan element as part of Border Master Planning)

# IMTC Border Master Plan Five Year Plan

Outline and Working **Draft** for Discussion – September 13, 2018

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## Overview outline

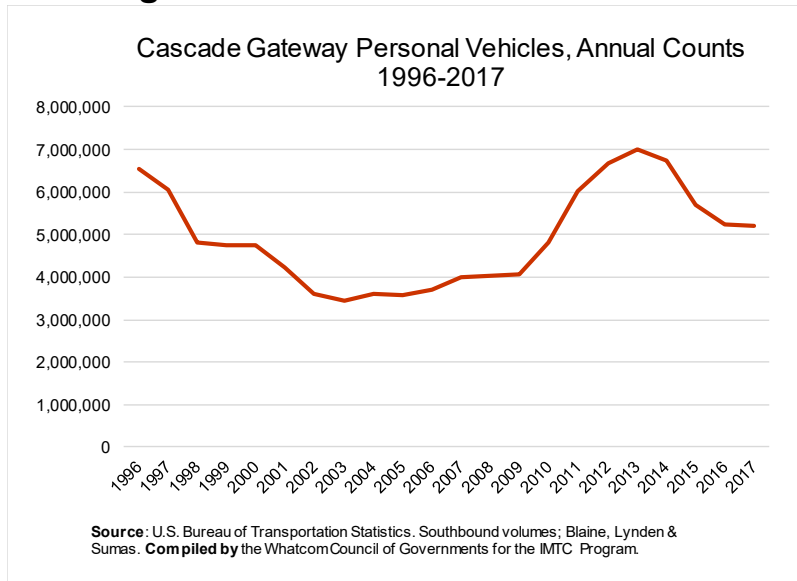
- 1) IMTC participants’ annually updated consensus of trends and conditions that will most influence operations and strategies over the next five years.
    - a) Trade and travel demand (emphasis on vehicles, and travelers)
    - b) Policy (agency, government)
    - c) Demographic (population, age, etc.)
    - d) Economic, social, environmental, and technological
  - 2) Known / planned actions/investments in the next five years (On IMTC project list and other plans).
    - a) Ongoing activities
      - i) Data collection in support of medium and long-term forecasting and scenario development.
    - b) Five-year plan identified needs and strategies
      - i) Infrastructure
      - ii) Operations
        - (1) Technology
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## IMTC Five Year Outlook

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2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

## Trade & Travel Demand

### Passenger vehicles

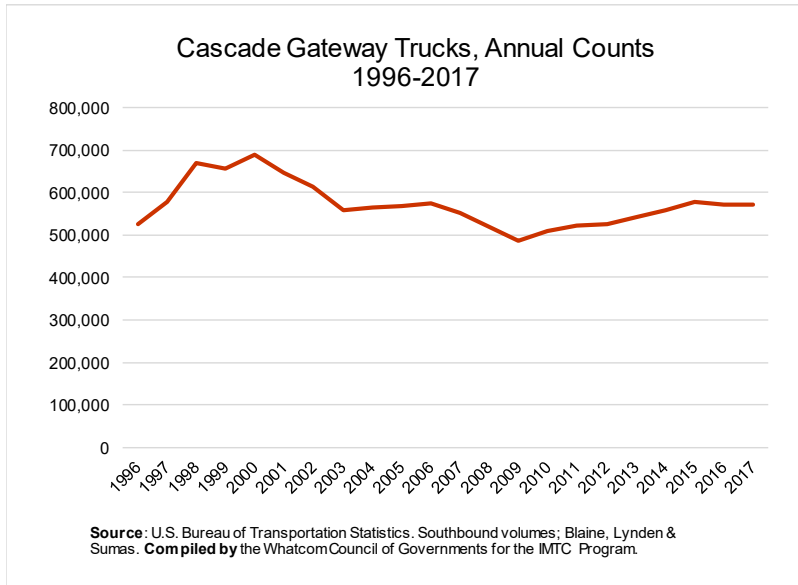


Looking at the last 21 years, personal vehicle travel demand has been much more influenced by exchange rate fluctuations and post 9-11 border security policies than by a more general growth trend.

