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SUBJECT: Design Plans for the Southbound FAST Lane at Pacific Highway

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The BC Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MoTI) and US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have finalized design plans for the southbound FAST lane at the Pacific Highway Truck Crossing between British Columbia and Washington State. The design plans restore a dedicated FAST approach lane and include extensive upgrades to the holding area for commercial trucks at the Pacific Highway crossing. Construction of the new approach lane and holding area is expected to be complete by March 31, 2012.

The infrastructure enhancement will start February 14, 2012 and continue until March 31, 2012. Port of Entry (POE) Blaine does not foresee an increase in wait times over this period. All three processing booths will be open to process commercial cargo. Three lighted approach lanes will always be available.

Commercial vehicles will not be allowed to park in the waiting area during construction.

Please see the attached draft drawing.

If you have any questions please contact Chief McMillan at (360) 332-2824 or me at (360) 332-2675.

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