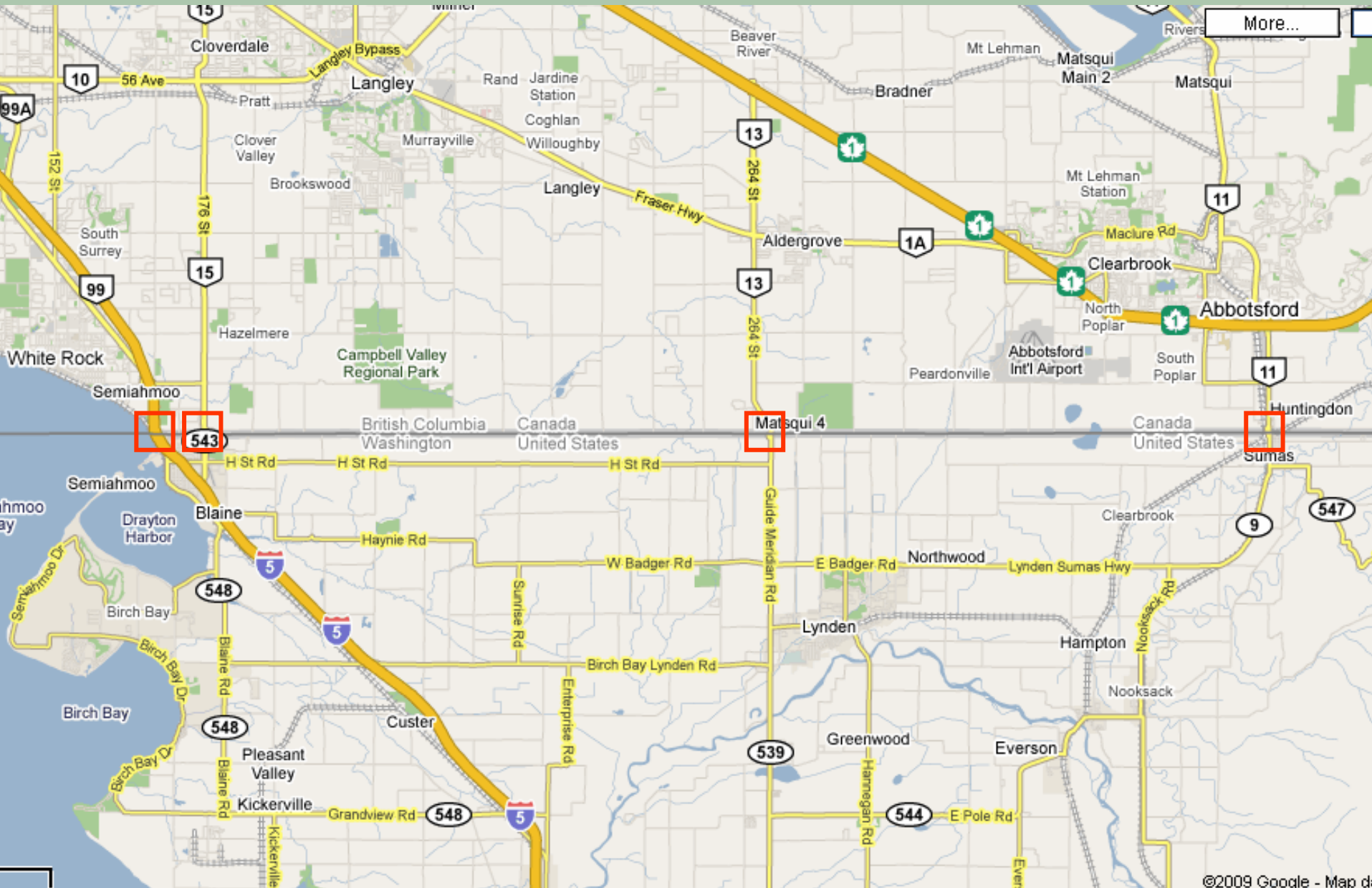
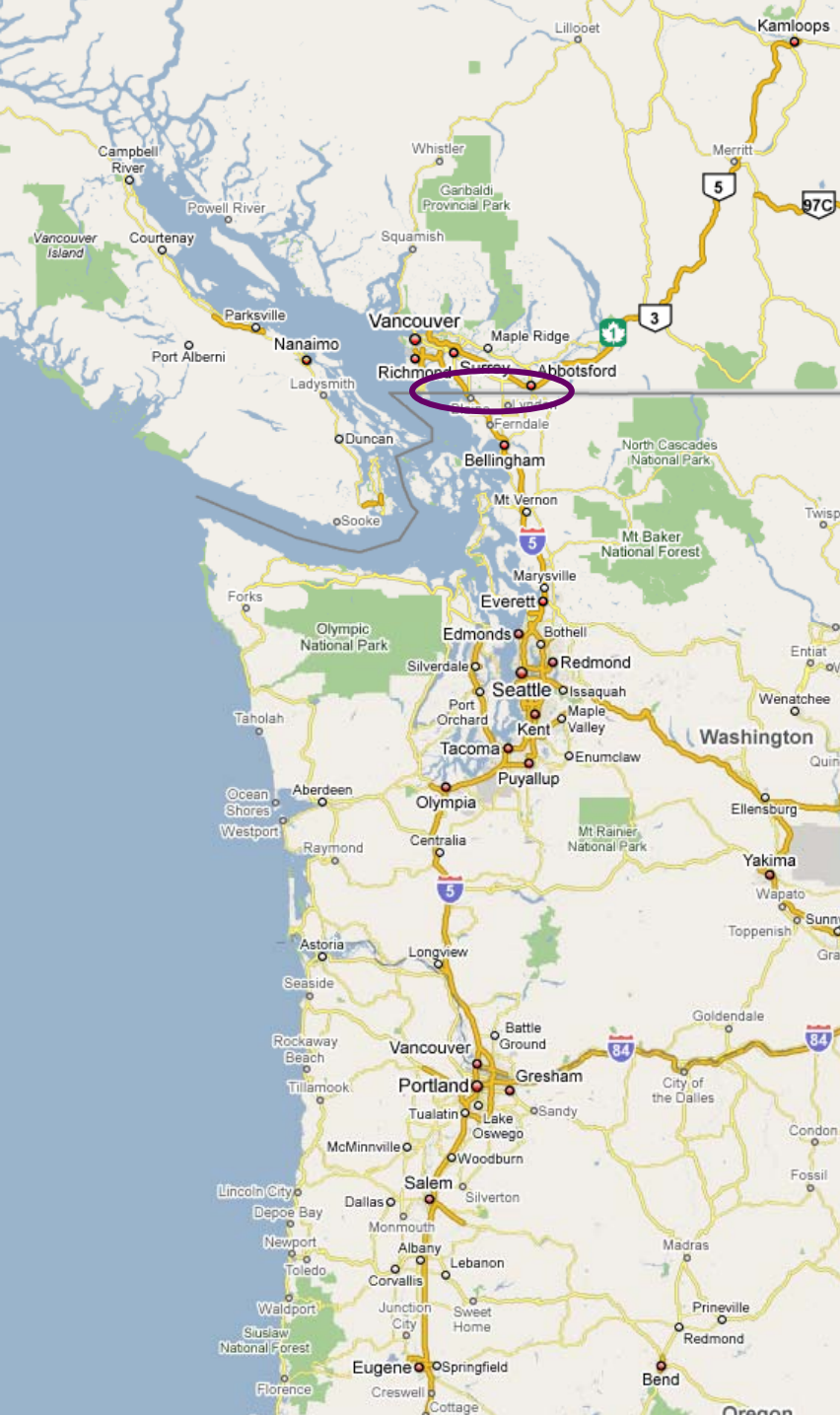