If the most basic source of travel volume is population, it’s worth pointing out that British Columbia and Washington State both anticipate about one percent annual population growth over the next five years.

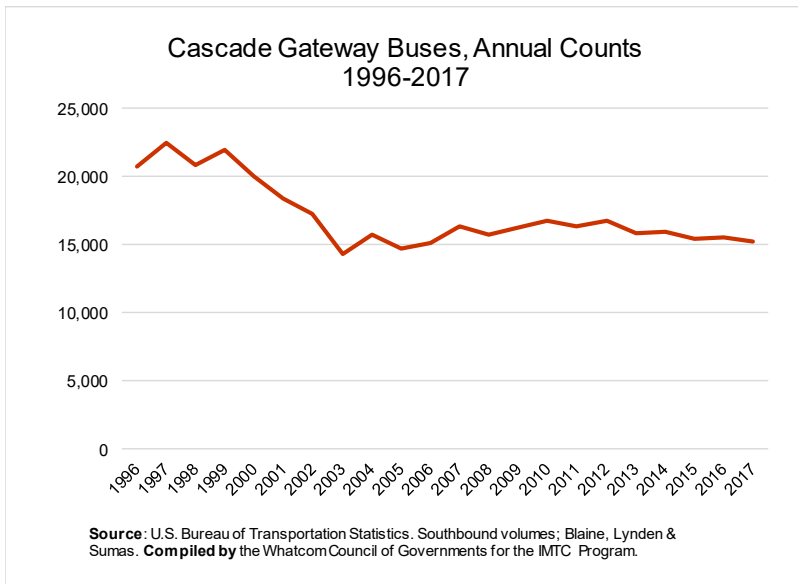
**Policy Question:** Should we consider maximum border passenger vehicle travel demand to be the recently observed peak (i.e. 7,000,000) growing at 1 percent annually?

**Overall commercial vehicles**



Truck traffic through the Cascade Gateway has been relatively stable since 2003. Generally, expectations for freight traffic growth are somewhat higher. For example, USDOT’s Beyond Traffic report in 2016 estimated a 45 percent increase in freight volume by 2040. Assuming an even temporal distribution of that growth, that is about two percent per year.

**Buses**



Historical bus volume data indicates a static trend following a significant decline from the late 1990s. New services, namely Bolt Bus, have emerged in the last several years.

## **Policy Trends and Questions**

### **Infrastructure investment**

State of Washington?

Province of British Columbia?

U.S. Federal Highway Administration?

Transport Canada?

U.S. Customs & Border Protection / GSA?

Canada Border Services Agency

### **Strategic Planning Initiatives – U.S. / Canada / North America**

U.S. DOT – Megaregions?

Freight / Intermodal strategies?

### **Impact of broader policy directions**

Trade policy / tariffs, etc.

Relative commodity prices?

### **Private sector trends**

Freight rail?

Marine?

## **Regional demographic trends**

BC & WA residents?

Other international travelers?

Language diversity?

- WA – about 85 percent English primary household language.
- about 8 percent Spanish primary household language.

- BC – about 72 percent English primary household language.
- about 8 percent Chinese primary household language.

Other pertinent demographic factors?

## **Economic, Social, Environmental, Technological**

State and provincial regional economic outlook?

Regional consumption patterns / cross-border shopping trends?

Impact of increasing on-line shopping on cross-border travel?

Relative fuel prices and cross-border gas consumption?

Climate change and northward migration within the U.S.?

Technology changes and applications

Border inspection operations / throughput capacity?

- RFID
- Smart phone apps

Autonomous and connected vehicles – trucks / cars?

Others?

### **Known / planned actions/investments in the next five years (On IMTC project list and other plans).**

BC Hwy 13 at border

BC Hwy 11 at border

Pac Hwy CBP booth expansion (funded?)

Pac Hwy CBSA POE rebuild

Improved pedestrian connections at Peace Arch/Douglas and Pacific Highway

Others on project list...

### **Unaddressed needs over the next five years**

Predictable funding for regional cross-border planning.

Technology update for Cascade Gateway Border Data Warehouse

Sumas, WA – Abbotsford-Huntingdon, BC POE?

Lynden, WA POE?

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