



# British Columbia & Washington State MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ALTERNATIVE FUEL DISTRIBUTION



June 20, 2008

*Whereas* the Province of British Columbia and Washington State share a common border and a longstanding relationship of friendship and trust;

*Whereas* the Province of British Columbia and Washington State are committed to leading the world in sustainable environmental management;

*Whereas* the Highway 99 and Interstate 5 Corridor (hereinafter referred to as the "Highway 99/I-5 Corridor"), which extends from British Columbia to Baja, California is one of the most important western transportation corridors and is vital to the economies of the Province and the States along the entire West Coast of North America;

*Whereas* the Cascade Gateway comprised of four Ports-of-Entry along the British Columbia - Washington State border includes the third busiest passenger vehicle crossing along the U.S. - Canada border and the fourth busiest commercial crossing;

*Whereas* the Province of British Columbia and Washington State committed to work together in our Memorandum of Understanding of 2007 regarding Action on Climate Change to reduce greenhouse gases from the transportation sector, and combine efforts to improve air quality;

*Whereas* the Highway 99/I-5 Corridor faces many challenges in the years to come from rapid population growth, freight transportation growth, and the need to mitigate the significant contribution to greenhouse gases resulting from the vehicles that travel along the Highway 99/I-5 Corridor each year; and

*Whereas* the Province of British Columbia and Washington State share a common vision of the Highway 99/I-5 Corridor as an alternative fuels corridor;

*Therefore*, the Province of British Columbia and Washington State commit to work together to develop a strong and viable alternative fuels network that will benefit both the environment and the economies of the State and Province, by supporting projects or programs within their respective jurisdictions that advance the goal of the Highway 99/I-5 Corridor as an alternative fuels corridor, including:

## 1. Alternative Fuel Stations

Promote establishment of stations to provide biofuels, hydrogen vehicle fuelling and plug-in hybrid electric vehicle fuelling.

## 2. Standards and Best Practices for Alternative Fuels

Share information on standards and best practices for biofuels, hydrogen as a fuel, and plug-in hybrid vehicle technology and collaborate on studies and analyses related to supply, demand and use of biofuels, hydrogen as a fuel and electric vehicle technology.

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Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources  
Province of British Columbia

## 3. Hydrogen Road Rally

Advance and support the concept of a hydrogen vehicle road rally along the Highway 99/I-5 Corridor;

## 4. Enhance Public Awareness

Enhance public awareness and recognition by presenting a unified vision for the Highway 99/I-5 Corridor and promoting the reduction of transportation energy demand and emissions and the availability of alternative fuels as a viable transportation fuel choice.

## 5. Attract public and private infrastructure investment

Work to coordinate efforts to attract public and private infrastructure investment in a mix of products and services that are distinctive, recognizable, and effective in furthering the shared vision of energy independence and environmental stewardship in the transportation of people and goods along the Highway 99/I-5 Corridor.

## 6. Partner with California and Oregon

Combine efforts to engage the States of Oregon and California in our endeavor to unify the collective vision of the Highway 99/I-5 Corridor as a model transportation corridor focused on our future and need for a more sustainable transportation economy.

## 7. Results

A joint report shall be prepared documenting progress and results achieved under each of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding for the next British Columbia - Washington Joint Cabinet Meeting.

## Limitations

The undersigned signatories agree that this Memorandum of Understanding shall have no legal effect or impose a legally binding obligation on either Washington or British Columbia. Neither Washington nor British Columbia shall be responsible for the actions of third parties or associates who may participate in activities outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding.

AGREED as to form and content and signed and dated in two (2) duplicate originals in Kelowna, British Columbia, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

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