Covid-19 and the Cascadia Cross-Border Region: Implications for travel, trade, and collaboration
Canada – U.S. Border is not homogenous!
People entering U.S. land ports by region & exchange rate

Source: U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Cascadia Region

- Common Identity
- Connected economy
- Cross-border institutional fabric
- Governance and collaboration
- Border policy innovations
Southbound Vehicle Volume in the Cascade Gateway & Confirmed COVID-19 cases in WA and BC

- **Passenger Vehicles**
- **WA Confirmed Cases**
- **BC Confirmed Cases**

Feb 29: 1st death in WA

March 11: Global pandemic declared

March 14: BC closures and restrictions

March 21: Border restrictions
COVID-19 &

The cross-border economy

• Border restrictions
  – Unprecedented decline in U.S. entries:
    • Following 9/11, a 50% decline
    • Current restrictions, a 98% decline
  – B.C. quarantine check points
  – Cargo unrestricted but down ~20%

• How can we re-connect our cross-border economy?
  – Tourism, connected infrastructure, labor mobility

• Long-term impacts to industries and small towns that depend on cross-border flows
Thank you!