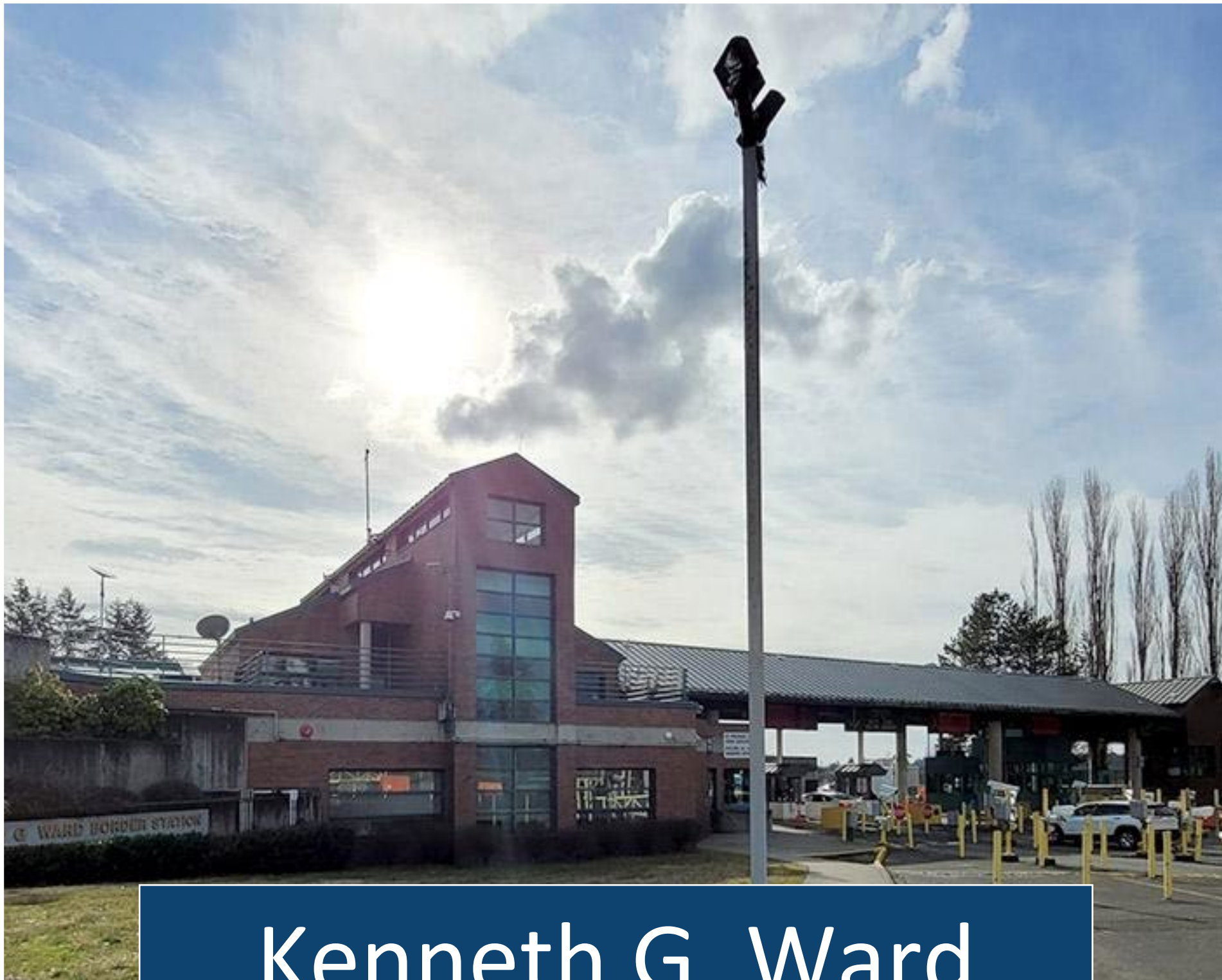




National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act



Kenneth G. Ward
(Lynden) LPOE



Sumas LPOE

- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to consider potential environmental impacts before making a decision or taking action on their projects. The environmental review process under NEPA provides an opportunity for you to be involved in the Federal agency decision-making process. The views and comments of the public are important to the NEPA process and help determine the scope and content for the environmental analysis. GSA will develop an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential effects of expanding and modernizing the Lynden and Sumas Land Ports of Entry (LPOEs).
- The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) establishes a process to identify any historic properties that could be affected by the project or action, assess the effects of the project, and seek ways to avoid or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. GSA will pursue and complete compliance with NHPA during the NEPA process.



- The Kenneth G. Ward (Lynden) and Sumas LPOEs are located at the U.S-Canada border in western Washington and serve the greater Vancouver-Seattle Pacific Northwest region. The LPOEs process personal vehicles, buses, pedestrians, and commercial traffic. The Kenneth G. Ward (Lynden) and Sumas LPOEs are located approximately 10 miles apart.
- The current LPOEs no longer function adequately and cannot meet current operational needs. At the Lynden LPOE, space limitations cause frequent congestion in the commercial lane. The Sumas LPOE does not have enough space for efficient traffic flow or safe and secure inspection areas.



Proposed Alternatives



The Draft EIS will consider three “action” alternatives for Kenneth G. Ward (Lynden) and Sumas (each) and one “no action” alternative. The three “action” alternatives would improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Ward (Lynden) and Sumas LPOEs. All three “action” alternatives could include the following activities:

- Land acquisition;
- Demolition of existing facilities; and
- Construction of new facilities.

The “no action” alternative assumes that no changes would occur and the LPOEs would continue to operate under current conditions.



Submitting Comments

1. Fill out a comment form and submit it during this meeting.

2. Email comment to LyndenLPOE@gsa.gov or SumasLPOE@gsa.gov. Include “Lynden LPOE EIS” or “Sumas LPOE EIS” in the subject line of the message.

3. Mail comment by September 12, 2023 to:
Attention: Emily Grimes
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4. Provide spoken comments at this time. To ensure everyone has the opportunity to speak, please limit your comments to two minutes.

5. For press inquiries only, please contact Christi Chidester Votisek at (253) 931-7127 or christina.chidester@gsa.gov