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CBP Announces Opening of the NEXUS Lane at Sumas, Washington

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Sumas, Wash. - U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announces the expansion of the NEXUS program to the Sumas, Washington port of entry. Effective May 25, a new dedicated NEXUS only lane will begin operation between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., seven days a week.

The NEXUS program allows pre-screened, low-risk travelers expedited processing by United States and Canadian officials across the U.S.-Canada border at designated air, land, and marine locations. Approved applicants are issued a Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology-enabled membership card.

"The expansion of the NEXUS program to the Sumas port of entry is designed to expedite cross border travel by trusted members from British Columbia to Washington State," said Port Director Pat Hinchey. "NEXUS allows CBP to concentrate enforcement efforts on potentially higher-risk travelers and goods, which helps to ensure the security of the American homeland and the integrity of our borders."

To participate, both the United States and Canada must approve an individual's application. Denial of an application by either country will keep an individual from participating in the NEXUS program.

Enhancements to the NEXUS program are critical to facilitating the lawful flow of pre-approved, low-risk travelers while enabling a focus on people about whom we know the least. Increased membership further encourages cross-border travel, supporting both American and Canadian economies.

Additional NEXUS information can also be obtained online or visit the Global Online Enrollment System to begin the application process. (CBP.gov)(Global Online Enrollment System)

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