The Cascade Gateway





	Vancouver, BC	Whistler, BC
Bellingham, WA	83 km 54 mi 1 hr	209 km 130 mi 3 hrs
Seattle, WA	226 km 141 mi 2.5 hrs	352 km 214 mi 4.3 hrs
Portland, OR	504 km 331 mi 5 hrs	629 km 391 mi 7 hrs

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Advanced traveler information



Cross-border incident response communications protocol

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Memorandum of Agreement
on Adoption of a BC-WA Regional Protocol
for Binational, Interagency Communication about
Highway and Border Station Incidents that
Affect Cross-border Travel

WHEREAS Transport Canada, the Washington State Department of Transportation, the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation, the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Canada Border Services Agency, the Washington State Patrol, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have cooperatively developed a communications plan for responding to border-related incidents,

AND WHEREAS above listed agencies, along with many others, have formed and participated in the International Mobility and Trade Corridor Project (IMTC), a binational planning coalition, since 1997;

AND WHEREAS it is a standing objective of the IMTC to "Encourage institutional collaboration and integration of information systems to improve risk management and increase cross-border security;"

AND WHEREAS from time to time, threats to public safety (incidents) require the temporary, full, or partial closure of international border ports-of-entry and highways that serve border crossings;

AND WHEREAS adoption and implementation of the attached, collaboratively developed Communications Protocol is advanced by the undersigned for the purposes of increasing the speed and effectiveness of border-related incident management, the accuracy and timeliness of information delivered to affected entities and the public, and the use of the most current information technology for traveler-information:

It is therefore RESOLVED that the undersigned agencies adopt the attached Communications Protocol on this 12th day of July, 2007.

 Regional Director, Sr. British Columbia Ministry of Transportation	 DOUG CLARKE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Canada Border Services Agency	 Regional Director Royal Canadian Mounted Police	 Regional Director Transport Canada Coordination & Policy
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