



May 6-7, 1999 in Victoria; December 9-10, 1999 in Vancouver, Washington; June 9, 2000 in Seattle in conjunction with the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting on February 1-2, 2001 in Bellingham, Washington, and in Whistler on June 28-29, 2001. The CMC last convened in May 2004 in Eugene, Oregon.

## **DISCUSSION**

During a December 16, 2005 conference call of its members, it was suggested that the next meeting be scheduled in the B.C. Lower Mainland to immediately precede the World Urban Forum (to be held in Vancouver), which CMC members would attend. We may expect attendance at approximately 100 delegates or more.

The issues to be addressed at the meeting will likely include, but not be limited to, the following:

- border security and travel documentation;
- the reauthorization of the U.S. Transportation Equity Act, and Canada/B.C. infrastructure program funding for transportation;
- the coordination of transportation issues, both road and rail, north and south of the border;
- sustainable development and environmental stewardship;
- green buildings;
- tourism potential related to the 2010 Winter Olympic;
- promotion of the economic interests of the Cascadia region.

As a host, the City of Surrey will undertake the following:

1. Conference organization and coordination;
2. Arrange for venue;
3. Pay for refreshments, two lunches and one dinner;
4. No host bar.

## **CONCLUSION**

The CMC conference has been hosted semi-annually over the past 7 years by different cities in the Cascadia region. Having the World Urban forum taking place locally provides a unique opportunity for the City of Surrey to host this summer's conference. Hosting this event will help promote the City for both tourism and economic development as well as acknowledging Surrey's position as B.C.'s second largest city.

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